

Col. *Johnson* owns this; and says, he knows it will be for the *British* Interest, for them to prosecute what they have begun at *Stockbridge*. This Opportunity may easily be lost thro' Negligence; for some of the *Mohawks* themselves are watching for an Opportunity to possess the Minds of those *Indians* that are inclined to Religion, with an Opinion of the Treachery of the *English*, and to insult those that seem now disposed to trust us, on our disappointing them. A principal *Mohawk* himself, in his Prudence and Zeal, is afraid of the Consequence of any Disappointment from the *English*, and seems deeply concerned about it."

In the first of the above-mentioned Letters we are told, that the *French* were marched with an Army from *Canada*, to the South-west Part of *North America*, and with what Views: A Letter which has been since received from *Stockbridge*, gives an Account of the Success of that Expedition, and how the five Nations in general stood affected both to the *English* and *French*. The Letter is dated *Sept. 25, 1751*, and runs thus:

"Some of the *Mohawks* are come this Day to *Stockbridge* from their own Country, and bring an Account of their Brethren at Home, that they continue in a Disposition and Design to bring their Children hither to be instructed. A Number of the Far Nations are come to treat with the Five Nations, with a very great Belt of Wampum; which is a Sign of great and important Business: And they say, that the Army that lately went to extirpate the Nation of the *Toowechoowees*, are returned without Success; their Design being discovered by that Nation before they came: And that the Army in their Return stopped at a Place a little above *Oswego*, and had sent to the Chiefs of all the Five Nations to come to him; and particularly, that the Governor General of the Army had sent very earnestly for *Hendrick* to come, but that he utterly refused, and that none of his Tribe should stir. And, if the Account these Men give be true, the other Nations decline this proposed Interview with the *French* General, and say, if he has any Business with them, he must come to them."

Before we proceed to mention any farther Particulars of the Encroachments and Inroads made by the *French* and their *Indian* Allies upon our *American* Territories on

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