

FRENCH POLICY. 15

The *Jerseys*, and the South Part of *New York*, are low flat Countries, but ascending 20 or 30 Miles up *Hudson's* River to the North, the Country is rocky and mountainous, and covered with Woods, except where it has been cleared by the Planters.

There are several excellent Harbours at the Mouth of *Hudson's* River; and in *De la War* River, which have their Course from North to South; one in the East, and the other in the West Confines of these Provinces.

On the North-west there are several extensive Lakes, viz. of *Champlain*, *Ontario*, and *Erie*. The *Iroquois*, or Five Nations, lie upon the Lakes of *Ontario* and *Erie*; and are in Alliance with *Great Britain* against the *French*, and their *Indians* of *Canada*.

Besides the Rivers of *Hudson* and *De la War*, the principal are, the *Mohawk* River, *Ohandago*, *Ravitan*, and *Maurice* Rivers.

The Air and Seasons differ little or nothing from *New England*.

The Inhabitants of the North-west Part of this Country are the *Iroquois*; a People no less famous for their intrepid Bravery in War, than for the Gentleness and Humility of their Behaviour and Temper; they are constant Enemies to the *French*, who therefore represent them as the most barbarous Savages. Under all the Disadvantages of Ignorance in Literature and Want of Education, they discover a noble and surprizing Genius. Never did the old *Romans* express a greater Love for their Country, or a more generous Contempt of Death in the Cause of Liberty, than these People have shewn upon all interesting Occasions; to which we may add their Hospitality and courteous Behaviour to Strangers.

Every Nation of the *Iroquois* makes a distinct Republick, which, in Time of Peace, is governed by their Sachems or Civil Magistrates, and, in War, by their Captains or Warriors; but nothing of Importance is resolved on or executed, without a Consultation with the Heads of the Tribes.

As to the Religion of the *Iroquois*, they acknowledge a supreme Being, whom they call the Preserver of the Universe, and believe a future State of Rewards and Punishments; but their Notions of it are very obscure, as that

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