

to Indians his particular study, tells us, "That so large a number of fighting men may startle us at first sight; but the account seems no where exaggerated, excepting only that the Calawba nation (mentioned in the list to be 150 gun-men) is now almost extinct.

In some nations which we are acquainted with, the account falls, even short of their numbers; and some others do not appear to be mentioned at all, or at least not by any name known to us: Such for instance, are the lower Creeks, of whom we have a list, according to their towns. In this list their warriors or gun-men are 1180, and their inhabitants about 6000. Thus a comparative judgment may be formed of the nations above-mentioned; the number of whose inhabitants will (in this proportion to the warriors, viz. five to one) be about 283000."

From the above account of the number of Indians known to us, besides those we are unacquainted with, how important must it appear, to every sensible feeling mind, that a friendly intercourse be maintained with them, as well from our duty as Christians, as the great advantage which would arise from a well regulated trade; and the dreadful distress and sufferings,

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