

by which the *French Indians*, if any were near them, must know how to avoid them. Some *Indians*, who were likewise sent out in Company with these Men, complained in like Manner.

The publick Interpreter, whom the Governor (as before observed) had sent with others, to invite the *Six Nations* to meet him at *Albany*, wrote to the Commissioners for *Indian Affairs*, That they met with great Difficulties and Obstructions from the *Sachims*, who had been lately at *Canada*: That the *Oneydoes* refused to give any Answer, tho' they had staid there thirteen Days endeavouring to persuade them; and that the *Cayugas* had absolutely refused to meet the Governor. On which, his Excellency desired to be informed by the Commissioners of *Indian Affairs*, whether they knew of any Person of Influence or Interest with the *Indians*, and what to be sent among them on this Occasion. They answered, that they knew of none; and that the *Indians* were in a very bad Disposition, and much under the Influence of the *French*.

About this Time his Excellency being informed, that the Interpreter, and others sent with him, had neglected to send proper Invitations to the *Indians* living on the Branches of *Sasquehannah* River; and that Captain *Vroman*, of *Scobary*, was a proper Person to be sent to those *Indians*; he sent him, in Company with Captain *Staats*, with a Belt of *Wamum* to invite them.

While the *Indian Affairs* appear'd in this discouraging State, an Account came to Town, that about twenty young *Chickesaws* were come to the *Senecas*, to desire them to shew them the Way to *Canada*. The *Chickesaws* had always been Enemies to the *French*: A Party of about five Hundred Men had, four Years before, been sent out against them from *Canada*, who were so entirely routed by the *Chickesaws*, that few returned. These young *Chicke-*