

Lib. J. R. were at the Lancaster Treaty last Summer had thought fit by
 & U. S. means of Governor Hamilton to make to me and at the same
 time I sent you Inclosed the Answer which the Gentlemen of
 p. 349 Our Council advise me to give those Indians' Message which
 Answer I must desire the favour of you to forward to them
 together with a Belt of Wampum if you think it expedient for
 me to send one, for as no Indian Trade hath been carried on
 from this Province for some time It would not be possible for
 me to purchase any Wampum here and indeed if I could and
 was to Inclose a Belt in my Letter I apprehend the postage of
 it would amount to more than a Belt's Value, as I do not think
 our Assembly will ever be persuaded to cultivate the Indians
 Friendship by presents or consent to pay for any thing which
 M^r Cresap might deliver their parties passing or repassing
 except Provisions and Indeed I am not sure the Assembly will
 defray even that Expençe. I am in hopes the Indians will not
 be dissatisfied at my declining to comply in every respect with
 their Request; if you think it would be proper or necessary to
 give them a Reason for my declining to do so I should be much
 obliged to you if you will be so kind as to communicate it to
 them in the Manner you think will be most Satisfactory

I am &c.

Horatio Sharpe.

Brethren of the Six Nations.

The Governor of Pennsylvania having sent me a Belt which
 you gave him for the Governor of Maryland at the Treaty
 you held with him last Summer at Lancaster and having also
 Signified to me that at the time you delivered such Belt you
 told him that One Daniel Cresap who lives on Potomack in
 this Province had sent you word by some of your Warriors
 last Spring that if I would order him to keep a Store there he
 would provide every thing for the Warriors who shall pass
 and repass that way and that you desired he might be allowed
 to do so and to receive any Message and that your Warriors
 may pass and repass thro this Province without Molestation
 I have thereupon wrote to M^r Cresap recommending it to him
 to Supply any of your Warriors that may have occasion to
 pass or repass thro this Province and by his House with such
 Provisions as they may want for which he will I expect be
 paid by your Brethren the Inhabitants of this Province and I
 have also recommended it to him in case any of your People
 shall choose to trade with him to procure and keep at his
 House such goods as he supposes they may want and be willing
 to purchase. As the Inhabitants of this Province have always
 retained a true regard for their Brethren of the Six Nations
 tho by reason of our being at so great a Distance and almost