

try so large and populous, to the degree we have related. The Charge of the War in the last three Years was no less than *One hundred and seventy thousand pounds*; besides the constant Charge of watching, warding, scouting, making and repairing of Garrisons, &c. which may modestly be computed at upwards of *seventy thousand pounds* more. Yet after all, the Enemy have but little cause of Triumph; for that one third of them (at least) have been destroy'd, and one of their Tribes so shattered (at *Naridgwalk*) that they are never more like to make any formidable head.

Now as *Peace* seems once more to be concluded by the *Treaty* beforementioned, the greatest Difficulty will be to support and maintain it. If *Trading Houses*, which are now resolved on, (by the Wisdom of the Government) be well regulated, it may (under God) be a means of our Tranquillity: Especially if the Government can also prevail with them to receive the *Ministry* for their instruction in the Principles of the true Religion.

But altho' it was agreed on with the several *Delegates* that the *Treaty* should be ratified and confirmed in a publick and solemn manner by the *Chiefs* of the several *Tribes* of the *Eastern Indians* at *Falmouth* in *Casco-Bay*, some time in the Month of *May*; yet when that time came they were not ready for it, but seem'd for some time uncertain and dilatory. Nevertheless the Government from time to time received Advices of their continued desires of Peace; and resolving that the failure should not be on our part, His Honour the Lieutenant Governour with a *Quorum* of His

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