

Liber R. I would write to your L^{dsp} about them, and that they should have an answer to their Demands at the returne thereof. Upon those promises they went home again, and promised to stay untill the returne of the Post for your L^{dsp}s answer; likewise here came last night the Speaker of the Zachaja ffort, and said that the Young Empero^r sent him to tell me that he had about Sixty or Seaventy Deare Skinns to present to your L^{dsp} but is afraid to leave the ffort soe long as to come downe and therefore requests that there may be some few English in the ffort to guard their wives and Children, whilst he and some other of them come downe to your L^{dsp} haveing besides the present some other business to your L^{dsp}: I promised him to write to your L^{dsp} about it, and give them an answer at the returne of the Post.

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Owen Newen saies that your L^{dsp} ordered that I should pay him for his black horse w^{ch} your L^{dsp} had of him in wild horses. but doth not know what or how much therefore request that your L^{dsp} will please to lett me know how many he must have, because he sayes he was to have more then One for him. W^{ch} is all at present from

Your L^{dsp} most humble & Obedient Serv^{tt}

Aug^t the 24: 1682:

W^m Chandler

W^{ch} Letter his L^{dsp} haveing Communicated to the hon^{ble} the Chancelo^r and consulted with him thereon Returnes answer thereunto in this following ord^r (viz:)

Coll Chandler.

I Received your Letter of Yesterdays date purporting the necessitous condition of our ffriend Indians in your County in relation to the Northern Indians of whom they stand in daily feare (almost to despair) w^{ch} may force them to Surrender to the Enemy; The whole I have well considered, and the dangerous ill Consequencies thereof attending, and to prevent (if possible) the further progress thereof have thought convenient to Assist them with some men for the guard of their weomen and Children as is desired; And doe therefore ord^r you forthwith upon Receipt hereof to Select out of your Regiment Twenty able men well provided with Armes and Ammunition to be drawne up to the Zachaia ffort there to remaine as a standing guard, or to be releived by the like number of ffresh men at certain tymes as to you shall seeme meete, and accordingly as you shall find them qualified for that purpose, to be constantly supplied with provisions Sufficient accordingly and in such manner as the Act of Assembly in such Cases hath provided, and to be Commanded by such of your Officers as you shall appoint and think most proper for that purpose; whereof