

Wams, all which will please them very well. this is all I can say at present You may be assured that I shall use the best of my Endeavours with the Indians for the Service of the Government of Maryland Lib. C. B.

I understood that M^r Cresap was to go up to the Six Nations to concert Measures with them, or deliver a Message to them, You will be able to judge by what I said here and did at Shomakin, whether there is any Necessity for his going up, I for my part don't think there is, and more than that I think he is in no favour at all with them, according to what I heard they look upon him as a Man that either wants Wit or Honesty because for his ill Management last Summer in endeavouring to buy Land of the Warriors (these were their own Words to me) As for perswading their Chiefs to come to Patowmeck to treat there, I don't think it adviseable to mention One Syllable to them of it because they think the Governor of Virginia or his Deputies ought to meet them, and not they him, because the Virginians broke the Peace and gave the Offence, and ever have given it, as they say they circumstantially informed Governor Thomas and they do insist upon the Particulars mentioned in that Narrative taken at Shomakin by me from the Mouth of Shikellimo and Saghsidowa in Council p. 191

I expect Shikellimo to return by the middle of April with full Powers to conclude upon the Place for holding the Treaty, & shall immediately upon his Return dispatch a Messenger to Annapolis with an Acco^t of the Answer he brings from the Six Nations.

This being all the necessary that occurs at present I remain Sir

Your very humble Servant

Phil^a 9 March 1742/3

Conrade Weiser

To Col^l Gale

Philad^a 10 March 1742

Sir

I apprehend by Yours of yesterday and the Conversation I have had with you that you think the Indians of the Six Nations are very desirous to make a Treaty of Friendship with the Governor of Maryland, and that the Difference which lately happened in Virginia will be no Obstruction to it

I further apprehend the Indians have nothing near so favourable Sentiments concerning the Virginians as they have of the People of Maryland, and that they do not care to come near Virginia till a Peace be made with the Governor of that Colony, and that you think the Gov^r of Maryland would oblige the Indians very much if he would either meet them himself or send Persons to treat with them near some Part of the p. 192