

The Governor, after a short Pause, spoke :

‘ *BRETHREN of the Six Nations,*

‘ I shall take this Opportunity to relate to you a Piece  
 ‘ of disagreeable News I received some Days ago in a  
 ‘ Letter from *Le Tort* the Indian Trader, at *Allegheny*,  
 ‘ who says, *That in May last some Indians of the Taway*  
 ‘ *Nation, supposed by us to be Twightwees, in their Return*  
 ‘ *from War, called and stayed sometime with the Shawanese ;*  
 ‘ *who being asked, and denying they had brought either Scalps*  
 ‘ *or Prisoners, the Shawanese suspecting them, had the Cu-*  
 ‘ *riosity to search their Bags, and finding two Scalps in them,*  
 ‘ *that by the Softness of the Hair did not feel like Indian*  
 ‘ *Scalps, they wash’d them clean, and found them to be the*  
 ‘ *Scalps of some Christians. On this Discovery, the Twigh-*  
 ‘ *twees were so much ashamed, that they stole away from*  
 ‘ *their Town in the Night-time ; and coming, as they after-*  
 ‘ *wards understood, to a little Village belonging to the Shawa-*  
 ‘ *nese, they told our People that their Hearts were full of*  
 ‘ *Grief ; for, as they came along the Road, they found it*  
 ‘ *all bloody ; and having good Cause to believe it was made*  
 ‘ *bloody with the Blood of some of the White Brethren, they*  
 ‘ *had very sorrowfully swept the Road ; and desired them to*  
 ‘ *inform the Governor of Pensilvania of their (the Twigh-*  
 ‘ *twees) Grief ; and how they had swept the Road clean.*’  
*Le Tort* adds, on Behalf of the *Shawanese*, ‘ *That they*  
 ‘ *were much troubled and grieved at this unfortunate Acci-*  
 ‘ *dent ; and prayed as they had no Concern in it, more than*  
 ‘ *by being Instruments to discover it, their Brethren would not*  
 ‘ *blame them, nor suffer a Misunderstanding to arise between*  
 ‘ *them on this Account : They would sweep the Road clean,*  
 ‘ *and wipe all the Blood away ; and desired their Brethren*  
 ‘ *would be satisfied with this, and not weep too much for a*  
 ‘ *Misfortune that might not happen again as long as the Sun*  
 ‘ *and Moon shone.*’

‘ The Person who delivered me *Le Tort*’s Letter,  
 ‘ brought this Bundle of Skins as a Present to me ; but  
 ‘ P<sup>t</sup>old the Messenger, I would not meddle with it ; he  
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