

phia to my house & one of the Women, but I hope not Dangerously, this Day I Delivered the Goods to them and they are well Pleased for my Adding two half Barrells of Powder to the four which they was to have, George Croghon was Present & he undertook to find men and Horses to carry the Powder and the Lead with two Casks of Liquor for them to Ohio I was Obliged to allow them the Liquor because they all followed my Advise & did not get Drunk neither in Town nor by the way Scaiohady after they had Received the Goods spoke to me in the following manner " Brother I am very Glad that our Bretheren in Philadelphia took into their serious Consideration what we have said to them, the French Party is very Strong among us, & if we had failed in our Journey to Philadelphia, or our Expectation would not have been Granted by our Bretheren in Philadelphia, the Indians would have gone over to the French to a man, & would have Received Presents or Supplies from the French, who have Offered it, but now I hope we have got the Better of them. Let me Desire you to set out early in the Spring with the supplies, our bretheren hath been pleased to Promise us, and send somebody before you, to give us timely Notice, that we may meet for we are scattered up & Down the Country, & we will send three or four men to meet you by the way & Convey you to the Place Appointed Pray Dont miss & let us that are for our brethren the English not be ashamed, the French Party who Speak now under the Ground will Speak Above the Ground if you should Miss, but if you Arrive early in the spring all the Indians will unite heartily & the French Party will be brought over to us They spoke to me and George Croghon who must be my Guide. I made answer that nothing should be wanting on my side, what I could do, And if I was Alive & well, I hope to see them in their Country next spring, before the Grass comes out, or at farthest when they begin to Plant their Corn, Saciody Pressed upon me to Put the Government in mind of what he had said against the Traders in Rum, that it might be suppressed, for the Indians (said he) will Drink away what they have, and be not able to do any thing against the Enemy for want of Ammunition, and if Rightly Considered, Death without Judge or Jury to any man that carries Rum to Sell to any Indian Town is the only remedy to Prevent that Trade, and a just Reward to the Traders for nothing else will do; it is Abomination before God & Man, to say nothing of the Particular Consequences, it is altogether hurtfull to the Publick for what Little Supplies we can give to carry on the war is not half Sufficient, they must buy the Greatest Part with their hunting, and if they meet with Rum, they will buy that before anything, and not only Drink away their Skins but their Cloathing & everything that they may get from Us, In short the Inconveniencies occasioned by that Trade are Innumerable, at this very time the English & French Parties will fall out & Murder one another in

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