

*Indian Nations* have a Government of their own, and are as much, and more the Friends and Allies of *France*, than of *England*. Several *French Families* have even been adopted among the *Iroquois*, and lived with them at the last War, during which the *Five Nations* observ'd the strictest Neutrality.

4th, The 15th Article of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, contains the same Stipulations in Favour of the *French*, as of the *English*, and these Stipulations are reciprocal. The *French* therefore can maintain, by a better Title than the *English* pretend to have to the *Iroquois*, that the *Abenaguais* and *Souriquois Nations*, otherwise called the *Micmas*, *Malecites*, *Cannibas*, &c. are the Subjects of *France*: And as some of the *Souriquois* inhabit the Extremity of the Peninsula, on the Coast of *Cape Forchu*, and *Cape Sable*; it will follow, that the *French* may have Pretensions to form Settlements there, with as much Right as the *English* did at *Oswego* or *Chouagen*, on the Banks of *Lake-Ontario*, in the Year 1726, or 1727, and consequently a long Time after the Peace of *Utrecht*; since which, *France* has never ceased complaining of that Enterprize, and expects that the Fort of *Chouagen* will be destroyed.

5th, 'Tis a Misinterpretation of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, to pretend that it authorizes the *French* and *English* to trade indiscriminately with all the *Indian Nations*, under Pretence of Subjection, Alliance, or Friendship: That Article well attended to, and explained, only secures the Liberty of Commerce which the *Indians* may have with them, or with the *European Nations*, and by no Means allows them to leave their Colonies, in order to trade with the *Indians*.

6th, In fine, this XVth Article admits, that it be respectively determined, what *American Nations* shall be deemed Subjects or Allies of the two Crowns. This Stipulation has not been performed, because it is indeed hardly possibly to perform it, as an *Indian Nation* who are your Allies To-Day, may, To-Morrow, be your Enemies; consequently their Actions would perpetually contradict such a Determination, as might be agreed upon.

All that has been set forth, clearly proves, that in examining the XVth Article of the Treaty of *Utrecht*, according