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T is well known in the Province of New-York, that the Six Nations of **Ma** Indians depending on this Province, Ve (called Iroqueis by the French) had A A A A lately, on feveral Óccafions, appear'd diffatisfied and wavering in their Fi-

delity to the British Crown. No doubt, this was principally occasion'd by the Artifices of the French of Canada, who had conftantly Emissaries among them: But at the fame Time there is Reafon to think, the fuspicious Behaviour of these Nations, in Favour of their once inveterate Enemy the French, could not have arriv'd to the Pitch it did, otherwife than by fome Neglects or Mifconduct of those who were entrusted by the Government of New-York with the Management of the Indian Affairs.

His Excellency the Governor of New-York, having received his Majesty's Commands, to engage the Indian Nations depending on his Government, to join in the Expedition then intended against Canada, and to make them the usual Prefents on that Occasion; and being fensible of the great Ufe these Nations might be to the Success of this Enterprize, and likewife of the Difficulties that probably might attend his Endeavours at this Time, was defirous to have had the Affiftance of as many of the Members of his Majefty's Council as the Circumstances of Affairs would permit; but they all declined to give their Attendance, except Mr. Colden and Mr. Livingston. His Excellency was therefore obliged to act with the smallest Number

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