

Bladen my family supplied them with Provisions the time they stayed at my Plantation which was three Days; They informed me that three hundred men of their nation would be along this way at the time that Corn would be waist high, who likewise designed to war against the Cherokees and as they always have and suppose always will make this their way Backwards and forwards & Commonly a Stage for some Days which is no small Inconvenience and Expence to me as they will have Provision either by fair or foul means which unless I can get some Retaliation or Satisfaction for (as it would be very Unreasonable I should Bare intirely such a burthen and Expence) shall Endeavour to protect my private property either by force or otherwise, I therefore recommend the Circumstances I am likely to fall under to your wise Consideration before I am compeld (as I in all Likelyhood may be) to enter into them that I may not be Culpable should the Indians Resentment be drawn on this Province thereby, I hope you will give me your Candid advice how to proceed in the above matter if Requisite and whether to let them have Provisions they Demanding it or Protect my Right by force as nothing is more Certain then that they will Endeavour to take it by force if Denied them otherwise. I was just now informed by two Gentlemen from Virginia that the Cherokees had Lately Robed one Cap^t Cristy a trader from Augusta County in Virginia to the Value of Fifteen hundred Pounds in goods and Killed one of his men. This is all we have material from those parts and not any thing worth mentioning

Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

I am Respectfully your Excellencies Most Obedient

& very Humb^le Servant

Tho^s Cresap.

P. S. Col^o Boquet is now at Bedford who was on his way to his Plantation in this Province but unluckily as he and Cap^t Curry were Riding out in a Chair got overset which Broke Cap^t Curry's Leg and hurt the Col^o very much which has prevented his Coming further as yet

I am as above

T. C.

Ordered that the Clerk send the following Answer thereto.
Sir

I am ordered by the Governor and Council to acquaint you that as Soon as the Governor receives an Answer to your Letter of the 11th June last sent him a Copy whereof he has