

Lib. J. R. as well those that were purchased with the one hundred
& U. S. pounds granted by the Assembly as those purchased with
the two hundred Pounds (the Price of four Scalps) were
after Dinner laid on a Table in two separate Parcels, and
when all the Indians, except a few who were left to guard
the Prisoners were assembled Captain Beall the Commandant
of the Fort, Captain Armstrong who come thither from
Pensilvania with a Message from Governor Denny to the
Cherokees, and several other Officers of the Maryland and
Pensilvania Troops being also present, we addressed our-
selves to Wahachey the Chief saying that we were come
p. 169 thither by your Order, and that we were about to deliver
your Excellency's Answer to their Message which Answer
Captain Pearis would interpret to them and then we pro-
ceeded.

Brother Wahachey of Keeway, and Brethren of the Chero-
kee Nation.

I have received the Message which you sent by M^r Ross to
advise me of your being come to Fort Frederick I rejoice at
your Arrival and bid you welcome by this String of white
Wampum. gave a String

I have heard of your Fame and your good Intentions to-
wards us from your Brother of Virginia, and have for a long
Time had a great Desire to see you but it happens that now
you are come I am unable to meet you this I am sorry for
but I hope you will excuse me since I have sent M^r Wolsten-
holme, and M^r Ridout to communicate my Sentiments to you
I have appointed them because I know that they have a
particular Regard for you and because I am confident they
will deliver my Words faithfully, they will in my Name
and on Behalf of the People of Maryland make a League
with you which I hope will last as long as the Sun and Moon
shall endure to confirm it I represent you this Belt of Wam-
pum. gave a Belt

Brethren

When M^r Ross was with me I gave him Orders to supply
you with such Provisions as you should stand in Need of as a
farther Mark of my Friendship towards you, I have now
sent you a Present (pointing to that of one hundred Pounds
Value) was it in my Power I would send you a larger, but
as it is not, I hope you will not consider the Value of the
Present so much as the Inclination of him that sends it.

Brethren

Now we have made a League and are known to each other
I will speak to you more freely on the Purpose for which you