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make a Diversion that way to hinder the Enemy's draw-
ing off their Troops from that Quarter to oppose the
General on the Lake. It was also proposed & hoped that
these Southern Colonies besides granting a Sum of Money
& Men for supporting the Northern Expedition, would
unite & engage to carry on another against Fort Du
quesne ~~or~~ at least to advance a Body of Troops west-
ward & by building Forts beyond the Extreme Limits
of this Province alarm the Enemy on the Ohio & prevent
their sending Succours thence to the Lakes. I could not
help intimating my fears that the necessary Supplies
of Men & Money for such an Enterprize would not be
easily obtained of these Colonies, but as I am persuaded
it would contribute much to the Success of the Regular
Forces I shall propose it to our Assembly & I am not
without hopes that we also shall at length agree to do
something for our own Defence & the Common Cause.
As all the Indians of the Delaware & Shawanese
Nations who have heretofore lived in Peace & been esteemed
our Friends have lately taken up the Hatchet ag^t us
it seems high time for us to look out for Allies elsewhere
& engage if possible some of the Southern Indians at any
Rate to act in Conjunction with such Troops as may