

The Preface.

and the other Savage Nations, from the year 1683, to 1694. Together with a great many curious Remarks, that may be of use to those who have any knowledge of the English or French Colonies.

The whole is writ with a great deal of Fidelity; for I represent things just as they are. I neither flatter nor spare any Person what-

** Call'd by the English in New-York, Mahak.*

*soever; I attribute to the * Iro- quese, the glory they have purchased on several occasions, tho'*

at the same time I hate that Rascally People, as much as Horns and Law-Suits. Notwithstanding the Veneration I have for the Clergy, I impute to them all the mischief the Iroquese have done to the French Colonies, in the course of a War that had never been undertaken, if it had not been for the Counsels of these pious Church-Men.

The Reader is desir'd to take notice that the Towns of New-York, are known to the French by their old Names only, and for that reason I was oblig'd to make use of the same in my Letters, as well as my Mapps. They give the name of New-York to all that Country, that reaches from the Source of its River to the Mouth, that is, to, the Island, upon which there stands a City call'd in the time of the Dutch Manathe, and now by the English, New-York. In like manner the Plantation of Albany, that lies towards the head of the River, is call'd by the French, Orange.

Farther; I would not have the Reader to take it amiss, that the thoughts of the Savages are set forth in an European Dress. The occasion of that