

England Governments are raising and sending large reinforcements in defence, of the territories that are frontiers to them, and in the defence of which they *really* should lay themselves out to the utmost : I say, if we of the *Massachusetts*-*Province*, together with the other *New-England* colonies, are properly encouraged and strengthened with money from home, we shall nothing regard the *strange conduct* of the *southern Governments*, but cheerfully and resolutely undertake any enterprise for the *common good* ; and doubt not, but we shall soon be able, without any assistance from them, under the smiles of providence, to bring down the pride of the *American* Chieftains, and make them glad to be at peace with us upon any terms. We are desirous to hear good tidings from our brethren, who, by this time, we would think are gone from *Lake-George*, properly reinforced, in further prosecution of their designs. I am, with great Respect,

BOSTON, September
29th 1755.

Your affectionate Friend,
and humble Servant,

T. W.

S. The *Indians* have all left our Camp ; tho' not thro' disgust, but in compliance with a custom they have of going home after a battle, to rejoice and mourn, as there is reason for both, or either. They passed thro' *Albany* with many scores of *scalps*, mostly fastened on poles, and carried along in solemn triumph. They seemed highly pleased also with the *laced hats* and *clothes*, the *guns*, the *watches*, the *pocket-money*, &c. After *plunder*, our people were willing to let them have for their encouragement ; and very much added to their pleasure to hear, that Governor *Hardy* had bro't a present for them from his *Britannick Majesty*. Their return is expected in about a fortnight, with a much greater number from their several tribes, when Governor *Hardy* will, WITHOUT FRAUD, in person, in the name of his royal Master, deliver the present to them : Upon which they will rejoin our army. It is said, and I believe true, that they design to send to all the tribes of *Indians* in subjection to, and alliance with them, to sharpen their arrows, and come forth to revenge the death of their late Chief. — The fall of this *Indian Chief* is a great loss to us, as well as them. For he was a fast friend to the *English*, as an inveterate hater of the *French* ; having too much standing not to see thro' their designs, which he was convinced would finally end, in the accomplishment, in the reduction of the *Indians* to a state of slavery. It was very much owing to his influence, that the *Six-Nations*, notwithstanding the *abuses* they have suffered from some *Yorkers*, have been so firmly attached to our interest. — Perhaps, there is not left, among all the *Indians* on the continent, a man equal to him in policy ; and in the strength and courage of a *Lyon*. T. W.

It is, in my opinion, not reasonable, to suppose, that these colonies should be diminished and impoverished, while the growth of the *southern* ones, in number and riches, is hereby promoted ? — From the character we have of Governor *Hardy*, and the spirit he has already discovered, we hope *New-York*, under his administration, will act more as friends to the common *British* interest.