

Lib. C. B. was said by the Principal Indian Schaiohaday at parting with M^r Weiser, of All which he wrote an Account, which is copied & sent herewith I cannot but think the Person or Persons who go to Ohio, may do extraordinary service, if they are well supported by an Union of the Southern Provinces, since they will thereby be enabled to give a large Present, and to distribute it among the Indians according to their Numbers Dispositions and Influence, as the same shall appear to them upon the Spot.

It may be expected that the French will use their utmost Endeavours this Winter to corrupt the Indians, there is therefore a Necessity that this Present be made to them early in the Spring, And as the Time cannot be fixed, until I shall receive your Answer, I beg the favour of you to give this Affair, which is of so much Importance to the Peace & Safety of the Publick, all the Dispatch possible

I am
with perfect Esteem
Your Excellency most Obedient
His Excellency humble Servant
Samuel Ogle Esq^r Anthony Palmer Pres^t

Upon reading the foregoing Letter It is the humble Advice of this Board to his Excellency that he send the following in Answer thereto

Annapolis 8th March 1747

Sir

I have this Day laid your Letter of the 25th of Jan^{ry} with the other inclosed Papers before the Council, and find them unanimously inclined to do every thing in their Power to induce the Lower House of Assembly to make some acceptable Present to the Indians in Concert with your Province, and they expressed a particular Concern, that We had not an Opportunity of laying the said Papers before them the last Session, which p. 326 ended the 23^d of December, as they apprehend the Lower House might then have been more easily perswaded into a Thing of this Nature, than if we were to call an Assembly on purpose, which is always unpopular, as it brings a considerable Expence upon the People.

This being considered, It was the Unanimous Opinion of the Council, that the best Way to answer the Expectation of your Government would be to leave the Affair 'till the next Meeting of Our Assembly which is to be the tenth of May next, when I really flatter myself We shall do something on Our Parts to keep up that good Correspondence with the