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Upon taking into his Consideration the very Great importance of the numerous Nations of Indians in Alliance with his Majestys Southern Colonies, the Advantages that will Accrue to the English in General from their Friendship and the Particular Necessity there is at this time to enter into a Solemn Treaty with them in Order not only to Secure them to the British Interest, so far as [possible] to Prevent them from joining in the Designs of the French but to engage them to Assist his Majestys Subjects in Defending their Frontiers and Annoying their Enemys,

It is Proposed,

1st That a Treaty be held with the Several Tribes of Indians in Alliance with his Majestys Southern Colonies at such time and Place as shall be Agreed on between the Governments of North & South Carolina and Notified by them to the General and to the Other Western Colonies as far north as Pensilvania

2^{dly} That one or more Commissioners should be appointed by each of the Western Provinces from South Carolina to Pensilvania both Inclusive to Carry on that Treaty in behalf of his Majesty & of those Colonys, to be Particularly instructed by their respective Governments for that Purpose

3^{dly} That such Instructions be without Delay transmitted to the General and that he or the Commander in Chief of the Kings Forces for the Time being give such further Instructions to the Commissioners Collective or Seperately as he shall think necessary for his Majestys Service

4^{thly} That the Governments of Virginia and the two Carolinas as soon as Possible Dispatch the Messengers to those Southern Tribes inviting them to a General Treaty in his Majestys Name and in the names of all the said Western Provinces and that the time and Place Agreed on for such Treaty be Particularly mentioned in such invitation

5^{thly} That at such appointed Place Provision be made for the Reception & entertainment of the Indians that may attend the Treaty by the Province wherein such Place is, to be afterwards Reimbursed in Proportion by the other Colonys.

6^{thly} That Money be Provided by the said Western Provinces for defraying the Expence of the Treaty and for providing a Proper Assortment of Goods to be given in Presents to the Indians that shall Attend, and sent into their Countrys to be distributed among those that cannot Personally Assist at the Treaty