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Upon taking into his Consideration the very great importance of the numerous Nations
of Indians in Alliance with his Majesty's Southern Colonies. The advantages that will
accrue to the English in general from their Friendship and the Particular Necessity that
is at this time to enter into a solemn Treaty with them in order not only to secure them to
the British Interest, so far as to prevent them from joining in the Designs of the French
but to engage them to assist his Majesty's Subjects in defending their Frontiers and
annoying their Enemies

It is Proposed.

- 1st That a Treaty be hold with the several Tribes of Indians in Alliance with his Majesty's
Southern Colonies at such time and Place as shall be agreed on between the Governments
of North & South Carolina and Ratified by them to the General and to the other Western
Colonies as far North as Pennsylvania
- 2^d That one or more Commissioners should be appointed by each of the Western Provinces
from South Carolina to Pennsylvania both Inclusive to carry on that Treaty in behalf of his
Majesty & of those Colonies, to be particularly instructed by their respective Governments for that purpose
- 3^d That such Instructions be without Delay transmitted to the General and that he or the Commander
in Chief of the Kings Forces for the Time being give such further Instructions to the Commissioners
collective or Separately as he shall think necessary for his Majesty's Service
- 4th That the Governments of Virginia and the two Carolinas as soon as possible Dispatch
the Messengers to those Southern Tribes inviting them to a general Treaty in his Majesty's
Name and in the Names of all the said Western Provinces and that the time and Place agreed
on for such Treaty be particularly mentioned in such invitation
- 5th That at such appointed Place Provision be made for the Reception & Entertainment of
the Indians that may attend the Treaty by the Province wherein such Place is, to be
afterwards Reimbursed in Proportion by the other Colonies
- 6th That Money be Provided by the said Western Provinces for defraying the Expence
of the Treaty and for providing a proper assortment of Goods to be given in Presents to
the Indians that shall attend, and sent into their Countries to be distributed among
those that cannot Personally assist at the Treaty
- 7th That the Commissioners be instructed to engage those Tribes to assist the English
in the present Dispute and to take up the Hatchet against the French & their Indian
and that they be enabled to Promise English Pay & Provisions, Arms Ammunition and
Indian Cloaths to such of their Warriors as shall join his Majesty's Forces or the
Troops in the Service of any of the Western Provinces and also to such of them as shall
incline to Attack the French upon the Ohio, or any of the Indians in their Alliance
to Promise them certain Rewards for every Prisoner or Scalp they shall bring in
- 8th To appoint certain Places to which such Scalps or Prisoners shall be brought
- 9th That proper Persons be appointed by the Commissioners to Return with the Indians
from the Treaty into their own Country if necessary to Conduct the Warriors to such
Places as shall be appointed for their Rendezvous where Stores of Provisions and
& Ammunition should be Provided for their use