

Mr. William Johnson for the final Settlement of this Boundary Line, in a Congress to be held with the Indians for that purpose, and that he should be enabled to make such Satisfaction to the said Indians, as the nature and extent of the Concessions on their part shall appear to require -

It would have been going beyond the bounds of the Subject, which occasions our troubling your Lordship with this Letter, to have entered into a minute Detail of what has been agreed upon with the Southern Indians, concerning a Boundary Line, But as the Line, settled with the Cherokees, falls in with a part of the Conohway River, Communicating with the Ohio, it does seem to Us, that it would be unadvisable that the Line, now proposed to be settled with the Six Nations and their Allies, should be extended lower down the Ohio than the Mouth of the said Conohway River, as the carrying it further might afford a pretence for Settlements in a County which, however claimed by the Six Nations as part of their Ancient Dominion, is in fact actually occupied by the Cherokees as their Hunting Grounds; and who would consequently consider such Settlements as a direct violation of what has been agreed upon by them -

We are &c.

Clare  
Joame. Tenyns  
Ed. Elliot  
Wm. Fitzherbert  
Tho. Robinson

At a Council held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday the 22. day  
of June in the eighteenth Year of His Lordships Dominion. Anno Domini 1760.  
Present

His Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor

The Honble Benedict Calvert John Ridout, Walter Dulany and John B. Bordley Esq.<sup>rs</sup>

His Excellency was pleased to lay before this Board the following Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough, together with a copy of a circular Letter from the Assembly of the Massachusetts Bay to the Speakers of the several Assemblies on the continent of America.

Whitehall April 21. 1760.

Original & Duplicate

I have His Majestys commands to transmit to You the Inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, addressed by Order of that House to the Speaker of the Assembly of each Colony upon the Continent of North America.

As His Majesty considers this Measure to be of a dangerous and seditious Tendency, calculated to inflame the Minds of his good Subjects in the Colonies, to promote an unwarrantable Combination, and to excite and encourage an open Opposition to and Denial of the Authority of Parliament, and to Subvert the true Principles of the Constitution; it is His Majestys Pleasure that you should immediately upon the Receipt hereof, exert your utmost influence to defeat this flagitious Attempt to disturb the Public Peace by prevailing on the Assembly of your Province to take no Notice of it, which will be treating it with the Contempt it deserves - The repeated Proofs which have been given by the Assembly of Maryland, of their Reverence and Respect for the Laws, and of their faithful Attachment to the Constitution, leave little Room in His Majestys Breast to doubt of their showing a proper Resentment of this unjustifiable attempt to revive those Distractions, which have operated so fatally to the Prejudice of this Kingdom and the Colonies, and accordingly His Majesty has the fullest Confidence in their Affections; but if notwithstanding these Expectations, and your most earnest Endeavours, there should appear in the Assembly of your Province a Disposition to receive or give any Countenance to this seditious Paper, it will be your Duty to prevent any proceeding upon it by an immediate Prorogation or Dissolution.

I am Sir with great Truth and Regard, Your most Obedient humble  
Servant.  
Hillsborough.