

ourselves to Wabashoy the first saying that we were come thither by your Order: and that we were about to deliver your Excellency's Answer to their Message which our own Captain Davis would interpret to them and then we proceeded

Brother Wabashoy of Neamoy and Brethren of the Cherokee Nation

I have received the Message which you sent by Mr. Rofs to advise me of your being come to Fort Frederick for joyce at your Arrival and bid you welcome by this String of white Wampum. gave a String

I have heard of your Fame and your good Intentions towards us from your Brother of Virginia, and have for a long Time had a great Desire to see you but it happen that now you are come I am unable to meet you this I am sorry for but I hope you will excuse me since I have sent Mr. Wolderholme, and Mr. Ridout to communicate my Sentiments to you I have appointed them because I know that they have a particular Regard for you and because I am confident they will deliver my Words faithfully, they will in my Name and on Behalf of the People of Maryland make a League with you which I hope will last as long as the Sun and Moon shall endure to compare it I present you this Belt of Wampum. gave a Belt

Brother

When Mr. Rofs was with me I gave him Orders to supply you with such Provisions as you should stand in Need of, as a further Mark of my Friendship towards you, I have now sent you a Present, pointing to that of one hundred Pounds Value, was it in my Power I would send you a larger, but as it is not, I hope you will not consider the Value of the Present so much as the Inclination of him that sends it.

Brother

Now we have made a League and are bound to each other I will speak to you more freely on the Purpose for which you are come, you say that your good Brother the Governour of Virginia has signified to you that our Father King George desires you will join the English, and declare War against the French and their Indians who without any just Cause or Provocation have fallen upon our People and scattered their Bones over the Country you also tell me that upon our Father's Pleasure being made known to you, you have taken up the Hatchet against our Enemies, and that you will hold it fast, till you have used it against the French and the Indians in their Alliance, I am well pleased that you have already taken such a Resolution, I hope you will soon make our Enemies sensible of it, and that you will prosecute the War vigorously against them to make your Hatchet sharp, and to fasten it in your Hands, I present you with this String of black Wampum. gave a String.

You were told your way when you came to Fort Frederick that you were no longer in Virginia but in another Province this was true but I must observe to you that we were