

Sir

7 June 1763

I am commanded to transmit to you the inclosed Copy of a Letter you sent the Governour this Day, which you are desired to communicate to the Inhabitants of your County that they may be upon their Guard, and you must caution them against molesting any Indians that may come into or approach your County unless they should be attacked by them.—

I am your Humble servant
John Ross

May it please your Excellency Old Town May 1763.

On Saturday the 18th instant a Party of between 70 and 80 of the Six Nation Indian Warriors, came here, with a pass from Capt. Curry and Col. Croghan, and a Letter from the latter, desiring me to give those Indians a Pass. After I had read the Letter and put it in my Pocket they asked me for some Powder, Lead, Knives, Halfsticks, Paint, and Tobacco. I told them I had none, at which they seemed to be very angry, and after discoursing among themselves in their own Language, they said Mr. Croghan had told them, that he had wrote to me, in that Letter, to give them the several things above mentioned. I answered I had no goods at all, they still doubting my telling them true, I sent for an Interpreter, (Mr. John Walker) to interpret the Letter to them. a Copy of which is inclosed. These Indians say that some time last Summer, at a Treaty with their Brother Onas (the Governour of Pennsylvania) at Philadelphia, they desired him to acquaint their Brother Schorghogan, (meaning your Excellency) that it was their request, you would order them to be furnished, as before mentioned, with Victuals and the goods mentioned above, and that their Brother Onas, and the great men, did then promise they would communicate this their request to your Excellency, which they find has not been complied with, therefore they desired me to write to you in their behalf, which at their request I did, and now inclose it, and they expect on their return something will be here for them, as they are vastly poor and naked,

I find by their discourse, that as I formerly when I kept Store here, before the War, used to give them a few necessaries as they passed and repassed, and not keeping any Store now nor giving them any thing now except Victuals, some evil minded Person has informed them that I was paid for every thing I gave them, therefore they expect as usual, as to any hope that I can have of the Assembly paying me for any thing I give them it is but small, when they have so often refused, If I cannot be paid here, I will apply at Home (as I intend there) where I doubt not I shall have Justice

P.S. This is the fourth Company since Christmas Last, that has

I am

Your Excellency's Most Obedient Servant
Thomas Cresap