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Lib. J. R. Atter a snort 1 auge ... & U. S. and spoke to the following Purport. After a short Pause we addressed ourselves to them again,

Brethren

You have heard your Brother the Governor's Answer to your Message; you have also seen the Present which he sent you as a Mark of his Friendship, and to welcome you to this Province we are now to congratulate you in his Name on the Success which you have lately had against his and your Enemies, he was exceedingly pleased with the News and for the Service you have already done he has ordered us to give you these Goods (pointing to the large Parcel).

Brethren

Now you have found where the Enemy is to be met with. we hope you will not suffer them to escape but on the Contrary that you will pursue and overtake them, and destroy till none of them remain, to inspire you with such a Resolution your Brother the Governor sends you this String. gave a String of black Wampum.

After a few Minutes Wahachey rose up and said, he heard good Words, and then stepping up on one of the Seats that were round the Table, he harangued his People a considerable Time, repeating, as we were told by the Interpreter the Substance of what we had said, and concluding with an Exhortation to the young Men, to look on the English and on the People of this Province in particular as their Friends p. 171 and Brethren, to fight bravely for them against the Enemies that had attacked them, and to entitle themselves to the Present that had been promised as a Reward for their Valour. they then proceeded to divide the Goods, and we retired having first desired the Commandant of the Fort to order Sentries to the Door to prevent the Intrusion of any white People.

An Account being brought to the Fort in the Evening that several Moccoson Tracks had been discovered a few Miles off on the South Side of Potowmack River, and the Indians being informed thereof they sent to us early in the Morning of the 22d Instant saying they were very impatient to pursue the Enemy, that had as it was supposed made the above mentioned Tracks, and that they hoped we would meet them as soon as possible, and hear the Reply that they intended to make to their Brother the Governor, we immediately complied with their Request, and as soon as were seated the Chief expressed himself in the following Words.