

when it may be so naturally imputed to those which produced the same Effect before ; and are likely, though not so likely, to do it again. However in the Beginning of the Year 1756, the Society consulted some of their *American Friends*, whether a few *Indian Boys* might not be procured, and taught in the Colleges of *New York* and *Philadelphia*, and sent from thence to instruct their Countrymen. The Answers to them represented great Difficulties of obtaining Children, greater still of keeping them long enough ; and no small Danger of national Resentment, if any Accident should happen to any of them. The Society notwithstanding, the College of *New York* being not as yet in a Condition to receive any such Children, resolved to give 100*l.* a Year towards educating some in that of *Philadelphia*, in which they had Hope also of further Assistance. But a fresh War soon broke out. Now in a Time of War, and it should be remembered, that there have been very frequent ones since the Incorporation of the Society, some taking their Rise in *Europe*, some only in *America*, little or nothing can be done, even with the friendly *Indians*, in Favour of Religion. On the late Peace with *France*, another *Indian War* hath unexpectedly followed. When God in his Mercy shall permit those Regions to enjoy Tranquility again, it will be a proper Season to resume this Project. In the mean while, our Society hath agreed with that of 1661, to send jointly a Lay Instructor to the Six Nations, as soon as it is safe, and to bear much the greatest Part of the Expence. The Doctor, it is hoped, will, on considering these Things, retract his Assertion, that *little more can be said, than that the Indians have not been wholly neglected by the Society\**. At least, as it hath never been charged with Remissness in this Article, either by the Government at Home, or by any of the successive Governors Abroad, this may surely be accounted as considerable a Presumption in its Behalf, as his Opinion is against it. And I dare say the Promises, which it voluntarily and freely made to the King on his Accession, will be faithfully kept, as far as the Means of fulfilling them can be found:

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