

acknowledged by the treaty of Utrecht to be under the dominion of the British crown, were debauched from our interest and their allegiance, and spirited up to massacre and scalp the English: So that in the year 1731 the French had the insolence to erect the fort of *Crown Point* in the centre of the *Five Nations*, and actually within the limits of the province of New York; in order more effectually to expose our most valuable colonies to Indian massacres and French usurpation, and more easily to open a communication with the great ocean, as may be seen by casting an eye upon its advantageous situation for these purposes. Yet suffered to proceed without any resentment on the part of the British ministry!

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1748.
Seduce the
Indians.

The infidelity of the French, in regard to Nova Scotia or Acadia, kept pace with their other conduct in North America. This Peninsula, (as it were deserted by the British court, which never thought of settling it for the national interest, till after the peace of Aix la Chapelle, and where the French foresaw no resistance, whenever it should suit them best to make a total seizure thereof for completing their American plan of empire) laid exposed to whatever uses they thought proper to put it. They formed a plan, during this long interval, to rob us of this extensive country, whenever they should be able to bring the British ministry into a temper to submit the title, given us by treaty, to the uncertain determination of commissaries, as shall be shewn hereafter; resolved at the same time, if they should not be able to carry

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