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appropriated the Sum of £3000 towards engaging the Assistance and cultivating the Friendship of the Southern Tribes of Indians, was Repealed, and that Money directed to be applied towards supporting the Troops which had been raised for the more immediate Defence of this Province. I am informed by the Agents, that no more than £229.10 has been yet drawn out of the £4000 which were by the Two abovementioned Acts appropriated towards Rewarding such as should Kill, or take any of our Indian Enemies Prisoners, so that there still remains unexpended the Sum of £3790.10. I must also take the Liberty to inform you, that the honourable Mr. Atkin, whom his Majesty has been graciously pleased by his Commission to appoint his sole Agent and Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Southern District of America, has signified to me, that it is contrary to the Treaties which have been heretofore made with the Cherokee Tribes, and which he is now about to renew with them in his Majesty's Name, and on Behalf of all his Majesty's Subjects, for them to demand or expect any certain Reward for Scalps. You will, I am persuaded, be convinced by the inclosed extract from his Letter, of the Impropriety of the several Colonies giving any fixed Rewards for Scalps: You will likewise see, that he has told the Indians, that they are not to expect any such Rewards; and as they have been assured, that all other Persons, beside himself, are by his Majesty strictly forbidden to concern themselves with them or their Affairs, I must desire you to make such Provision for the Support and Encouragement of the Cherokees that are now on our Frontiers, and for any other Parties that may come hither, out of the Money which has been heretofore appropriated for Scalps, as shall be judged necessary. Whatever Presents are given to them must be delivered to Mr. Atkin, or his Deputy, according to the Regulations that have been established in Virginia, where a large Sum of Money has been Granted for the Use of all our Indian Allies, and left intirely to the Management and Disposition of his Majesty's Agent; and if you are really so fond of having the Assistance of those Southern Indians, as you profess yourselves, I doubt not but you will readily come into the same Measures that the Virginians have done.

6th December, 1757.

Hor.^o Sharpe.

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Extract from Mr. [Edmund] Atkin's Letter

I find several of our Collonies are become fond of giving large rewards for Scalps. If those Rewards were confined to their own People it would be a very laudable thing inasmuch as it would be the means of Animating many poor white men who have been used to the woods to go in quest of the Enemy Indians and it would afford that support to some of them in particular who have been driven from their own Habitations in the Back Settlements by the war which they