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(C) At a second Meeting held with the Indians in the Council Chamber at the City of Annapolis on Thursday the 30th Day of March in the seventh Year of his Majesty's Dominion.

Among, Panini's 1758.

Present as before.

His Excellency is pleased to make the following Speech to the Indians.

Brother. In a Letter that I sent to Fort Frederick about three Months ago I told you that it had pleased our Father King George to appoint the honourable Mr. Athin to be his Chief Agent and Superintendant of Indian Affairs in the Southern District of America, and to be a Mouth as it were between you and your Brethren the English, that all the Requests which should be made to you hereforward were to pass thro' the Hands of Mr. Athin or his Deputy and that you were not to regard any thing but what they should say to you, or that should come to you under their Seal. I also told you that the Party of Cherokee which were then and are still at Fort Frederick, that the Governour were to attend to the Affairs of the white People only, and not to concern themselves with the Indians at all farther than to take care that they should be supplied with Provisions whenever they should come into either of the Provinces. This being the Case I cannot suppose you would have come hither if your Emperor Old Hop had not before you left Home directed you to go and see the Governour that had sent him a Petition, or that you would have come further down the Country than Fort Frederick, since that is the Place where Mr. Athin has ordered all Requests to be delivered that may be given to any of the Cherokee as shall at any Time come to assist their Brethren the Inhabitants of Maryland, however since you are come to this Place I heartily bid you welcome and I hope you are well pleased with the Reception you have met with.

Brother. My Ears were open when you told me that as you came from home to assist the English it was reasonable that you should be supplied with Cloaths, Hattes, and other Necessaries by your dear Brethren to whose Assistance you came since you could have supplied yourselves, and Families with them by hunting if you had not come from home, I agree that if you assist us you may reasonably expect some Reward, it is the Order of the King our Father that you should