

Opinion of uniting with the other Colonies for the general Good, and, for the future instead of being in many single Twigs, which are easily broken, make one Bundle that will be irresistible."

In *Pensylvania* the *French* made no less Progress than in *Virginia*; as appears in a Letter from *Philadelphia*, dated *May 24*.—"Last Night Advice came from the back Parts of this Province, that the *French* had taken the Block-house and Truck-house erected by the *Virginians*, cut off all our Traders but two, and have taken in Goods, Furs, and Skins to the Amount of 20,000 l. Sterling at least. A fatal Stroke to many here; this is on the River *Ohio*, at a Place called *Log's Town*, about 190 Miles from hence due West. How they will be dislodged, Time will shew; but the Skin-trade is entirely put a Stop to by this Enterprize of the *French*. In short, our Trade is bad, and our Expences daily increasing, by aping the unmeaning Follies of our Mother Country."

The Governor of *Maryland* having sent Commissaries to meet and treat with the Chiefs of the Six Nations at *Albany*, *Gatchradodow*, a Sachem of the *Cayuge* Nation, made the following Speech before an Audience of Gentlemen, and the Chiefs of the Six Nations, at an Entertainment the 6th of *July*, 1754.

“Brethren, we are very glad to see you at the Fire now burning at *Albany* by Order of the great King; and we return you our most hearty Thanks for the large Present that you have brought us from our Brethren of *Maryland*, and we shall always retain a grateful Sense of this Kindness of our Brethren, for we are assured that you must have been actuated by a true and sincere Love for us, to come from so distant a Country to this Interview with so large a Testimonial of your Regard for us. You are not known to us by the Name of *Tocarryhogan*, a Name, we hope you and your Posterity, will continue to be known by as long as the Sun and Moon shall endure; by this Name we have admitted you of our Council, and you are become one of us; to confirm which, we present you with this Belt. [Gives a Belt.]

“As you are now become our Brethren, and this is a Time of Danger, by Reason the Country on *Ohio* is made bloody, we hope you will have your Eyes and your

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