

William Walton furnished to the said Garrison of S^t Augustine in this present year: Lib. J. R.
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Ordered by his Excellency the Governor that the following Letters be entred

Fort Frederick 29: April 1757:

Brother of Maryland

I this Day came into your Province with a Company of our Nation in our Way to War against the French Shuanoes, and all their Indians hearing they killed some of our Brothers, not knowing when we set off from Winchester but the Murder was committed in Virginia but coming to this Fort found we were in another province and on being informed by Captain Bealle that our Brother the Governor of this Province had a real Love for our Nation, and that he had provided Clothes for our Nation though unacquainted with us, I have just now held a Council with my young Warriors, and have concluded to write to you to acquaint you our Brother, our Design of coming into this Province was hearing from our good Brother the Governor of Virginia that it was the Desire of our Father King George that we would join the English in War against the French and their Indians, on hearing this News we immediately took up the Hatchet against the French and their Indians, and hold it fast 'till we make Use of it which I expect will be in a few Days, we intend to set out immediately from this Fort, and on our Return expect to meet you our Brother here to make ourselves acquainted with you. if you can't come yourself, you will send one of your beloved Men with your Talk to which we will look upon as from your own Mouth. I hope you will let the province of Pensilvania know that I am come this Length to War and if they are in Need of our Assistance I have Men plenty at Home and will not think it troublesome to come and fight for our Brothers. I set off from home with 150 Men, Part of which is gone to Fort Cumberland forty more by this is come to Winchester, our People will be so frequent now amongst you that I wish you mayn't think us troublesome. our Heart achs to see our Brothers Bones scattered about the Country but you will hear in a short time we have got Satisfaction for our Brothers, and in Confirmation of what I have spoke I have sent you these few white Beads to confirm my Regard to this province likewise I have sent you these black Beads to convince you that I have taken up the Hatchett against all the English Enemies, we intend to stay as long amongst our Brothers as there is Use for us I hope our good Brother wont be backward in providing Necessaries for us, I have sent you a List of what is useful

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