

By his EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN BELCHER, Esq;

Captain General, and Commander in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of *Nova-Cesara*, or *New-Jersey*, and Territories thereon depending in AMERICA, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral in the Same, &c.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Establishment of Peace and Friendship between his Majesty's Subjects, and the *Shawanese* and *Delaware Indians*, have been earnestly sought by the Government of *Pennsylvania*, and Negotiations were actually carrying on for bringing about those salutary Purposes, under the Interest and Influence of the Six United Nations, at the very Time when the Murders committed in this Government, made it necessary for his Majesty's Honour, and Safety of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to declare the Indians, who had been in Arms, against his Majesty's Subjects of this and the neighbouring Colonies, to be Enemies to his Majesty, and no Notice or Advice having been sent to this Government, of any of the said Negotiations, or of any Prospect of a Reconciliation. I DID on the second Day of *June* last, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, issue a Proclamation, declaring the said Indians, who had been, and then were in Arms as aforesaid, to be *Enemies, Rebels, and Traitors* to his Majesty. AND WHEREAS I now have received Advice from his Excellency **JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Esq;** Major General, and Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in *North-America*, That **SIR WILLIAM JOHNSON**, Superintendent of *Indian Affairs*, did on the Eleventh Day of this Instant *July*, conclude a Treaty of Peace with the *Shawanese* and *Delawares*, who live on the River *Susquebannab*, who have engaged to take up the Hatchet against the *French* and their Adherents. IN ORDER therefore, that Peace and Friendship may be kept between the Inhabitants of this Colony, and the said *Indians* inhabiting on the said River *Susquebannab*; I do, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, hereby strictly charge and command all Officers, Civil and Military, all Soldiers, and other Inhabitants in this Government, to forbear carrying on an Offensive War against the said *Indians*, and all others to the Eastward of the said River, until my further Order therein. NEVERTHELESS, this Proclamation is not intended to hinder or prevent any Person within this Colony, from killing or destroying any *Indian* Enemy, who shall attempt any Act of Hostility within the same.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, at Arms, at the Borough of Elizabeth, this Twenty-third Day of July, in the Thirtieth Year of his Majesty's Reign, Annoque Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six.

By his Excellency's Command,
CHAS. READ, Secry.

J. BELCHER.

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