

Designs of his Majesty, occasioned by the Difficulties of these Countries yet unknown to the Inhabitants themselves, finding every where, so that the Charges of Stock : I was therefore great deal of Ammunition Use to me here. The seems to be without a little excusable in the they have not been taken, being employed in such Occasions, their we see by Experience, such like Proceedings. Majesty, to use all possible to our Interest, I have the Frontiers of Pennsylvania, with whom the Conferences ; I have They are about Fifty w a great many more. as assured, that I might Indians from the South of the Government of against us ; in Effect, so little Discretion, and must at present be at confidence ; and there is ve embraced our Cause. is such, that the French by Means of the Indians, nce can be put. I am ll Number of them in spect a great Reinforce-

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I am informed, that 2000 Stand of Arms are arrived, which are destined to *New-England*, and that they are ordered to *Nova-Scotia*.

They labour at the Battoes designed to transport the Troops which are going to attack *Niagara* and *Crown-Point* ; nevertheless, *New-York*, which was to furnish the greatest Part of them, does not shew upon this Occasion, so much Zeal as I could wish. (As I am certain that a Road through *Pennsylvania* would be more proper and safer, for settling a Communication after the Troops have passed the *Alleghany* Mountains, I desired Governor *Morris* to make one in that Province, from *Shippensburg* to the River *Youghyoghane*. I am informed they are at Work on it with great Diligence, and that it will be finished in one Month : This Road will be of great Importance, as well for bringing me Provisions, as for securing me a Communication with the Northern Colonies. I wait but for my last Convoy, to begin my March, and if no Accidents happen, I hope I shall begin it in five Days, through the *Alleghany* Mountains : I expect to meet with a great many Obstacles by what I can hear. The Distance from hence to the Fort, is 110 Miles †. This Road cannot be travelled, without infinite Labour, as it is very mountainous, and has exceeding high Rocks, and in many Places, large Gutters and Rivers to wade. I shall embrace the first Opportunity to acquaint you with my Situation, after leaving this Place ; and am, with the most profound Respect, &c.

I The Subscriber, one of the Superior Council of Quebec, do certify that I have translated, &c.

Two other Letters might be here annexed, one from General *Braddock*, to Commodore *Keppel*, dated *Williamsburg*, Feb. 27th : In this Letter he desires him to

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† The Distance from *Fort-Cumberland* to *Fort-du-Rois*, is about 37 Leagues, at 20 to a Degree.