

Council advise me to give those Indians Message which I desire the favour of you to forward to them together with a Belt of Wampum if you think it expedient for me to send one, for as no Indian Trade hath been carried on from this Province for some time it would not be possible for me to purchase any Wampum here and indeed if I could and was to Inclose a Belt in my Letter I apprehend the postage of it would amount to more than a Belts Value, so I do not think our Assembly will ever be persuaded to cultivate the Indians Friendship by presents or consent to pay for any thing which Mr. Cressop might deliver their parties, packing or repacking except Provisions and Indeed I am not sure the Assembly will defray even that Expence I am in hopes the Indians will not be dissatisfied at my declining to comply in every respect with their Request; if you think it would be proper or necessary to give them a Reason for my declining to do so I should be much obliged to you if you will be so kind as to communicate it to them in the manner you think will be most satisfactory

I am &c.

Horatio Sharpe

Brethren of the Six Nations

The Governor of Pennsylvania having sent me a Belt which you gave him for the Governor of Maryland at the Treaty you held with him last Summer at Lancaster and having also signified to me that at the time you delivered such Belt you told him that One Daniel Cressop who lives on Potomack in this Province had sent you word by some of your Warriors last Spring that I would order him to keep a Store there he would provide every thing for the Warriors who shall pass and repass that way and that you desired he might be allowed to do so and to receive any Message and that your Warriors may pass and repass thro this Province without Molestation I have thereupon wrote to Mr. Cressop recommending it to him to supply any of your Warriors that may have occasion to pass or repass thro this Province and his House with such Provisions as they may want for which he will I expect be paid by you Brethren the Inhabitants of this Province and I also recommended it to him in case any of your People shall choose to trade with him to purchase and keep at his House such goods as he supposes they may want and be willing purchase. As the Inhabitants of this Province have always returned a true regard for the Brethren of the Six Nations tho by reason of our being at so great a Distance and almost surrounded by Virginia and Pennsylvania there has not been much intercourse between us and us you may be assured that your Warriors will not meet with any Molestation or Interruption as they pass or repass thro this Province while they themselves behave peaceably and as Brethren which I hope they will always do

Horatio Sharpe

I Amayolis in Maryland

26th March 1763