

is commonly imagined, were not to be taken in that Snare. They returned an Answer full of Compliments ; but they refused coming to any Conclusion, under Pretence that it could not be done, but in a general Council of all the Nations. In fine, the Speeches both of Colonel *Johnson*, and of the *Indian* Sachems, prove, that the latter did not think the *English* had any Right to prescribe Laws to them. Both Nations treat with each other on a Foot of Equality. The *Iroquois*, who were then something inclined to make a Treaty of Alliance with the *English*, are become their mortal Enemies, since the Proclamations, by which the *English* Commanders were so imprudent as to offer a Reward for their Scalps.

While that important Treaty was carrying on, Colonel *Johnson* did not lose Sight of the Attack of Fort *Frederic*. On the 5th of *May* he wrote to the Governors, who were to furnish him with Men and Artillery §. On the one Hand, that Letter proves that he had resolved to bombard the Fort ; and, on the other, that he flattered himself, he should be able to appear before the Place, before the *French* had any Intimation of his Design.---*All Things*, says he, *must be hastened, that Nothing may retard our March, which might confirm the Enemy in their Suspicion of an Attack, if unhappily they have any Intelligence of it.*

On the Side of *Acadia*, Colonel *Monckton*, ready to execute the Attack of the Forts on the *Isthmus*, began with publishing a Proclamation on the third of *May*, in the Name of Governor *Lawrence*, by which all the Inhabitants of the *French* Lands beyond the *Isthmus*, are commanded to surrender themselves immediately to the *English*, and to deliver up all their Arms*. That was certainly the Country, in respect to which, his *Britannic* Majesty had, after the Building of the *English* and *French* Forts in the *Isthmus*, formerly promised, that no Innovations should be made, till the Commissaries had come to a Determination. On the 16th and 17th of *June* following, Colonel *Monckton* bombarded and took the *French* Forts of *Beau-sejour* and *Gaspereaux*.

§ See N°. 15.

* See N°. 16.