' ing ; with this View we are to inform you of a Piece of
' difagreeable News that happen'd in our Journey.————
' Some White People living at a Place called *Conegochee-*
' *goe*, whofe Names we cannot tell, nor whether they
' belong to this or the neighbouring Government, but
' one of them, as we heard, had his Houfe burnt over
' his Head fome Years ago, and he was brought down a
' Prifoner and committed to the Goal of this City : Thefe
' People lighting of our young Warriours, as they were
' hunting, made fome Propofals about the purchafing of
' Land from them, and our young Men being indifcreet,
' and unacquainted with publick Bufinefs, were foolifh
' enough to hearken to them, and to receive five Duffil
' Strowds for two Plantations on the River *Cohongoronto*.
' A *Coneftogoe* Indian, and a *French* Indian, and fome
' others that were in Company had three Duffil Strowds,
' and went away with them ; and our young Men carried
' off the other two. As foon as this came to our Know-
' ledge, we fent for our Warriours, and after examining
' and rebuking them feverely, we took away their two
' Strowds, and publickly cenfured them for expofing us
' to our Brethren of *Penfilvania*, in doing a Thing fo in-
' confiftent with our Engagements to them ; *You are,*
' faid we aloud, that all our People might hear and take
' Notice, *to know and remember, that the Six Nations have*
' *obliged themfelves to fell none of the Land that falls within*
' *the Province of* Penfilvania *to any other but our Brother*
' O N A S, *and that to fell Lands to any other is an high*
' *Breach of the League of Friendfhip.* Brethren, this rafh
' Proceeding of our young Men makes us afhamed. We
' always mean well, and fhall perform faithfully what we
' have promifed : And we affure you, this Affair was,
' tranfacted in the Manner we have related, without our
' Privity or Confent. And that you may be fully con-
' vinced of this, and of the Sincerity of our Intentions,
' we have brought you thefe Two Strowds [*here he pre-*
' *fented two Red Strowds to the Governor*] they are the very
' Strowds our foolifh young Men received ; we took
' them from them, and we give them to you to return to
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