

proposal, I offered another, which was that some person should be sent to Onondaga, (the capital of the Six Nations) to bury the hatchet and prepare them for a meeting early next summer at Albany." During the winter he perfected his arrangements, and on the 19th of the following June the Convention commenced. It was attended by delegates of the first rank from the principal colonies. Benjamin Franklin was there from Pennsylvania and read his celebrated "Plan of Union," the forerunner of the Congress of 1775 ; (1) Sir William Johnson contributed " Suggestions for defeating the designs of the French ; " DeLancey proposed a plan to build two forts on Lake Champlain and three towards Crown Point, which " would make us master (2) of the two great passes by water to Crown Point and thence to Montreal ; " Pownall read " Considerations towards a general plan of measures for the Colonies." (3) There was also a plan for a general co-operation for defence. One of the Commissioners, Sir William Johnson, was specially connected with our narrative.

He had arrived at a particular prominence in the affairs of New York, having acquired an influence amongst the Six Nations which reflected that of Peter Schuyler. He was in fact the successor of Quider in that respect, and was in time appointed the first Superintendant of Indian affairs through the advice of "The American Lady" and her hus-

(1) *Ib.* 889.

(2) *Ib.* 850.

(3) *Ib.* 893.