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"When we speak of the Five Nations in France, "(Jays an \* Author of that Country) they are thought, by common Mistake, to be meer Bar- barians, always thirsting after human Blood: But their true Character is very different. They are the fiercest and most formidable People in North America; at the same Time as politick and judi- cious, as well can be imagined: This appears from the Management of the Affairs which they transact, not only with the French and English, but likewise with almost all the Indians of this vast "Continent."

<sup>\*</sup> DE LA POTERIE'S History of North America, in Dr. Colden's History, &c.