

early, and with less expence and trouble than heretofore, to the seat of action.

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Lord Loudon's conduct.

As for his lordship, he applied seriously and diligently to provide for the security of the British frontiers, in the best manner his force and situation would permit, to reconcile the jarring interests of the different governments; to suppress every subject of contention, and to bring them to a temper to unite cordially, with him, in national measures, for the common interest, and to be provided for an early campaign. Yet, notwithstanding all his care, many different parts of that extensive frontier, on the back of our colonies, were exposed to the ravages of the enemy; and the defenceless settlers were frequently plundered, and most barbarously murdered, without regard to age or sex.

What with the terrible forebodings of these disasters, and what with the good management of Lord Loudon, the several provinces were brought to a more settled and rational disposition. Their governors not only united with him in every proposal for establishing a harmony throughout their respective governments, and to contribute with all their ability to the support of the common cause; but they extended their endeavours to gain the Indians to the British interest: and they so far succeeded, that the Delawares, who form a line along the southern parts of Pennsylvania, and had leaned very much to the French^b, were reconciled to us, and

Its effects upon the colonies.

^b Their quarrel with the English was begun by the following misunderstanding: