

This animated Speech had such an Effect upon the Assembly, that they immediately granted 6000 *l.* towards the Assistance of the *Virginians*, and for the Relief and Support of the Wives and Children of their *Indian* Allies who shall enter into their Alliance, the whole to be disposed of as his Excellency their Governor shall think proper.

Thus have we given as full a View, as the few Materials we have been furnished with, would enable us, of the hostile Proceedings of the *French*, with their treacherous and perfidious Conduct in regard to our *American* Colonies, and in what Manner the *English* have behaved towards them. It is some Time since we left *New England*; but we must not therefore imagine that the *French* were less vigilant or active in molesting and distressing that Settlement, than they were in extending their Invasions and Encroachments upon the other Colonies. Their Missionaries spread themselves among the *Indians* with the sole View of imbittering their Spirits against the *English*; and their indefatigable Labours were attended but with too much Success. They spirited them up to commit the most horrible cruelties upon Men, Women, and Children, at Times when the People thought they were at perfect Amity with them. But we shall have a pretty distinct View of the Conduct both of the *French* and *English*, if we read with Attention the following Speech of *William Shirley*, Esq; delivered to the great and general Assembly of *Messachusetts Bay* in *New England*, March 25, 1754.

*Gentlemen of the Council and House of Representatives.*

Having received in Recess of the Courts, some Dispatches which nearly concern the Welfare of the Province; I thought it necessary to require a general Attendance of the Members of both Houses at this Meeting of the Assembly, that the Matters contained in them might have as full and speedy a Consideration, as the Importance of them seems to demand.

By Accounts sent from *Richmond* Fort, and Declarations made before me and his Majesty's Council by two of the Settlers at *Frankfort*, upon the River *Kennebeck*, I am informed, that in the Summer before last, a considerable Number of the *French* settled themselves on a