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The remarks we have made upon the natural advantages of Connecticut, as a residence for the Indians, apply, in many respects, to all the Middle and Southern States, as they are now called, along the Atlantic Coast, and to an immense interior territory beside. Hence there was found in Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, by the first colonists from Europe, a dense Indian population, living, for the most part, on the shores of the large bays and beautiful rivers of that section of the country, in all the luxury of wild abundance.

The Mohawks and four other tribes of New York, constituting the celebrated confederacy