

To which the President reply'd.

*Friends and Brethren,*

What you have imparted to me is of so much Consequence, that it is necessary for me to take the Advice of his Majesty's Council upon it, before I can return you an Answer.

On Friday the Council met; and the next Day the President gave the Indians a second Audience, and made the following Speech.

The SPEECH of the Honourable LEWIS BURWELL, Esq; President of his Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, to the Chiefs and Nobles of the Cherokees, at a second Audience in Williamsburg, August 10, 1751.

*Friends and Brethren,*

THE Business you imparted to me the other Day I have communicated to his Majesty's Council, and by their Advice assure you, that this Government will always endeavour to cultivate a Harmony and good Correspondence between his Majesty's Subjects and our Friends the Cherokees; and you may depend upon all due Encouragement being given to the Inhabitants that shall be inclined to trade with you, for our mutual Benefit: And as a Pledge of our Friendship and good Wishes, that a lasting Peace and flourishing Trade may be established between us, I make you a Present of Two Hundred Pounds, out of which I have directed a handsome Present to be made to the Emperor of Choro, as a Mark of our Esteem and Friendship for him; and likewise a Present to your Interpreter; and the Remainder to be divided amongst you, according to your Discretion.

To which the Chief answered.

*Brother,*

WE have travell'd through Bushes and Briars to see our Friends of Virginia: We have no Cause to repent of our long and tedious Journey; the Pain and Fatigue we have undergone are compensated, by the kind and generous Reception we have met with, and we are much pleased with what you have communicated to us, and shall make a faithful Relation of it to our Emperor. Our Hearts are strait, we shall always preserve in them what we have heard from you; and ever retain a grateful Remembrance of your Favours. We have given our Promise to make a good Road for the People of this Country, who shall be disposed to trade with us, and to protect and secure them from all Danger, which we shall steadfastly adhere to. You have supplied all our Wants, and we have nothing to desire but the Continuance of your Friendship.

After which the President took them all by the Hand, wish'd them a good Journey home, and Prosperity to their Emperor and the Cherokee Nation.

On Monday the President had a private Conversation with them, when he explain'd to them the Happiness and Advantages the Christians enjoy, in the Hopes and Assurance of a blessed Immortality; and from thence persuaded them to send some of their Children to be educated at the College, that by their Means they might be instructed in the Principles of the Christian Religion, and be Partakers of the same Happiness with the English. They heartily thank'd his Honour for this Instance of his Affection, and assured him that his Offer was very agreeable to them; but that they could return no Answer without consulting their Emperor.

About a Week before the Arrival of the Cherokees, it was rumour'd, that the Nottaway Indians, being very inveterate against them, were determined to lie in Ambush and intercept them. This Nation, 'twas said, was exasperated against the Cherokees, for murdering, many Years ago, seven of their young Men, whom they had invited to hunt with them; and had resolved to embrace this favourable Opportunity of revenging themselves. The President being informed of this, and a Report prevailing, that they had cross'd James River, and were on their March to the Westward, with an Intent to wait on the Road in Order to put their Design in Execution, order'd all the Cherokees to be compleatly arm'd, that they might be able to defend themselves in Case of an Attack; and likewise issued a Proclamation, strictly requiring the Nottaways to desist from their bloody Design, and to repair immediately to

their own Habitations to avoid the most rigorous Prosecution; commanding all, all Magistrates, Sheriffs, and others, to be aiding and assisting in preserving the Peace in their respective Counties.

But all these Precautions prov'd unnecessary, the Nottaways arriving in Town yesterday with a white Flag. The Cherokees being inform'd of their Arrival, immediately gave the Signal of War; and were preparing for Battle; but several Gentlemen representing to them the friendly Appearance of the Nottaways, advised them to march out, and meet them in the same friendly Manner: At first they were inflexible; but being at last prevail'd on, they hoisted a white Flag, and marching by Beat of Drum, met the Nottaways in the Market place, each Party singing the Song of Peace. After many of their accustomed Ceremonies, they join'd Hands and smok'd the Pipe of Peace together: But not being able to hold any Conference, the Crowd being very great, they repaired to the Court House; where the Nottaways being sensible that these were not the Indians who had done them the Injury they complain'd of, produced a Belt of Wampum, which they had receiv'd of the Cherokees at their last Peace, and desired a Continuance of their Friendship. The Orator, who negotiates all their Treaties, receiv'd the Wampum, and rising up, made a long Speech to his Friends, telling them that he himself had many Years ago given this Belt as a Token of Peace; that he now found it intire, not a Bead amiss, and from thence concluded that their Hearts were strait, and their Friendship preserv'd intire: Afterwards, by the unanimous Consent of all his People, he made a Present of a Pipe of Peace, assuring them of his Friendship. All Differences being thus adjust'd to the Satisfaction of both Parties, they met in the Evening at the Camp of the Cherokees; where making a large Fire, they danced together round it, and concluded the Evening with Harmony and Cheerfulness.

#### ANNAPOLIS.

The Ship *Speedwell* (mentioned in our last) is since got off from *Peppar* Island, and brought to our Dock.

Last Sunday the Body of a Man was taken up near *Eastern* Neck, who is supposed to have been drowned: He was dress'd like a Sailor, had a large Pair of Silver Buckles; his Face and Calves of his Legs were eaten away.

#### To be SOLD by PUBLIC VENDUE,

On Wednesday the 25th of this Instant September, at the Dwelling Plantation of William Greenwood, on Wye River, in Queen Anne's County.

ONE Tract of Land, containing 146 Acres, lying on *Wye* River, where a Ship of 500 Hogheads of Tobacco may load; there is on the said Land a large Brick House, with five Rooms on a Floor, a Kitchen, Meat House, Milk House, a Stable, a 40 Feet Barn, and a good Orchard.

Likewise a Tract of Land lying on the *Eastern* Bay, containing 700 and odd Acres, with three good Plantations, having good and sufficient Buildings thereon.

Also fifteen fine young Slaves, a Parcel of Horses, about 60 Head of Cattle, 60 Sheep, about 100 Hogs, and a great deal of good Household Furniture; for Ready Paper Money, Sterling, or Crop Tobacco.

JOHN TILLOTSON,  
WILLIAM COURSEY.

#### TO BE SOLD,

GOOD *Muscovado* Sugar, either by the Barrel or smaller Quantity, also fresh LEMONS; and ORANGES, at three Shillings per Dozen, or twenty Shillings per Hundred.

ZACHARIAH HOOD.

IN Pursuance of a late Act of Assembly, Notice is hereby given, that there is at the Plantation of *John Wilcox*, in *Frederick* County, near the Mouth of *Monocacy* River, taken up as a Stray, an old Flea bitten Horse, which has been used to the Draught; he paces a little, is about 13 Hands and a half high, and is branded on each Shoulder and Thigh with a Mark not very plain, but seems to be somewhat like a Figure of 2 turn'd Bottom upwards.

The Owner, proving his Property, and paying Charges, may have him again.