

Sir

Lib. X.

Some Representatives or Deputies from the Seneca Nations have been down to renew their former Articles of peace with this province and as I have with the Advice of my Council made some progress therein with them I thought it might not be Improper to Communicate to you our proceedings with them which I therefore inclose you and beg you to be referred to them and least the proceedings of the Pennsylvania Government should not yet be come to your hands I likewise send you what I have in print of them.

You may please to observe in our proceedings that the Senecas seem to be resolved on the destroying some Town of your neighbouring Indians (unless they make some Satisfaction) which Indians we understand from them are in Friendship with you but as we cannot learn the name of the Town nor Nations of Indians it belongs to I am not able to give you a more particular Account thereof p. 10

But this I have Observed that these Indians have been securing their peace with all the Indians to the Northward and Strengthening their alliance with all the Neighbouring Indians the better to enable them to Compass their designs Against that Town or Nation, the Cause of their Resentment from what we can gather by the Imperfect Translation of their Interpreters, is, that some time since a parcell of their Indians were sent to that Nation with Belts of peake in token of peace and were Civilly received at their Town but After their departure were pursued by them into the Woods and five of them killed and also that a Second time they sent six others with Belts of peake which never returned and therefore Conclude were murdered likewise

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We apprehend that those Indians are prepared to Receive Impressions according to the Treatment they find with you in Virginia either for War or peace but seem resolved to try the softest measures first and seem disposed to Accept of a pecuniary Satisfaction for the Injuries they have received this temper of theirs I think proper to hint to your Honour and shall be proud if it may be of any Service in your treaty with them

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I do not at all doubt of your Caution and prudent Management at this Juncture but am advised by my Council to desire your Greatest Regards to the pacifying of these people (if their case be as they have represented it) by obliging your p. 11