

I may please to draw in our proceedings that the
 Arguments seem to be directed on the destroying ~~some~~
 of your neighbouring Indians, unless they make some
 Satisfaction, which Indians we understand from ~~them~~
 ancient Friendship with you but as we cannot learn the
 names of the ~~several~~ Nations of Indians it belongs to
 I am not able to give you a more particular Account
 thereof

But this I have observed that these Indians have
 been securing their place with all the Indians to the Westward
 and Northward their alliance with all the neighbouring
 Indians the better to enable them to compass their designs
 Against that ~~several~~ Nation, the Cause of their Presentment
 somewhat we can gather by the Imperfect Translation of
 their Interpreters, that some time since a parcel of their
 Indians were sent to that Nation with Belts of Beake in
 token of peace and were civilly received at their Town but
 After their departure were pursued by them into the Woods
 and five of them killed and also that a second time they
 sent six others with Belts of Beake which never returned
 and therefore conclude were murdered likewise

We apprehend that these Indians are prepared to
 Receive Impressions according to the treatment they find
 with you in Virginia either for War or peace but seem resolved
 to try the softest measures first and seem disposed to accept of
 a flourishing Satisfaction for the Injuries they have received
 the temper of them I think proper to turn to your Honour
 and shall be proud if it may be of any Service in your treaty
 with them

I do not at all doubt of your Caution and prudent
 Management at this juncture but am advised by my Council