

The like Demand is made in Pensilvania, and I cannot but think that some Selfish People may have set them upon making such a request to serve their private interest at the expence of the Publick as otherwise I am of Opinion they would scarcely have made application for that purpose.

Lib. J. R.
& U. S.

I am very sensible of the opposition with such a proposal must meet with from the House of Assembly, but hope they will allow Cresap for the Expences he may be at in Conformity to your directions, after which he can, and I suppose will keep goods for them at his own Expence, in case he thinks it necessary and beneficial.

At the request of Lieutenant Governor Fauquier for that purpose to me, my Deputy Agent desired at a meeting lately held at Onondaga that the Indians would take the Old Back Path in going to War against the Southern Indians, which they Promised to take into Consideration, But their passing by Fort Cumberland will be of no service to them as Sir Jeffery Amherst does not chuse to allow the Indians supplies in these parts, & I presume the Officer Commanding there is likewise restricted in the Same Manner.

I cannot but observe to you that I am Confident the shewing the Indians in general some favor, and bestowing a few Presents as yet Occasionally on them will greatly contribute to stifle many rising Jealousy's and suspicions now amongst them concerning Us, and that our disapproving or discouraging their prosecuting the War against the Southern Indians however reasonable, would greatly inflame them at present, and give them reason to think we had formed some of those projects which the French reasonably told them we should not fail to put in practice on the reduction of Canada.

Whatever Answer you shall think necessary to return the Indians, shall be Communicated to them on being transmitted to me, and you may at all times command my Sentiments on matters relative to the good of the Province, or your Own Satisfaction As

I am with great Esteem
Sir Your most Obedient & Most humb^{le} Servant
Will: Johnson

Annapolis 28th March 1763

Sir

Having lately received the Letter you were pleased to write to me the 4th of January in Answer to one I had taken the Liberty to trouble you with the 25th of November last I now return you thanks for favouring me with your Opinion Concerning the application which those of the Six Nations who