

say, in general, the *English* had very little Assistance from those People. The *Iroquois*, [the Five Nations] did not in the least assist them. By M. *Braddock's* Letters, we see, that, of the Five Nations, none but the *Aniez* [*Mohawks*] seemed to shew any Attachment to them.

What Means should be used in order to engage the *Indians* to take up Arms against the *French*, and to ravage their Colonies, was one of those Things which were debated in a grand Council held at *Alexandria*, about the Middle of *April*. On the 13th, Colonel *Shirley*, Governor of *New-England*, arrived in that Town: He was accompanied with all the other Governors, and with Colonel *Johnson*, who, of all the *English* Officers, was the best acquainted with the Genius of the *Indians*, and the Manner of treating with them. M. *Shirley*, if we believe Colonel *Napier's* Instructions, was fitter for Council than for Command. However, he had with an armed Force, built a Fort in the *French* Country, up the River *Nourentsouac* [*Kennebec*] about 30 Leagues from *Quebec*; that Expedition, no doubt, gained him the Friendship of the General, who had always a particular Regard for him, and who, as we shall see, trusted him with one of the most important Commands. He had already had an Interview with him at *Annapolis*, in *Maryland*, and very likely they had settled between themselves Part of those Things which were the Subject of Deliberation in the general Council at *Alexandria*. A Copy of the Resolutions there taken, was sent to M. *Robinson*, Secretary of State, in a Letter which the General wrote to him the 19th of *April*. That Letter informs us, that the Plan of Operations for the Campaign was there finished. They seemed so well connected together; that M. *Braddock* is not afraid to say, that the Success of one, assured him of the happy Issue of all the Rest. † ---- And there might be Reason for his writing so; for the ill Success of one, has made all the rest to miscarry. Here then are the different Parts of the Plan, as they were settled at that Congress.

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† See his Letter of the 19th of April, in N^o. 13.