

of Our Towns, and that they are well assured that there is not One Indian of  
 either Sex or Size in Dochester County: I am also informed by some of  
 the Inhabitants of Broad Creek, that the Broad Creek Indians have all  
 left that Town, and that all the aforesaid Indians are drawn together at  
 Pocomoke Swamp at a Place called Winnawocum under a Pretence  
 of Hunting, which I think seems to be a slender Excuse, and ought not  
 to be credited, for if they only intended to hunt, they would not carry with  
 them all the Old Men Women and Children that could not be of any service  
 to them in hunting, but would have left them at the Towns to take  
 care of their Corn fields &c, they have carried away all their Goods from  
 the aforesaid Towns, and all their Corn destroyed, which they would have taken  
 care to preserve, had they designed to have lived in the same peaceable  
 Manner as heretofore they did live; The above Facts I do certainly believe  
 to be true, as that I am now living, and whether on the whole they  
 look like a Design of War or Peace I refer to your better Judgment,  
 and only beg Leave, to say that I am of Opinion, that We ought immedi-  
 ately to use a necessary Caution to be in Readiness for Defence, and  
 not too great a Thought of Security is the direct Way to expose a  
 People or Nation to the greatest Danger and make them an easy  
 Prey to their Enemies which concludes me.

Sir your humble servant

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Their being so very conformable in applying for a  
 Protection to hunt in the Neighbourhood gives Room for some  
 Suspicion, for it's observable in all Parts where they have had  
 Wars, that when the Indians appear to be the most conformable  
 to Laws and Customs, and appear more friendly than common  
 they intend the greatest Mischief, however as You are capable of  
 making as good a Judgment of the Affair as any Man can advise