

People, and scattered their Bones as you see over the Country. You also tell me that upon our Fathers Pleasure being made known to you, you have taken up the Hatchet against our Enemies, 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 confirm it in your Hands I present you with this String of black Wampum

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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 then I must observe to you that we are notwithstanding one People, the Inhabitants of Carolina Virginia, Maryland Pensilvania, and of all the Provinces to the Northward, are Brethren Subjects of the same King and those who are Friends to any of us must be Friends to all, you are then the Friends of us 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 Brethren 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 them that fight bravely I will give you a Present as large as that now lying before you for every two Enemies that you shall take Prisoners, or 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 and remember my Promise in the Day of Battle. I have ordered Captain Beall who commands the Men at Fort Cumberland to receive and at all times treat you and those of your Nation that you expect will join you as Brethren and as my best Friends I have also notified your Arrival to your Brother the Governor of Pensilvania. In this Shape I have done according to your Desire, and that the Words which I have now 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.

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Maryland
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Agreeable to the Instructions which we had the Honour to receive from your Excellency the 17th Instant we proceeded the same Day towards Fort Frederick and reached that Place on the nineteenth in the Afternoon, we were met about nine Miles beyond Conegochiegh by a Party of the