reinforcements from him : after which, the northern colonies being embaraffed with one enemy in the heart of their country, and another on their coafts, could not know which way to turn themfelves ; and therefore muft of courfe either fubmit, or be totally deftroyed. The plan was certainly well laid ; and had it fucceeded, in all probability the confequences juft now mentioned muft have enfued. One caufe of its failure, however, certainly was, that General Howe was out of the way, being at Philadelphia when Burgoyne had the greateft occafion for his affiftance. The principal reafon, however, without doubt, was the nature of the country through which the Britifh army was obliged to march. Armies may be conquered, but woods, marfhes and defarts will in the end overcome the ftrongeft army that can be imagined ; and to thofe, not to the American valour, is due the honour of Burgoyne's capture.

The regular force with which General Burgoyne fet out, amounted to 7137, of which 3217 were Germans. A number of Cannadian auxiliaries alfo ferved under him ; but how many there were, has never been properly afcertained.—With thefe, he arrived at Bouquet River on the weft-fide of Lake Champlain at no great diftance to the north of Crown Point. Here he had a conference with the Indian chiefs ; and according to their cuftom, he gave them a war feaft. He made a fpeech to them, calculated as much as poffible to mitigate the diabolical ferocity of thefe wretches. This no doubt had fome little weight ; but no excufe can poffibly be made for civilized people who employ thefe favages in their wars againft one another. The infernal fpirit of malice, cruelty, and revenge, with which the American Savages are actuated, and their total want of every principle that can be called good or virtuous in human nature, are well known. In what light then muft we view thofe who pretend to be civilized and of a humane difpofition, nay, who pretend to be *Chriftians*, and yet let loofe fuch a crew of incarnate Devils upon one another.

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