

panying it with a Present. I presume you will think, that the least Thing we can do for them, during their Stay on our Frontiers, is to have them supplied with Victuals and such Necessaries as they may stand in Need of: And as Mr. *Ross* has already delivered Provisions to Sixty-two of these People, who are at Fort *Frederick*, in Confidence that such a Step would meet with our Approbation, I hope you will provide for his being paid for the same.

“ May 5, 1757.

HOR^o. SHARPE.”

And the following Letters or Messages, *viz.*

“ To the GOVERNOR of MARYLAND.

“ Fort Frederick, April 29, 1757.

“ BROTHER of MARYLAND,

THIS Day came into your Province, with a Company of our Nation, on our Way to War against the *French Shawanoe*, and all their *Indians*, hearing they had kill'd some of our Brothers, not knowing when we set off from *Winchester* but the Murder was committed in *Virginia*; but coming to this Fort, found we were in another Province; and on being informed by Capt. *Beall*, that our Brother, the Governor of this Province, had a real Love for our Nation, and that he had provided Cloaths for our Nation, tho' unacquainted with us, I have just now held a Council with my young Warriors, and has concluded to write to you, to acquaint you, our Brother, our Design of coming into this Country was hearing from our good Brother, the Governor of *Virginia*, that it was the Desire of our Father King *GEORGE*, that we would join the *English* in War against the *French* and their *Indians*. On hearing this News, we immediately took up the Hatchet against the *French* and their *Indians*, and hold it fast till we make use of it, which I expect will be in a few Days. We intend to set out immediately from this Fort, and immediately on our Return expect to meet you our Brother here, to make ourselves acquainted with you. If you can't come yourself, you will send one of your beloved Men with your Talk, which we will look upon as from your own Mouth. I hope you will let the Province of *Pennsylvania* know; that I am come this Length to War, and if they are in Need of our Assistance, I have Men plenty at home, and will not think it troublesome to come and fight for our Brothers. I set off from home with 150 Men, Part of which is gone to Fort *Cumberland*, 40 more by this is come to *Winchester*. Our People will be so frequent among you, that I wish you may not think us troublesome. Our Hearts ache to see our Brothers Bones scattered about the Country; but you will hear in a short Time we have got Satisfaction for our Brothers; and in Confirmation of what I have spoke, I have sent you these few white Beads to confirm my Regard to this Province: Likewise I have sent you these black Beads to convince you, that I have taken up the Hatchet against all the *English* Enemies. We intend to stay as long amongst our Brothers as there is Use of us. I hope our good Brother will not be backward in providing Necessaries for us. I have sent you a List of what is useful for us; and has got our good Friend Mr. *Ross* to carry this Letter to you, which we shall always acknowledge as a particular Friend to us. As we expect to see you soon, we will add no more at present; but remain

“ Your loving Brother,

his
“ WAHACHY [^] of KEEWAY.”
Mark.

RICHARD PEARIS.”

“ This is the Truth, taken from the Head Warrior.

“ To the CATAWBAS.

“ BROTHERS,

YESTERDAY I came to Fort *Frederick*, and this Morning I received an Account of your bad Success at War last Winter when you went out; you lost all your White Men, now I understand you have lost Seven more, which I look upon you ought not to rest long till you go again, and have Satisfaction. I am informed you are going home, but I desire, as you are like my own People, that you may not go home till we have Revenge for our Brothers the *English*. I expect in a few Days to overtake the Party of Enemy that has committed the Murders here: They kill'd 9 White Men since they kill'd the *Jacks*. The next News I expect to acquaint you with, that we have got Satisfaction for the Murders they have committed; and will join you, with the rest of my People, as soon as possible. I remain,

“ Your loving Brother,

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“ WAHACHY [^] of KEEWAY.”
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