

sefs all the rest of the sea-coast to *Chesapeak* bay almost, for 4 or 500 miles farther, while they imagine they have no concern in the inland parts of America neither. These charter and proprietary colonies are directly opposed to the enemy, and all their encroachments, while they imagine they have no concern with them. Their private concerns end, where the public and great concerns of the nation begin. By this means the only two colonies we have to oppose the French, or prevent their encroachments, are *New-York*, and *Virginia*; the one burdened as above represented, the other more encumbered perhaps with negroes, and at a great distance from the enemy, every way incapable and inconvenient to oppose them.

The only two considerable bodies of men in all our colonies are in *New-England* and *Pennsylvania*; which, by being opposed directly to the enemy, might at all times oppose and prevent any of their designs, if rightly conducted; but as they are, the one is confined and hemmed in, as if designed to be kept from acting, while the other will not act at any rate: by which they are both in a manner lost to the nation, at least in its concerns in the inland parts of America. The other proprietary colonies, *New-Jersey* and *Maryland*, that abound likewise with men, seem to think

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