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1760.

Force raised
against
them.

his Excellency, with great zeal and activity immediately embodied and marched with 800 militia and 300 regular troops, into the Cherokee country; providing in the mean time for the safety of Fort Loudon, by a reinforcement sent thither under the command of Captain Stuart.

Their
head-men
apply to
the go-
vernor.

Pacific pro-
posal,

This reinforcement marched through part of the Cherokee country, to the place of their destination; which, with Captain Stuart's further information of the preparations making at Charles-Town, to commence hostilities against them, so terrified the Indians, that many of their head-men, who were unwilling to break with the province, set out immediately for Charles-Town with a resolution to give the government all the satisfaction in their power, without having recourse to arms, for any mischief their unmanageable young men might have done, and to settle all differences amicably, or, to use their own phraseology, To brighten the chain of friendship, that began to rust, between them and the English their brethren.

Their poli-
tical state.

Our American correspondent, to whom we are indebted for this whole account, here remarks, That the Indian nation behind our settlements did never acknowledge themselves to be subjects of Great Britain; but only to be the friends and brethren of the English. And to illustrate this, he remarks, That it is certain they are not subject to our laws; That they have no magistrates

^a About the middle of October 1759.

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