

said we wanted to know their Hearts if they were not satisfied M<sup>r</sup> Smith should be sent to Captain Gist for to get Leave to go down with them

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Chesiaterona said that they the three Warriors had an Inclination to go down and see the Governor and that they would send two of the Indians along with M<sup>r</sup> Smith to Winchester that he might get Leave from M<sup>r</sup> Gist to go down with them. p. 243

Officers present in the above Council Viz<sup>t</sup> Capt: Alex<sup>r</sup> Bealle, Capt. Joshua Bealle, Capt. Francis Ware, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Stoddart Lieu<sup>t</sup> Henry Prather. Lieu<sup>t</sup> Mac Nab, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Somerville, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Bealle, Ensign Harrison, Lieu<sup>t</sup> Baker of the Virginia Regim<sup>t</sup> Col Prather, Captain Casson David Ross, and several others.

We affirm the above to be a true Copy of the Proceedings of said Council.

Thomas Bullitt. Chr: Gist. Deputy  
Agent for Indian Affairs.

Honourable Sir

Inclosed is a Copy of the Proceedings of a Congress held with some Cherokee Warriors at Fort Frederick in Maryland by which Captain Pearris is fortunately detected in an Affair that had the Gentleman succeeded, in all Probability would have been of ill Consequences, it is obvious his first Step is to inflame the Indians against their Interpreter, and if he does but succeed in that, so as to get himself employed in that Character, which must be the Case, provided his Insinuations once get Credit amongst the Indians for they'll not suffer any Person whom they imagine to be a Liar in their Councils, and Pearris is the only Man in these Parts, that can speak their Language, this would give the Gentleman full Scope to execute such Schemes as he may have. (his frequent Access to them) which from this Gentleman's Character it may be imagined to be such as will not be advantageous to his Majesty's Service, and what is a convincing Reason for it, is the ill Consequences attending the small Progress he hath already made in his Attempts. For lately arrived the Round O Warrior of the Cherokee Nation (who is one of their first Rank) after having reconnoitred great Part of the Ohio, from against their Settlements up to Fort du Quesne, and lain out with his Party in that Country since September last, came in with Advice that he imagined some Parties of French and Indians was on their Way down to annoy our Settlements upon which I ordered out Parties of the Indians that hath continued with us this Winter in Order to discover