

can now with the utmost facility secure the inland coun- 1756.
try, and confine us to the very brinks of the ocean --- a
free communication is opened between Canada and Louifi-
ana; and all our intercourse with the Indians totally
rescinded. The enemy, on the other hand, may, with-
out opposition or restraint, render these innumerable tribes
of savages their allies and dependants. The Six Nations
are more wavering than ever: and should they no longer
think it expedient to preserve their neutrality, the whole
continent must inevitably become a field of blood.
Whatever may be thought of these colonies, which of The colonies
not so pow-
erful as ima-
gined.
late have been magnified for their numbers and opu-
lence, I do assure your Lordship, that a short war will
effectually exhaust them. Their settlements are scat-
tered; their frontiers extensive; the inhabitants but few,
generally in very moderate circumstances, and still luxu-
rious, and without resources. The irruption of a few
Indians into Pennsylvania, had already occasioned the
loss of several hundred souls, and the desolation of near
two thousand farms. The frontiers of the neighbour-
ing colonies are equally defenceless: and the power of
the native savages, at present in the French interest, is
of itself sufficient, by slow but inevitable means, to re-
duce us to extreme beggary and distress.

Thus, my Lord, I have finished the relation of what General Re-
flections
upon the
whole.
has hitherto been transacted in America. I have not
only presented you with a series of the most interesting
events, but brought your Lordship acquainted with the
characters