

ers; many of these Villains are Papists and Fellows of abandoned Principles; the Indians are easily alarmed and imposed on by plausible stories, and while we have so many Armaments on foot round them, will be extremely prone to Suspicion. I hope you will endeavour to get those Fellows apprehended that may be harbouring on the Susquahannah, for I don't doubt but they may greatly contribute to draw upon us the Hostilities of the Delawares and Shawonese. Sir William Johnson has this further account in his Letter that I judge highly proper to inform you of Viz: A Delaware Indian who was at the Lake with me last year, came here yesterday, he tells me he was lately at Tiahoga and Otsiningo, upon the Susquahannah, that he thinks the Indians at Tiaogo are (to use his own words) but badly inclined towards the English Interest, That a great Man a Delaware Indian came while he was there from the Ohio in order to seduce the Indians upon the Susquahannah to leave that part of the Country and go and live upon the Ohio and join the French against the English, he told them that there was a great Number of the French and Indians there, having 3 Gunsmiths constantly at work making and repairing of Arms and that great preparations are on foot to make a descent upon some of the English Colonies, the Ohio Indians applied to this Informant, and persuaded him to go and join the French and he would become a great Warrior, Our Indian told him, he was a Warrior already and the Coat he had on his back, he had taken from a French Indian who he had killed last year at Lake George upon which the Ohio Indian he says seem'd disconcerted, and sorry he had spoke so plain before him. "I have also had some private conversation with a Seneca Sachem called Old Belt, who came with the half King from the Southward, I find him to be a very sedate sensible Man and warmly attached to our Interest, I asked him his opinion about the Western Indians coming to Oswego this Year, he told me he was well acquainted with those Indians, and the Situation of their Affairs and had not been long ago amongst them he says since M^r Braddocks defeat at the Ohio the French Indian Interest is greatly strengthened, that the Twightwees, Ienundactees and some of the Chikasawas, who were in opposition to the French, and inclined to the English Interest were intimidated from any further opposition to the French and were now under their Influence, The French have them says he under their Arms, and they must do as they please, therefore Brother says he I do not think any of them will come to Oswego, as to the Missisagas part of them I believe are as yet determined to Act with the Five Nations and may come to Oswego. Last night the Messengers returned from Onondago, none of the Southern Indians were yet come, but I find they have sent for