

Treaty of *Albany*, ' That it was a gone Case, and that  
' it was a Thing beyond all Doubt or Dispute what was  
' never like to be done, these Nations were lost to the  
' *British* Interest.'

By various Accounts it is abundantly confirmed, that about one half of the *Onohtauguas* have actually left their old Habitations, and are gone to live in *Canada*, the *French* having provided Lands for them; and many others of the far Nations are resorting to settle there. An eminent *Mohawk* told me, that the *Quinquals*, the *Onohtauguas*, and the *Chountoowaunces*, or *Seneca's*, are generally in the *French* Interest. He says, they come indeed to *Albany* and treat with the *English* as Friends; but then go directly to the Governor of *Canada*, and tell him all that has pass'd: They speak, says he, smooth Words, pleasant Words to the *English*; but their Hearts are with the *French*. He said concerning the *Seneca's*, who are vastly the biggest of the six Nations, that the Governor of *Canada* was always there, meaning by his Emisseries. Four *Indians* have lately been here from among the *Caugnawaugaus* in *Canada*, who were related either in Blood or Marriage to some of the *English*. Two of these especially appeared to be uncommonly intelligent. They told me, that the *Indians* that formerly used to be on our Side, are continually flocking in great Multitudes to *Canada* to dwell there. They said, that all the Nations about the Lakes that used to be our Friends, had lately left us, and entered into an Alliance with the *French*.

Thus indefatigable are that Nation, who understand their own Interest so well, in their Endeavours to gain all the *Indian* Nations in *North America*, and to establish them in their Interest, and alienate them from the *English*. I was credibly informed, while at *Albany*, that the *Indians* gave that for one Reason why they left the *English* and joined themselves to the *French*, that they could not live with the *English*, they gave them so much Rum, which they found by Experience had wasted them exceedingly.

Now it is remarkable, that in this Situation of Things, the only remaining Means left in our Power to regain and secure the *Indians* in the *English* Interest, is this very Thing, *viz.* to our utmost to prosecute the Design of thoroughly instructing them in the true Protestant Religion, and educating their Children in useful Knowledge.

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