

The Indians said that they the three Warriors had no inclination to go down
and see the Governor and that they would send one of the Indians along with
Mr. Smith to Winchester that he might get leave from Mr. Gist to go down with
them.

Officers present in the above Council.

Lieut. Capt. Alex. Bealle, Capt. Joshua Bealle, Capt. Francis Ware, Lieut. Stoddard,
Lieut. Henry Deather, Lieut. Max. Nab, Lieut. Somerville, Lieut. Beally, Ensign
Harrison, Lieut. Baker of the Virginia Regiment, Col. Deather, Captain Casson,
David Pope, and several others.

We affirm the above to be a true Copy of the Proceedings of said Council.

Thomas Bullitt. Chf. Gist. Deputy
Agent for Indian Affairs

Honourable Sir

Inclosed is a Copy of the Proceedings of a Congress held with some Cherokee
Warriors at Fort Frederick in Maryland by which Captain Davis is fortunately
detected in an Affair that had the Gentlemen succeeded in all Probability would
have been of ill Consequences, it is obvious his first Step is to inflame the Indians
against their Interpreters, and if he does but succeed in that, so as to get himself
employed in that Character, which must be the Case, provided his Insinuations once
gets Credit amongst the Indians for they'll not suffer any Person whom they imagine
to be a Liar in their Councils, and Davis is the only Man in these Parts that can
speak their Language, this would give the Gentlemen full scope to execute such
Schemes as he may have. His frequent Access to them, which from this Gentlemen's
Character it may be imagined to be such as will not be advantageous to his
Majesty's Service, and what is a convincing Reason for it, is the ill Consequences
attending the small Progress he hath already made in his Attempts. For lately
arrived the Round O Warrior of the Cherokee Nation (who is one of their first
Rank) after having recruited great Part of the Ohio, from against their
Settlements up to Fort du Querne, and lain out with his Party in that Country
since September last, come in with Advice that he imagined some Parties of
French and Indians was on their Way down to annoy our Settlements upon which
I ordered out Parties of the Indians that hath continued with us this Winter in
Order to discover the Motion of the Enemy if any; they not readily comply.