

be charged by his own People with Selling them. Upon this assurance We sent to Conegochiege for two hundred pounds Worth of Goods more, and as soon as they were brought up We advised the Indians thereof and desired to know if they would choose to receive them in the afternoon and to hear your Excellency's answer to the Message which they had sent you by M^r Ross. Our proposal being accepted the Goods as well those that were purchased with the one hundred pounds granted by the Assembly as those purchased with the two hundred pounds (the price of four Scalps) were after Dinner laid on a Table in two Seperate parcels, and when all the Indians except a few who were left to guard the Prisoners were Assembled (Capⁿ Beall the Commandant of the Fort, Capⁿ Armstrong who was come thither from Pensilvania with a message from Governor Denny to the Cherokees, and several other Officers of the Maryland and Pensilvania Troops being also present) We addressed ourselves to Wahachey the Chief saying that We were come thither by your order and "that We were about to deliver your Excellency's answer to their message which answer Capⁿ Pearis would interpret to them" & then We proceeded.

Brother Wahachey of Keeway & Bretheren of the Cherokee Nation. I have received the Message which you sent by M^r Ross to advise me of your being come to Fort Frederick, I rejoice at your arrival & bid you welcome by this String of white Wampum (gave a String) I have heard of your Fame & your good intentions towards us from your Brother of Virginia and have for a long time had a great desire to see you, but it happens that now you are come I am unable to meet you, this I am sorry for but I hope you will excuse me since I have sent M^r Wolstenholme and M^r Ridout to communicate my Sentiments to you. I have appointed them because I know that they have a particular regard for you, and because I am Confident they will deliver my words faithfully; They will in my name and on behalf of the People of Maryland make a league with you which I hope will last as long as the Sun & Moon shall endure, to Confirm it I present you this Belt of Wampum. gave a Belt. Bretheren When M^r Ross was with me I gave him orders to supply you with such Provisions as you should stand in need of as a farther mark of my Friendship towards you I have now sent you a present (pointing to that of one hundred pounds Value) was it in my power I would send you a larger but as it is not I hope you will not consider the value of the present so much as the inclination of him that sends it.

Bretheren now we have made a League of Friendship and are known to each other I will speak to you more freely on the purpose for which you are come. You say that your good