

of Albany, the River Hudson, and New York. The absolute Necessity of doing this renders it lawful and justifiable.—And it was then proposed, at the Court of Versailles, as the only Measure to complete and secure the Conquest of all North America.

The Means and Manner in which it was to be executed, the Ease and small Expence with which the French are sensible they can effect it, and the deplorable State and ruined Condition which the poor Inhabitants and Planters are to be reduced to upon the Conquest, may be also seen in their said Plans, together with the Measures which the French are to pursue.

In the mean while, 'till all be ripe for the Execution, when they can cajole the English, or have Reason to think that they will sit still ; then to attack the Five Nations, and the other Indians who are in Alliance with them, or to seduce them so as to keep their Arms under their Blankets ; then to attack the English, *sans pretexte d'aller faire la guerre aux Iroquois, et lorsque je serai arrive dans leur pays, je leur declarerai que je veux bien vivre avec eux, et que je n'en veux qu'aux Anglois, surtout de garder de grand secret, et de couvrir sous les pretextes qu'il jugeroit les plus convenables et les plus plausibles ;* and, during this, to use any Disguise that may be probable or plausible.

The above Designs of the French are also further confirmed by Messrs BARON LA HONTAN in the Year 1698 ; also the History of that Country wrote by the Honourable CADWALLADER CALDEN, Esq; in the Year 1747 ; and a Memorial presented to our Lords of Trade by EDMUND GRAY, Esq; Surveyor-general of Georgia, the 11th of April, 1753 ; the Speeches made in February and March, 1754. by several of our Governors of our said Colonies to their several Assemblies ; the Answers made by them ; and Numbers of Letters wrote from those Colonies to the Merchants of London.

As this is a true State of the Situation of our Colonies and the Designs of the French, (who are now shewing that they are in earnest to put their so long concerted grand Scheme in Execution) sure there is no Englishman in his Senses, nor a Minister who is not either an Ideot or a Traitor to his Country, but would join all his Endeavours to be afore-hand with the French, and to drive them out of the said Continent of America ; more especially when they see it may be done in One Year's Time, and at a very small Expence in comparison to the Advantages which may be effectually gained by the following Scheme, and without giving the French any legal Pretence to declare War.

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