

To His Excellency Thomas Mifflin Esq. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Maryland

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As agreeable to the Instructions which we had the Honour to receive from your Excellency the 17th Instant, we proceeded the same Day towards Fort Frederick, and reached that Place on the nineteenth in the Afternoon, we were met about nine Miles beyond Longchough by a Party of the Cherokee Indians who escorted us to the Fort and when we came near the Gate drew up in a Rank and saluted us, Mahachey their Chief then invited us to unsack a Pipe with him, and some of the Warriors that were in greatest Esteem, on our accepting his Invitation he made us welcome, and expressed great Satisfaction at our Arrival, he afterwards enquired how long we had been on the Road, and what the Distance was between Fort Frederick and the Place where the Governor resided, when we informed them that we had performed the Journey in three Days they seemed to be surprized that they had not received an Answer to their Message sooner, and observed that many Days had elapsed since your Excellency must have received it, we told them that when they sent their Message you happened to be far from home and that you had been obliged after your Return home to send to distant Parts of the Province for a Quantity of Goods to make them a present of, by Reason that a proper Assortment was not to be had in Annapolis nor in any one Part of the Province with this Answer they seemed to be well satisfied and only asked whether the Goods were yet collected and brought up, we told them they may be expected in a Day or two, and that wherever they came we should immediately advise them thereof, the Chief afterwards asked some Questions about the Treaty which he said he had heard the Governor of Pennsylvania was then holding with the Shawanese and Delawares at Lancaster, and expressed a good Deal of Surprize at the Pennsylvaniaians treating as Friends and making Presents to a People with whom they were at open War, by whom they had been so cruelly used, and against whom the English had been and were still collecting their (the Cherokees) Assistance, finding that what had been dropt about that Treaty had made an ill Impression on their Minds, we intimated that the Affair had been misrepresented to them so that some but some of their Nations, and of certain Tribes of the Shawanese and Delawares who were in Amity with the English, and who disapproved of the others Conduct were come to the Treaty of which they had heard, The Chief was after ordered some of their young Men to bring down the two Indian Prisoners which they had taken, and by way of Compliment obliged them to parade before us, and to sing their Death Songs. The next Day we visited the Chief and the principal Warriors to dine with us, and after Dinner the Interpreter Captain Davis told them he understood that their Brother the Governor's Present would be up the next Morning, and that he had made a considerable Addition to it as a Reward for the Services they had done in destroying four and taking two of the Enemy Prisoners, but that it was expected that they should deliver up the Prisoners and Scalps before they received the additional Present, such being the Custom here, and what was