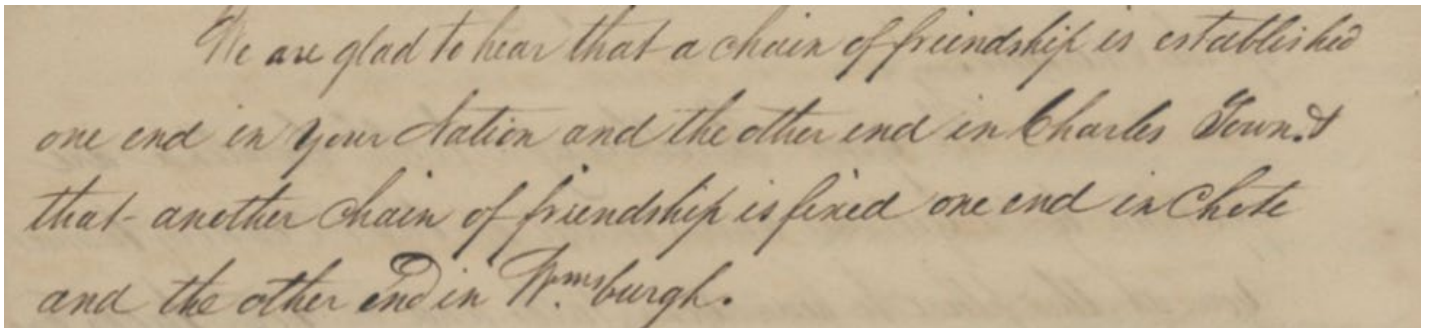
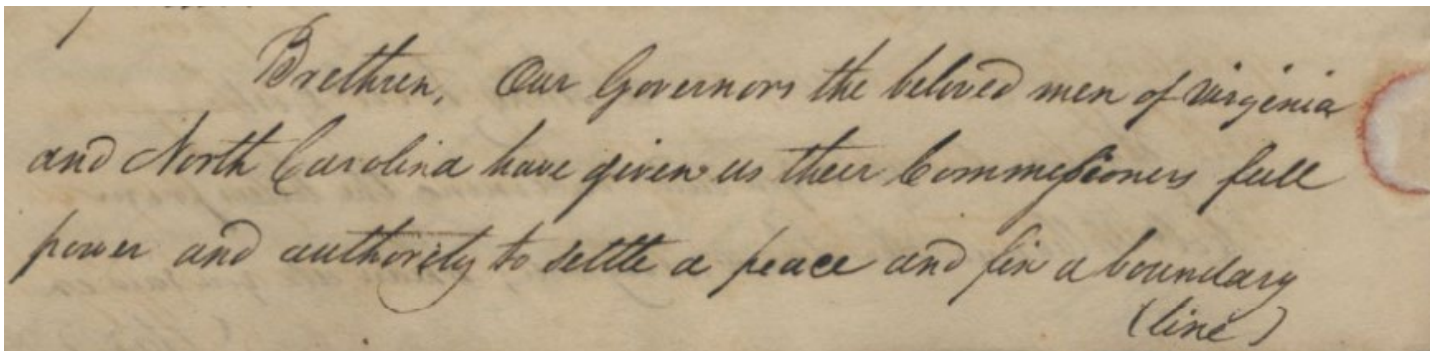


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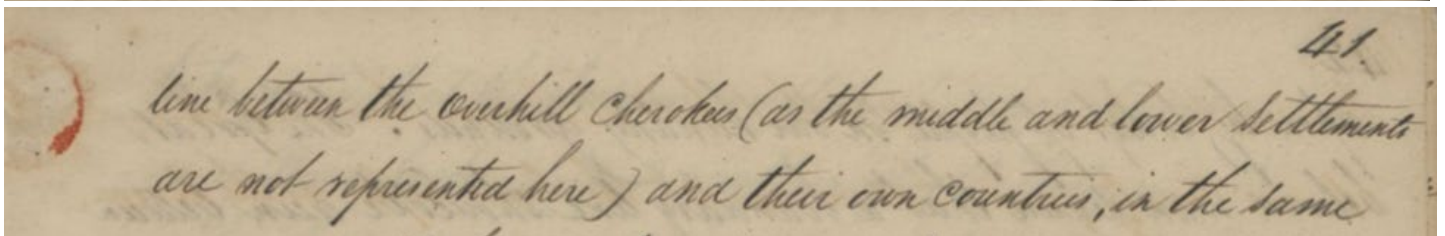


We are glad to hear that a chain of friendship is established  
one end in your Nation and the other end in Charles Town. &  
that another chain of friendship is fixed one end in Cheto  
and the other end in Wm<sup>burg</sup>.

Treaty, p. 28; RTS, p. 2: Avery



Brethren, Our Governors the beloved men of Virginia  
and North Carolina have given us their Commissioners full  
power and authority to settle a peace and fix a boundary  
(line)



41.  
line between the Overhill Cherokees (as the middle and lower settlements  
are not represented here) and their own countries, in the same

Treaty, pp. 40-41; RTS, p. 2: Col. Christian

Now the beloved men  
of North Carolina shall hear my reply to what they  
said to me last night. The talks you gave me came  
from the Governor to make a path from your country to  
mine and was very good till you came to talk of the  
boundary line. My beloved man and the beloved man of  
Virginia have taken hold of each other fast high up the arm.  
It may be the same by my brothers of North Carolina.  
But by their asking so much land it seems as if they want  
to see what we would say, that we might refuse something,  
and they might catch us in a trap for an excuse. I left

Treaty, p. 41; RTS, p. 2: Raven

the authority we have just mentioned; we only desire to take in on  
our side the line those who have actually settled on this River and  
planted corn last year; and go so low on the River as to take in these  
settlements and to run a straight line from the River to a point two or  
three miles below Cumberland gap, that our road to our settlements on  
the Kentucky (a country we long ago bought of the N. ward Indians)  
may be open and that our people may travel to and from that

Treaty, p. 47; RTS, p. 3: Col. Christian



I look upon it the line you ask  
is much too nigh to my Nation it takes in all your Settlers on  
Holachuckey River, which are themselves too nigh; but this shall  
not spoil our good talks, I want liberty to raise my children  
and have an open country. I speak freely because I have a  
right to speak in my own behalf. This line I cannot agree  
to, as it is too near my Nation; nearer I believe than you  
think for. for I look upon it you would not make an  
unreasonable demand. I am very thankful for the  
many good talks between us for the safety and security of  
my people: but did not expect you would talk of  
boundaries so near my Towns. It seems as if my elder

and they might catch us in a trap for an excuse. I left  
people both at home and in the Woods far beyond there, who  
are waiting and listening to hear what I do. As you are  
talking of much land I dont know how they would like  
that part of your proposal. As I said before the beloved  
men are here together. My beloved Man has been to see  
the Great beloved man of Virginia who I suppose wrote  
(to)

56.  
to your Great beloved man to send you here, and talk about  
making Peace. I want to know whether he wrote any thing to  
him to require so much land as you seem to do. I am talking to  
my Brothers so I call you all. as to land I did not expect  
any thing on that subject; but only concerning peace. The man  
above hath ordered it so that the white benches shall be set  
down for us, and I hope nothing will enter either of our hearts  
but good thoughts. I would leave it to the beloved man of  
Virginia to settle all things <sup>(about lands)</sup> between us. I am talking  
with my elder Brothers on a subject I cannot clearly com-  
prehend. I did not expect it would have been put to me at  
this time; for my elder Brothers have imposed much on  
me in the land way. if this and another house was packed  
full of goods they would not make satisfaction.

But I will leave the difference between us to the great  
Warrior of all America. It seems mysterious to me why  
you should ask so much land and so near ~~at~~ me. I am



you should ask so much land and so near ~~at~~ me. I am  
sensible that if we give up these lands they will bring  
you more a great deal than hundreds of pounds. It  
spoils our hunting ground; but always remains good to  
you to raise families and stock on, when the goods we  
receive of you are rotten and gone to nothing.

Your stocks are tame and marked; but we don't know  
ours they are wild. Hunting is our principle way of living.  
I hope you will consider this and pity me. Here is my old  
friend the Elk (meaning Col. Preston) and two particular  
from Virginia hearing the answer I make to my brothers  
of North Carolina. you require a thing I cannot do, for  
(which)

57.  
which never I return you the thing of Beads to consider  
upon again.

In my talks at Choke Town house there shall be  
nothing bad towards my elder Brothers. I will hold them  
fast and strong. I have been often told that my elder Brothers  
were naked and had nothing. I said if so I will be naked  
also. I looked for nothing but to raise my children in peace  
and safety. My former friend who is now my Brothers



may be more but will see at night. Now this is the last talk  
I have to give. We have been long here and some of my people are  
desirous to go to their cornfields which may be on sufferance  
for want of labour.

To morrow I am veray sensible some of them will set out. I  
want the talks over myself as soon as possible; but I know  
matters of great consequence cannot be hurried on. I hope  
the business will get so far done that I may go in three days.

But we will see one another often times at this place where  
the beloved fire is left

A string to Col. Gist

Treaty, p. 60; RTS, p. 4: Old Tassell

Beloved man and chief of the Cherokee Nation.  
Brothers the (North Carolina and Chota) have for some days  
past, been speaking the talks of peace. We have listened attentively  
to what you said, and hope we remember all. What you say about  
peace is very good and friendly.

Treaty, p. 70; RTS, p. 4: Avery



In your talks to us, day before yesterday, you seemed to doubt whether your Brothers of North Carolina, were sincerely willing to make peace with you. Brothers we were sorry to hear this. We appeal to the great being above who knows all our hearts. He knows all our hearts are sincere, and that we are willing to have peace with you, if you will make peace with us on just and ~~rea-~~ ~~sonable~~ honorable terms; a peace that will be lasting. We do not

desire to make a short Peace; but a firm and ever lasting peace. If you will not settle a boundary line with us the peace cannot be lasting; for we cannot tell our people how far to go, and this will make disputes between us hereafter. You propose to delay

Treaty, p. 72; RTS, p.4: Avery

hearts of man. Lastly to convince you that we are sincerely disposed for peace, & willing to be as easy with you as we possibly can, in justice to our own inhabitants; ~~what~~ we have  
(reconsidered)

reconsidered the matter of the boundary line; and now propose one which we understand will be more agreeable to your Warriors (viz) Beginning on the North bank of Hatter River, at

Treaty, pp. 74-75; RTS, p. 5: Avery



The beloved men of Carolina shall now hear  
what I have to say, now I will let you know what I have to  
say; And I hope you'll remember, That the Island you  
that nothing may be hid that has been done. You have asked me for  
the ground I walk upon; You have asked me for my land; the divi-  
I listened to your talks they went to my heart. The land I give up,  
will ever hold good; it will ever be as good as it is now; and when  
we are all dead and gone it will continue to produce. Therefore I  
expect when you come to run the line, that you will bring some  
acknowledgement. You have now come empty handed, with nothing  
to make us an acknowledgement for land, which will afford bread  
to those yet unborn, when goods will be rotten and gone. You come  
here from the Governor of North Carolina to talk peace talks  
I make a line; but you'll tell your beloved man of the Value of  
the land. Now I am done; I give up the land you asked; I  
shall say no more. If you ask for more, I will not give it. In  
confirmation I give you a string. A string.



Brother, We have now heard your talk about the Boundary  
line and want to understand it clearly. We would be glad that the  
and what we agree to no man will alter. Remember now that  
we don't promise, nor flatter you with the hopes of any reward  
but our friendship which we hope you will merit and thereby  
may be as lasting as your station. I therefore we hope you

Treaty, p. 77: RTS, p. 5: Sharp

The Raven replied sitting,  
I do not know how to  
answer. I am agreeable to the last talk. I hope the great  
(beloved)

78.  
beloved man of business will take pity on us and consider us  
for the land which I think he ought to do, but I do not demand  
it. But it was always a custom when lines were run to get  
something. I hope pity will be taken on me but the line shall be  
made firm and lasting as I give up the land.

Treaty, pp. 77-78; RTS, p. 5: Raven

Col. Christian Spoke as follows  
Friends and Brethren, Warriors and Chiefs.

Last Spring we  
your Brothers of Virginia met you at this place, and  
kindled the Council fire. We then smoked the pipe of  
Peace shook the hand of friendship and brightened the  
Great chain that linked our fathers together, which un-  
happily had contracted some rust. We opened the path  
from Chote to Williamsburgh, washed the Blood away that  
(darkened)



Our alliance has been made stronger by our Brethren of North Carolina who sit before this Council fire with us.

They have taken hold of the Great Chain to put it into the hands of their Governor at Newbern who we make no doubt will receive it with pleasure and hold it fast. We have buried the War hatchet and the black belts deep in the ground, and planted a tree over them. that they may forever be hid and forgotten by us; and in their place we have taken fast hold of the Great Chain and the White Belts which we will never more let loose, we have made a firm, lasting and as we believe an honorable Peace; and established a boundary between Your Country and ours, which we hope will last till time shall be no more. future generations will see it and enjoy the happy effects of it when all present shall be in the dust and forgotten.

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