

Governor of *Pennsylvania*, and at the Expence of that Province, carried Messages, Wampum, *English* Duck for Tents, and Hatchets to the said *Indians*, as also considerable Presents, and Ambundance of Rum, in order to induce them to acknowledge no other than the *English*, and to animate them against the *French*, and to engage them to destroy the *French*, promising them for that Purpose, a Sum of Money for every *French* Scalp? If he could not speak the *Shawanese* Language, or any of the Languages spoken by the *Indians* who are settled on *River Blanch*, or elsewhere; and if the said Governor had not sent him on that Account to the *River Ohio*, *Rock-River*, and to ogher Parts, in order to accomplish his Views? He answered, that he had carried Wampum, Hatchets and Rum, in order to trade with those *Indians*; but that from or by Order of the Governor, he had never carried them either Messages or any Thing else; that the Governor employed for that Purpose, one *George Croghan*, a Trader, whom he sent with all his Messages to those *Indians*, and who had continually a Native of *Canada* with him, named *Andrew Montour*, (as he had been informed) who understood the *Indian* Languages perfectly well; that he could not tell whether the said *Croghan* was then at that Time among those *Indians*, but he knew he had Orders from the Governor to depart soon after him, in Quality of an Express to the *Miamis Indians*, and to several other Nations, and that for the following Reason, *to wit*;

- The *Miamis Indians* aforesaid, came the last Spring to pay the said *Croghan* a Visit at *Veskak*, or *Ogbwick*, (where he and sixteen other Traders are settled) to intreat him to receive them; whereupon the said *Montour* went to those *Indians*, to assure them, in the Name of the said Governor, that the *English* would receive them well; but he could not tell if the Governor had given Orders to stir up those Nations to destroy the *French*, for the *Miamis Indians* were not arrived at *Philadelphia* when he left it,

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