

But, that the Reader might have some Idea of these People, I thought it necessary to subjoin the following succinct Account of the Principals in this Confederacy, their Tributaries, Dependents, and Allies: And the more so, as it is neither extant in Print, nor is this Part taken Notice of so fully in the Manuscript History above-mentioned. It was communicated by a Gentleman of good Understanding and Probity; one who is very well skill'd in the Indian Affairs, \* adapted into one of their Tribes, is of their Council, and their constant Interpreter at the Philadelphia Treaties, to a Friend of his, who sent it to his Correspondent here.

They have generally been stiled the Five Nations of Indians, bordering upon Pensilvania and New-York; but, since the Arrival of the Tuscarora's from Carolina, they are called the Six Nations. An Account of whom is as follows,

1. The Conymkos or Mohawks; the first Promoter of the Confederacy. † He is stiled in the Council of all the Nations, Dicarihoagan, i. e. President or Eldest.

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\* “ It is customary among them to make a Complement of *Naturalization* into the *Five Nations*; and considering how highly they value themselves above all others, it must be accounted no small one.—I had this Complement from one of their old *Sachems*, which he did by giving me his own Name: He had been a notable Warriour; and he told me, that now I had a Right to assume to my self all the Acts of Valour he had performed.” C. COLDEN'S *History of the Five Nations*, M. S.

† The Indian Idiom; they always stile a whole Nation in the singular Number.