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The enclosed is a Copy of a Message the Governor sent the Six Nations of Indians in March 1763 which in case the party of Indians at whose Instance you wrote to his Excellency the 17. Day of May last should call on you when they return from the Southward you are desired to deliver them that they may be able to judge of the Governors good Intentions towards them

To
Col^o Thomas Cresap,

I am your obed^t serv^t. John Ross.

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 Cresap who lives on Potomack in this Province had sent you word by some of your Warriors last Spring that if I would order him to keep a Store there he would provide every thing for the Warriors who should pass and repass that way and that you desired he might be allowed to do so and to receive any Messages and that your Warriors may pass and repass thro this Province without Molestation I have hereupon wrote to Mr. Cresap recommending it to him to supply any of your Warriors that may have occasions to pass or repass thro this Province and near his House with such provisions as they may want for which he will I expect be paid by your Brethren the Inhabitants of this Province and I have also recommended it to him in case any of your People shall choose to trade with him to procure and keep at his House such Goods as he supposes they may want and be willing to purchase, as the Inhabitants of this Province have always retained a true regard for their 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 you 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

Annapolis in Maryland
20th of March 1763.

Horatio Sharpe