

INTRODUCTION.

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thus left naked, in May 1748 about fourteen French and Spanish privateers were roving from South-Carolina to New-York: They sailed up Delaware bay and river so high as New-Castle, and with their armed-boats to within five miles of Philadelphia: Philadelphia newspapers say, "foreign trade is now at a stand, and the port as much shut up as if the river was frozen." In Chesapeake bay of Virginia, they went so high as Rappahannock river and carried off several ships. In September 1748, two Spanish privateers sailed up Cape-Fear river of North-Carolina, landed Men, plundered Brunswick, took possession of six vessels, but from some casual disasters, they soon returned down the river. Here was a fine opportunity given to the French and Spaniards to plunder our continent ports, or put them to high contributions; but the French and Spanish pusillanimity favoured us.

II. A treaty of peace with the [d] Abnaquie or eastern Indians, or, rather the formal submission of these Indians by their delegates to the government of New-England, Vol. I. p. 564, ended our account of the late French and Indian incursions in New-England; since that account, there have been only some small damages done by a few scattered Indian banditti.

As this Indian treaty or submission to King GEORGE II, is very plain, easy, and voided of some antiquated wild fooleries which usually accompany such affairs, we

[d] The St. John's Indians of Nova-Scotia, are of the Abnaquie nation, but were not in the congress, because lately they seem chiefly to associate with the Mikmak Indians of Nova Scotia. — The Pigwacket tribe of Abnaquie are almost extinct, they did not engage in this war, but retired and lived amongst the English, during the war, in the county of Plymouth; fourteen of them, men, women and children, were present at this congress — The Massassuck Indians on the east side or Dutch side of Lake Champlain or Corlaer, are in the Abnaquie division, but never do associate with the Abnaquies. The small tribe of Scatacocks, on Housuck river, east side of Hudson's great river, and the scattered Mohegins on Hudson's river, though Abnaquies, are under the protection of the Mohawks or Iroquies, great nations.

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