

People of a desponding Turn may be apt to imagine, that, should the whole Earth be ransacked, no one Person (the present excellent Commander excepted) can be found, in whom all these rare Accomplishments and happy Circumstances are united. I confess, I once despaired of it myself; but, upon consulting some of my Acquaintance, who have been conversant with our *General Officers*, I have been assured that he is not without *his Fellows*.

in their Possessions, prohibits the several Governors, and Commander in Chief of that Continent, to pass Patents for any Lands, beyond the bounds of their respective Governments, or beyond the Heads of the Rivers, which fall from the West, and North West, into the *Atlantick*, but within these Bounds by vast Tracts of the finest Grounds, which the *Indians* absolutely deny were ever ceded to us, or fairly purchased by us. Indeed the *Six Nations*, or *Iroquois*, who should be considered as the Primum Mobile of Action to all the rest, scarcely ever hunt on any other Lands, than what are comprehended within the aforesaid Limits, viz. from the Sources of the *Mohawk* and *Susquehanna* Rivers, down towards the Ocean.

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