

His Excellency communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message and Letter.

*Ge tlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

HAVING been informed that Deputies of the *Delawares, Munfies and Mohekins*, are now in *Philadelphiam*, and intend hither on the Business mentioned in the Copy of their Speech you have with this, and presuming that these Indians expect to be accommodated here with Necessaries, as well as to receive a Present, I must request that you will make such Provision for the Occasion, as may appear to be proper.

ROB. EDEN.

*Copy of a Speech sent from the Chiefs of the Delawares, Munfies and Mohekins, by a Deputation of the several Nations living on the Ohio, to the Governors of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.*

BRETHREN,

IN former Times our Forefathers and yours lived in great Friendship together, and often met to strengthen the Chain of their Friendship. As your People grew numerous, we made Room for them, and came over the great Mountains to *Ohio*; and some Time ago, when you was at War with the *French*, your Soldiers came into this Country, drove the *French* away and built Forts. Soon after, a Number of your People came over the great Mountains, and settled on our Lands; we complained of their Incroachments into our Country, and Brethren, you either could not, or would not remove them. As we did not choose to have any Disputes with our Brethren the *English*, we agreed to make a Line, and the Six Nations at Fort *Stanwix*, Three Years ago, sold the King all the Lands on the East Side of the *Ohio*, down to the *Cherokee* River, which Lands were the Property of our Confederacy, and gave a Deed to Sir *William Johnson*, as he desired. Since that Time, great Numbers more of your People have come over the great Mountains and settled throughout this Country; and we are sorry to tell you, that several Quarrels have happened between your People and ours, in which People have been killed on both Sides, and that we now see the Nations round us and your People ready to embroil in a Quarrel, which gives our Nations great Concern, as we on our Parts want to live in Friendship with you. As you have always told us you have Laws to govern your People by, (but we do not see that you have) therefore, Brethren, unless you can fall upon some Method of governing your People who live between the great Mountains and the *Ohio* River, and who are now very numerous, it will be out of the Indians Power to govern their young Men, for we assure you the black Clouds begin to gather fast in this Country, and if something is not soon done, those Clouds will deprive us of seeing the Sun: We desire you to give the greatest Attention to what we now tell you, as it comes from our Hearts, and a Desire we have to live in Peace and Friendship with our Brethren the *English*, and therefore it grieves us to see some of the Nations about us and your People ready to strike at each other. We find your People are very fond of our rich Land: We see them quarreling with each other every Day about Land, and burning one anothers Houses, so that we do not know how soon they may come over the River *Ohio* and drive us from our Villages, nor do we see you, Brethren, take any Care to stop them. It is now several Years since we have met together in Council, which all Nations are surpris'd and concern'd at. What is the Reason you kindled at the *Ohio* for us to meet you, which we did, and talked friendly together, that you have let the Fire go out for some Years past? This makes all Nations jealous about us, as we also frequently hear of our Brethren the *English* meeting with the *Cherokees* and with the Six Nations, to strengthen their Friendship, which gives us Cause to think you are forming some bad Designs against us who live between the *Ohio* and the *Lakes*. I have now told you every Thing that is in my Heart, and desire you will write what I have said, and send it to the great King.

KILL BUCK, Speaker.

A BELT.

Which were severally read.

Mr. *Grahame*, from the Conference, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Paper.

THE Stile of the Paper now delivered by the Conferrees of the Lower House, is so consistent with the Spirit of their other Proceedings, that we are not surpris'd at it, and most willingly consent an End may be put to an Intercourse so extremely disagreeable.

Which was read.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Anne Catharine Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer*, was read a Second Time and will pass.

*The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.*

W E D N E S D A Y, November 27th, 1771.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. *So. Wright*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. *Worthington* appeared in the House.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Anne Catharine Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer*, sent to the Upper House by Mr. *N. Thomas* and Mr. *Baxter*.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act relating to the Levy and Poor of Anne-Arundel County*, was read a Second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Worthington* and Mr. *Hammond*.

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