

late expedition. To preserve the friendship of the Five Nations, without which it would be impossible to prevent our frontiers from becoming a field of blood, he studied all the arts of insinuating himself into their favor. He gave them all possible encouragement and assistance and very much impaired his own fortune by his liberality to their Chiefs. They never came to Albany but they resorted to his house and even dined at his table ; and by this means he obtained an ascendancy over them which was attended with very good consequences to the Province. Impressed with a strong sense of the necessity of some vigorous measures against the French, Colonel Schuyler was extremely discontented at the late disappointment ; and resolved to make a voyage to England at his private expense, the better to inculcate on the Ministry the absolute necessity of reducing Canada to the Crown of Great Britain. For that purpose he proposed to carry home with him five Indian Chiefs. The House no sooner heard of his design than they came to the resolution, which, in justice to his distinguished merit, I ought not to suppress. It was this ;

Resolved, nemine contradicente, that the humble address of the Lieutenant Governor, Council and General Assembly of this Colony, to the Queen, representing the present state of this plantation be committed to his charge and care to be presented by himself to Her Sacred Majesty ; he being a person who, not only in the last war, when he commanded the forces of this Colony in Chief at Canada, but