

Brother the Governor of Virginia has signified to you that our Father King George desires you will joyn the English and declare War against the French and their Indians who without any just cause or provocation have fallen upon our People and Scattered their Bones over the Country; you also tell me that upon our Father's pleasure being made known to you you have taken up the Hatchet against our Encmics and that you will hold it fast till you have used it against the French and the Indians in their Alliance; I am well pleased that you have already taken such a resolution, I hope you will soon make our Enemies sensible of it and that you will prosecute the War Vigorously against them, to make your Hatchet Sharp and to fasten it in your Hands I present you with this String of black Wampum. gave a string

You were told you say when you came to Fort Frederick that you were no longer in Virginia but in another Province, this was true but I must observe to you that We and the Virginians are nevertheless one People, The Inhabitants of Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pensilvania, and of all the Provinces to the Northward are Bretheren, Subjects of the same great King, and they that are Friends to some of us must be Friends to all, you are then the Friends of all, Let us become one People and unite against the French and their Indians our Enemies, Let our Men go out to War with you, Look on them as your Bretheren, Teach them to fight after your manner, and then neither the French nor their Allies will be able to stand before you, For your Encouragement and as a reward for those that fight bravely I will give you a present as large as that which I have now sent you (pointing to the small parcell) for every two Enemies that you shall take Prisoners & deliver up to me or that you shall kill and bring me the Scalps of, or I will give you the value thereof in Money, Let this sink deep into the minds of your young men & let them remember my promise in the Day of Battle. I have ordered Capⁿ Beall who Commands at Fort Frederick and the Officer that commāds the men at Fort Cumberland to receive and at all times Treat you and those of your nation that shall join you as Bretheren and as my best Friends, I have also notified your Arrival to your Brother the Governor of Pensilvania; in this I hope I have done according to your desire and that the words which I have spoken are agreeable to you, to Confirm the truth of them and to Convince you that they flow from my Heart I give you this Belt. gave a Belt and the answer in Writing.

After a short pause We addressed Ourselves to them again and spoke to the following purport.

“ Bretheren you have heard your Brother the Governours