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The Contents of the first Letter are to this Effect:

We have had credible Information from the Mobawks, that the French are now gone from Canada with an Army of 600 Men, 400 French and 200 Indians (intending to augment their Army to 1000 as they go along) into the South-western Parts of North America, in order to strengthen their own Interest, and ruln ours in these Parts; particularly to destroy the Nation of the Toowechtoowess, that are very friendly to the English; and to kill a certain Firginia Trader, who, by his honest Dealings with the Indians, has lately gained the Affections of many, and greatly drawn their Trade that Way; and that J.C. having had Intelligence of this, by a Frenchman who deferted from the Army, and various other Ways, had sent a Belt of Wampum to all the six Nations, to give them Notice of it, and to excite them to oppose the Designs of this Army."

The other Letter runs in these Terms: 66 God in his Providence seems now to be opening the Door for introducing the Light of the Gospel among the Nations (i. e. the fix Mohawk Nations) wider than ever. And if we, the English, don't fail of doing our Part, there is a Prospect of great Things being done; and it looks as if the present Season was now or never. 'Tis evident the French are now exerting themselves in an extraordinary manner, to draw all these Nations over to them, and engage them in their Interest. The King of France has lately made extraordinary Provisions for them, that very large and liberal Presents may be made them in Canada. And they are indefatigable in the Endeavours they use, in the Labours of their Emissaries, and all Ways they can devise. They are building Forts in all the Parts of America to the West of us, in the Carrying-places between the Lakes and the Rivers, and in all the most important Places, where they have the greatest Advantage to bring the Indians into Dependence, and to draw their Trade. Colonel Johnson and Major Lydius (who probably are best acquainted with the State of these Indians, of all the Subjects of the British Crown) faid in the Time of the