

I had before writ to Gov Dinwiddie on this Subject
 a few Days since had the Satisfaction to learn from
 him that the Cherokees seem well disposed towards us
 that 130 of them have already taken up the Hatchet
 ag^t the French & are gone with three or four Companies
 of the Virginia Rangers to attack one of the Shawnee
 Towns. Gov. Dinwiddie also tells me that two Gent^{rs}
 of his Council have been to the Catawba as well as
 the Cherokee Nation with a considerable Present &
 Instructions to enter into a formal Treaty of Peace
 with them in behalf of His Majesty & all these Colonies
 & to endeavour to prevail with them to promise particu-
 larly what Number of Warriors they will send to
 join the English Troops in the Spring; they have given
 their Word to furnish one Thousand but Gov. Dinwiddie
 does not inform me on what Conditions they may be
 expected. I shall acquaint the Gent^{rs} of our Assembly
 when they meet with the Steps the Govern^t of Virg^a
 has taken & what a fair prospect we have of securing
 the Friendship of those People & making them of vast
 Service to us if they will on their part contribute
 towards carrying the Plan that you have favoured us