

for from the treatment they had been accustomed to by the French who found their interest in so doing, as it weakened our Interest with the Six Nations, and enabled them to carry on the War with vigour against the Cherokee, which at the same time that it gratified their inclination disabled them from affording us assistance.

The like Demand is made in Pennsylvania, and I cannot but think that some self-
-ish People may have set them upon making such a request to save their private in-
-terest at the expence of the Publick as otherwise I am of Opinion they would scarcely have
-made application for that purpose.

I am very sensible of the opposition with such a proposal must meet with from the
-House of Assembly, but hope they will allow Crispin for the Expences he may be at in complying
-to your directions, after which he can, and I suppose will have goods for them at his
-own Expence, in case he thinks it necessary and beneficial.

At the request of Lieutenant Governor Saugnier for that purpose to me, my Deputy
-Agent desired at a meeting lately held at Onondaga that the Indians would take the Old
-Back Path ingoing to War against the Southern Indians, which they Promised to take into
-Consideration But their passing by Fort Cumberland will be of no service to them as Sir
-Jeffrey Amherst does not chuse to allow the Indians supplies in these parts, I presume
-the Officer Commanding there is likewise restricted in the same manner

I cannot but observe to you that I am confident the showing the Indians ingoing
-some favor, and bestowing upon them as yet occasionally on them will greatly con-
-tribute to stifle many rising Jealousies and Suspensions now amongst them concerning
-us, and that our disapproving or discouraging their prosecuting the War against the
-Southern Indians however reasonable, would greatly inflame them at present, and give
-them reason to think we had formed some of those projects which the French reasonably
-told them we should not fail to put in practice on the reduction of Canada

Whatever Answer you shall think necessary to return the Indians, shall be Commu-
-nicated to them on being transmitted to me, and you may at all times command my
-Sentiments on matters relative to the good of the Province, or your own Satisfaction As
-I am with great Esteem

Sir
Your most Obedient & Affectionate Servant
Wm. Johnson

Sir

Annapolis 20th March 1763

Having lately received the Letter you were pleased to write to me
-the 4th of January in Answer to one I had taken the Liberty to trouble you with the
-25th of November last I now return you thanks for favouring me with your Opinion
-Concerning the application which those of the Six Nations who were at the Lancaster
-Treaty last Summer had thought fit by means of Governor Hamilton to make to me
-and at the same time I enclose the Answer which the Gentlemen of our