

Conductors of this Party with his Opinion upon their Speeches & Treatment they are within  
 the Government of Virginia. By their Speech you will see that they threaten us with the  
 Consequences of their going Home defeated, and that they blame the Government of Virginia  
 with a great Deal of Truth, you will see that the Interposed Opinions should they go Home  
 defeated that in all Probability it would engage us in a War not only with their Nation  
 but from the great Influence they have over the other Southern Nations, especially the Creeks a  
 very numerous and warlike Nation, with all the others. I make no Doubt but upon your perusing  
 these Papers, and considering the dreadful Consequences that will attend a War with these  
 numerous Nations where but a handful of our Men to these have laid Waste whole Counties  
 one passing and carrying into Captivity some Thousands of the Inhabitants but you will be of  
 Opinion as well as myself that these should go Home well satisfied, more especially as they have  
 killed and captured a Number of the Enemy, and a Party of them are now remaining in the Frontiers  
 of this and your Provinces. It is my Opinion, and I recommend it strongly to you to contribute  
 towards a Present to be sent to Fort Loudoun in this Government, and I have ordered Gen. (Roger) Clegg  
 Sr. William Johnson's Deputy to proceed immediately to Philadelphia to see the Present got ready  
 and sent to Fort Loudoun with the greatest Dispatch that it may reach there in time, and whatever  
 Sum you give I recommend it to you to empower Mr. Coughran to be at Philadelphia providing  
 the Present to be given by this Government to purchase the Present that it may consist of well  
 sorted and proper Goods for this Purpose, and please to forward your Orders to him immediately  
 upon Receipt of this by Express, as Delays are dangerous. I am

To the honorable Nathaniel Sharpe Esq.  
 Governor of Maryland.

Sir  
 Your most Obedt. Servant.  
 John Stanwix

Fort Loudoun July 6. 1754

The Indians after agreeing to stay here some time and when the Words desired to know how  
 many Days they might expect a Present from these Governments as they had been deceived by the  
 Government of Virginia they were determined to be upon a certain footing they complained heavily  
 of the Treatment they had received in Virginia saying they were promised two Pieces of Stroud  
 for each Scalp, notwithstanding this they had not received one Stroud Matchcoat in all the  
 Presents given by that Government from Mr. Althins, and that they had been six Months out  
 from Home enduring their Loss in Behalf of their Brethren the English, and that they were  
 ashamed to go Home with such Presents as they had received, as their own People would laugh  
 at them, and they did not know should they set off in the Winter they were in whether the  
 evil Spirit might not tempt them to strike their Brethren in Revenge of the bad Treatment they  
 had received, and said, let our Brethren put their Goods out upon the Frontiers, and see if they  
 would defend them from their Enemy, but they add they would wait here some time, and scour  
 the Woods, and see how their Brethren in these Governments would treat them before they would  
 determine in what manner to act for the future.

A true Copy of the Indians Speech  
 Fort Loudoun