

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 26, 1742.

GENTLEMEN,

WE herewith send you a Message to Both Houses of Assembly, from His Excellency the Governor; and as it relates to an Affair of the greatest Importance to the Country, we doubt not but you will give it a speedy and impartial Consideration.

Signed *per Order*, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the following Letter from the Governor, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

ALTHOUGH the ill Designs of the *Shawwan Indians* (very probably excited by the *French*), as well as the *Indians* living amongst Us, were so happily discovered, and prevented being carried into Execution; yet I am of Opinion that it is absolutely necessary, for the Preservation of the Lives, and Security of the Property, of His Majesty's Subjects within this Province, according to the Example of the neighbouring Governments, to enter into a Treaty with the Six Nations, who, by all the Accounts I have, are not only more numerous and formidable than all the other neighbouring *Indians* together, but also more to be relied on, in case of a Rupture with *France*: To this End a Messenger was sent to invite them hither, in hopes that it would have suited them to come while the Assembly was sitting, and that every Thing needful might have been transacted with them, with the Advice, Concurrence, and Approbation of the whole Legislature; but their Answer to the Messenger was, That the Season of the Year would be so far advanced before they could return home, that they could not conveniently come 'till the Spring: And as you are sensible that their coming then must be troublesome, as well as expensive; and that the calling of an Assembly on that Occasion (which can't be avoided) would greatly encrease the Public Charge; so I have thought of this Expedient to prevent it, as well as to lessen the Expence *viz.* To send Commissioners either to *Albany*, or such other Place as may be thought more convenient, to treat with the said *Indians*: If you ap
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