

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message; viz.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 47
May 22

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

The inclosed Letter to me from Col. Cresap, relating to the Behaviour of the Indians, I have thought proper to lay before your House, for your Consideration.

Sam. Ogle.

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; Maryland.

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May it please your Excellency,

I Have just now received Advice by a Man of Credit from the Ohio, that the Indian Chiefs, who intended to have waited on your Excellency last Fall, were all ready to set out on their intended Journey; but the Pennsylvania Traders industriously set on them, and told them, that they would be put in Prison and hanged, for the Man of Mr. Parker's that was killed by the Indians; and many other frightful Stories; which deterred them from their intended Journey. I have had sundry Companies of Indian Warriors passing and re-passing, some of which have been very insolent and saucy; in particular, a Company of about 44, who had three Women and two Boys Prisoners with them, taken from the Catawbees, while the Men were out hunting. The Men coming home at Night from their Hunt, to their great Surprise, found their Wives and Children, some killed and some taken away; they pursued the Enemy, and in some Days came up with them, and fought them for a considerable Time; but being overpower'd by a superior Number, they drew off for a Time, and then came up again, and attacked them twice more; and by what I can learn from them, would have overcome them, if a Company of 25 Warriors of the Six Nations had not met the others who had the Prisoners; who say they killed three of the eight Catawbees, and the rest made their Escape: They say they were 60 in Number of the Five Nations; but whether it was with the 25 or no, I am not sure; but if it was without, they must have left 40 odd Men at least. These Indians stayed at my House four Days, and complained of Hunger; I gave them at their first coming two Bushels of Meal, and one Bushel of Corn; and as it was bad Weather, I took the three Captains in my House to lodge; they being very naked for Cloaths, complained that they had lost their Cloaths and Guns almost all in Fight; and one of the Captains told me, that he was Conasadago's Brother, who was the Speaker at the Treaty of Lancaster. They held several Councils here, and told me that I was their Brother, and that they had given me this Land, and that they had no Powder or Lead to carry them home; but that I must give them Powder and Lead and Knives and Flints and Stockings and Tommyhawks, and mend their Kettles and Guns; on which I gave them 20 lb. Weight of Powder, and some Lead; but they not being satisfied, called another Council,

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