

in preserving such a Neutrality ? And if they be not sincere, we shall more certainly expose ourselves to all these Calamities, than we are now, by *Indians* being engaged on both Sides. The *Six Nations* are, by their natural Inclinations, disposed to War-like Enterprizes : They never have been at Peace with all their Neighbours, since they were known to Christians. The Reputation they have gained among all the *Indian Nations* in *North America*, gives them an Influence in the Councils of every Nation. It may then be easy for the *French* to turn this Disposition of War in the *Six Nations*, against us, and, by their Influence, draw all the *Indian Nations* in *North America* upon us. The Genius of the *Six Nations* will not suffer them to remain inactive, while their Neighbours are at War.

In the last Place, it may not be improper to observe at this Time, that though the Colonies to the Southward (and the Inhabitants of the Parts of the Northern Colonies, which are less exposed to the Incursions of *Indians*) think themselves little concerned in Interest, or in the Consequences of the present War ; yet, if they would consider that the Northern Colonies are really their Frontiers, and that they defend the others from all the Calamities of a most barbarous War ; the Southern Colonies must think that any Contribution of Men and Money, which is expected from them, is an easy Purchase of the Freedom from such Calamities, to which their Brethren are subjected ; and that while they can follow their Occupations at Ease, they are much better enabled to support the Expence of a War than the Northern Colonies are, where the Inhabitants are every Day in Danger of their Lives from a cruel Enemy, while at their daily and innocent Labours. If the Southern Colonies neglect to keep the War at a Distance