

People, not only puts back the Designs of his Majesty, but also doubles the Expences, occasioned by the Difficulty there is of the Carriage, in these Countries yet unhabited, unknown, and impracticable to the Inhabitants themselves, who live in the lowest Parts, finding every where a continued Chain of Mountains, so that the Charges would far exceed the principle Stock : I was therefore obliged to leave at *Alexandria*, a great deal of Ammunition, that would be of very great Use to me here. The Conduct of these Governments seems to be without a Parrallel. This Negligence is a little excusable in the lower Class of People, because they have not been satisfied for the Pains they have taken, being employed in the publick Service in the preceeding Occasions, their Payment has been neglected. We see by Experience, the bad Consequences that attend such like Proceedings.

As I have Orders from his Majesty, to use all possible Means for gaining the *Indians*, to our Interest, I have assembled some of them, from the Frontiers of *Pennsylvania*, and particularly of the *Six Nations*, with whom I have had already two or three Conferences ; I have made them handsome Presents : They are about Fifty in Number ; but I hope to draw a great many more. When I arrived in *America*, I was assured, that I might depend upon a great Number of *Indians* from the Southward ; but the bad Conduct of the Government of *Virginia*, has turned them entirely against us ; in Effect, they behaved to the *Indians* with so little Discretion, and so much unfair Dealing, that we must at present be at great Expence to regain their Confidence ; and there is no trusting even those who have embraced our Cause. The Situation of this Country is such, that the *French* cannot get any Intelligence, but by Means of the *Indians*, in whose Reports little Confidence can be put. I am informed, there are but a small Number of them in *Fort du Quesne*, but that they expect a great Reinforcement.