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 Annapolis Jan^y the 24. 1756 e. J. Cha^s Hardy

Since my Return from N York I have had the
 satisfaction to receive a Lett^r from Gov^r Dinwiddie
 advising me that he has prevailed with 130 of the Chesokes
 to take up the Hatchet ag^t the French, that they
 are gone with some Companies from Virg^a to attack one
 of the Shawanese Towns. At a Treaty lately held
 with the Catawba Nation by two of the Council of
 Virg^a they expressed themselves exceedingly well dispos^d
 towards the English, & together with the Chesokes have
 engaged to send 1000 Warriors in the Spring to act
 in conjunction with any Troops that may be employ^d
 in this part of the Continent next Summer ag^t his Ma-
 jesty's Enemies. This I look on as a considerable Acquisi-
 tion, & hope the Alliance of these People will make
 our Affairs put on a different face next Summer if
 these Southern Colonies are not wanting to themselves
 & if some Succours are timely sent us from home
 I embrace this Opportunity of making my Acknowledgments
 for the Civilities I rec^d at your hands during my Stay
 at N York, & to desire my Compl^{ts} to Mr Barons &
 his Lady at the same time that I assure you
 that I am ever