

I had the honor of submitting to your Lordships an Estimate of Presents which I judged to be annually sufficient for all occasions within this department the present circumstances seem to render them extremely necessary and our retaining the Surrounding Nations firm in our Interest will be the certain means of bringing the Creeks to reason or of enabling us to chastize them if necessary, and if his Majesty will be pleased to intrust me with proper powers to treat with the Nations within my Department and to regulate the disorders of the Traders by making them in some measure responsible for their behavior to the Commissioners residing in each Nation.

I shall exert all my Application Attention and Abilities to bring the affairs of my Department into some order which cannot be done while every Governor acts as if no other person had a concern in Indian Affairs and every Province makes Laws for regulating Indian Trade and Affairs without knowing or attending to the inconveniences which may result therefrom to the Interests of the whole and the management of Indians in general.

The distractions at this time occasioned by the Traders will appear to your Lordships by the Abstracts of Letters from the different commissioners which I have the honor of laying before you.

I also have the honor of laying before your Lordships Copy of a Talk from the Old Wolf King in the upper creek Nation in Answer to a joint Talk from the Governor of Georgia and me demanding satisfaction for three Whitemen killed by the Creeks in August last by which your Lordships will form an Idea of the Temper of that Nation.

Notwithstanding which Governor Grant writes me of the 3rd current that the Creek Indians often visit him and behave in a very friendly Manner and are upon the best Footing with the New Settlers.

By a list herewith it appears that there are thirty white Men in the small Nation of Chickasaws which consists of about 350 Men bearing arms sufficient to maintain three Traders such a number must necessarily create competition and jealousy which as well as the inconveniencies resulting from General Licenses granted by the Governor of this Province I had the honor of representing to your Lordships in my letter of the 24th August last to M^r Pownal relative to all which I hope for Instructions from his Majesty.

I have the honor of being with the utmost respect

My Lords &c
JOHN STUART

[N. C. LETTER BOOK S. P. G.]

Letter from Mr Reed to the Secretary

NEWBERN July 20th 1766

REV^d SIR,

I can now with pleasure inform you that our Schoolhouse is at length enclosed and that it is a large and decent Edifice for such a Young Country forty five feet in length and thirty in breadth and has already cost upwards of three hundred pounds this currency — The whole subscription is now entirely expended and I have preached and begged in his behalf, till the suppliant is entirely weary and charity cold — The floors are not laid, and the chimneys not built — I have therefore sent a Bill of Exchange for my last half years salary to New York to purchase Bricks for the Chimneys and intend at the next session of Assembly which will be held here in November next to recommend the undertaking from the pulpit and endeavor if possible to advance the subscription T^{would} give me great satisfaction to see a little flourishing academy in this place — I have this affair much at heart and the difficulties I have met with have given me much uneasiness — Mr Tomlinson received a small additional stipend last Easter Monday — The Vestry then agreed to pay him Twelve pounds per annum for attending the Church in Newbern at such times as I am obliged to be absent and attend the several Chapels — I have furnished him with Tillotsons Sermons and the congregation attends very regularly — He is about Thirty years old, wants to settle himself for life, and is very desirous to know whether he shall receive any encouragement from the Society.

M^r Morton arrived here about the 18th of last Month from the Northward and stayed with me to refresh himself a few days, then proceeded to Brunswick to wait upon the Governor and from thence intended to Mecklenburgh County. — But on his arrival at Brunswick, he was very creditably, and I believe, very truly informed, that the inhabitants of that County evaded the Vestry Act by electing the most rigid dissenters for Vestrymen who would not qualify; that the county abounded with Dissenters of various denominations and particularly with Covenanters Seceders Anabaptists and New Lights; that he would meet with a very cold, if any reception at all have few or no hearers and lead a very uneasy life — Such disagreeable relations quite discouraged Mr. Morton from pro-

ceeding any further — He therefore thought proper with the Governors consent to return and settle in Northampton County in the Northern part of this province where I flatter myself he will be kindly received, be of real service, and meet with the venerable society's approbation — I have visited Saint Johns Parish twice during these last six months and baptized in all fifty Children. —

Yours &c.

JAMES REED

Missionary.

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Letter from the Mayor and Gentlemen of Wilmington to Governor Tryon

May it Please your Excellency.

SIR,

It is with Extreme Concern we have observed in your Excellency's answer to the Address of the Corporation of Wilmington expressions which may be construed to charge that Borough with some marks of intentional disrespect towards your Excellency, a Conduct, which from the consciousness of our hearts we can with the greatest justice disclaim, and which from a Love of Order and a regard to Decency we should sincerely Condemn, not only as inconsistent with that dutifull affection towards his Majesty's Representative which we shall always endeavour to Cultivate, but with the gratefull return of Sentiments which your Personal merit justly claims.

If oppressed by the late Act some commotions of the Country seem'd to threaten a departure from Moderation, your Excellency, we hope will not impute these transactions to any other motive than a Conviction, that Moderation ceases to be a Virtue when the Liberty of British Subjects is in danger, but the greater that Danger was, the more reason we have to applaud the honor and justice of the British Parliament, whose prudent resolutions have relieved us from the Melancholy Dilemma to which we were almost reduced.

From His Majesty, whose heart ever rejoices in the happiness of his People, we most humbly and thankfully receive this mark of attention to the Distresses of his American Subjects, and shall always return his Royal Protection and regard with all the affection and obedience of the most loyal subjects of a free Kingdom, joined to

that filial Duty and Constitutional connection on which our future happiness and existence entirely depend.

Amidst the variety of disagreeable Events which the late commotions occasion'd, we have with great indignation observed in the Barbadoes Gazette of the 19th of April a paragraph as void of Decency as it is of Truth, well assured that your Excellency's Conduct has been always regulated by no other motive than a Generous Concern for the Public good, and that Duty which you, Sir, and we all owe to a Sovereign ever intent on the Welfare of his People, supported by an Ardent desire to promote the particular happiness of a Province committed to your charge.

We have the honor to be Sir, &c

MARMADUKE JONES

ALEXANDER DUNCAN

JOHN LYON

JOHN BURGWIN

MOSES JN^o DEROSSET

JOHN DUBOIS

THOMAS LOYD

WILLIAM PURVIANCE

FRED^a GREGG

W^m CAMPBELL

CORNELIUS HARNETT

GEORGE PARKER

JOHN ANCRAM

ANTHONY WARD

JAMES MORAN

HENRY TOOMER

RICHARD EAGLES

W^m WILKINSON

OBADIAH HOLT

BRUNSWICK Aug^t 2^d 1766.

GENTLEMEN,

As your letter of the 28th of last month has remov'd those aspersions I felt you had laid on my Character in your Address to me on the 26th of June, I am now willing to forget every Impropriety of Conduct, any of the Subscribers and the Town of Wilmington have shown personally towards me in the late Commotions.

I thank you Gentlemen for the Testimony you give me of your approbation of my general Conduct; but my Acknowledgements are more expresely due for the Justice you do me in such part of my Conduct, as has been traduced by the Barbadoes Gazette of the 19th of April last.

I am, Gentlemen &c

WILL^m TRYON

To Moses John DeRosset Esq^r Mayor And the Gentlemen of the Borough of Wilmington.