

ment, and as your Honor may be the better judge of it have inclosed you a Copy of a Speech of theirs made at Fort Loudoun the 1st of this Instant and give you my opinion. These People say that one Part of their People had been with the French, and that they were returned with very large Presents and great Promises, upon finding that Number of their People inclined to join the French they determined to come and see their Brothers the English as they have always had a Regard for them in hopes that their Brothers would treat them in such a manner that upon their going Home they should be able to shew their People that it was their Interest to let their Nation see that their Brothers were not that bad People which those in the French Interest had represented them. At their coming from their Towns, they told them the Virginians would deceive them and not perform their promises, they say they are sorry to find what they were told before they came from Home should turn out to be true that they do not value the Presents but should they go Home after being so long in the Service of the English, and have nothing to shew for their Services that they will be made a Mock of, and give the Party in the French Interest an Opportunity of persuading their People to join the French which a contrary Behaviour on the Side of the English would prevent.

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Sir it is my Opinion if this Party goes away displeas'd, it will be the Means of engaging us in a War with them which will draw on a War with the Creeks also, as they are intirely influenced by them, and the Consequence must be dreadful to the English Colonies in General. When on the other Hand should they go off in good Temper, I am of Opinion that they will be able to bring over the over Hills People, and Creeks to the Side of the English. I was glad to see the good Understanding between the six Nations and these People, as appears by the Speeches made by the Mohock Sachem to them and their Answers, and they have agreed with the six Nations to meet upon these Frontiers in the Spring in great Numbers if they are now well treated in Order to carry on the War against the French.

Sir I make Bold to recommend to you the sending home these People in good Temper as their future Conduct will be regulated by it, and by my Instructions I am ordered to call upon you and M^r Croghan for such Rewards for these People as I shall think necessary:

I am your Honors.

Most obedient humble Servant

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq^r Rich^d Smith.
Governor of Maryland.