

‘ your Ears open to every Thing that may happen to be
 ‘ done or said in which we may be concerned, and that
 ‘ you will give us early Notice thereof; and we, on
 ‘ our Parts, will not fail to do the same by you; in Com-
 ‘ firmation of which Promise we give you this Belt.
 ‘ [*Gives a Belt.*]

‘ We present you this String as a Token of brotherly
 ‘ Love to *Tocarrybagon* himself; we desire he will not
 ‘ look upon this as a mere Ceremony, but believe that
 ‘ it proceeds from the Bottom of our Hearts.’ [*Gives a
 Belt.*]

The late Defeat of our Forces on the *Ohio* was so far
 from discouraging the People of *Maryland*, that it rather
 animated them to exert themselves with the greater Vi-
 gour at this important Juncture; as we have Reason to
 believe from the following spirited Speech of his Excel-
 lency *Horatio Sharpe*, Esq; Governor of that Province,
 to both Houses of Assembly, *July 17, 1754.*

“ *Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.*

The Cheerfulness with which you have attended every
 Business relative to the common Interest of these his Ma-
 jesty’s Colonies, obviates every Doubt that I might en-
 tertain of any Exception being taken at my calling you
 together so soon. And I flatter myself, that the present
 dangerous Situation of Affairs will not only evince the
 Necessity of it, but engage you, without Hesitation,
 fully to comply with the Directions contained in the Earl
 of *Holderness’s* Letter.

The Designs of the *French* must now be evident to
 every one: They have openly, in Violation of all Trea-
 ties, invaded his Majesty’s Territories, and committed
 the most violent Acts of Hostility, by attacking and en-
 tirely defeating the *Virginia* Commander Col. *Washington*.

In this Emergency, the Hopes and Expectations of our
 Neighbours, whom in Duty, Honour, and Interest, we
 are engaged to support and defend, are fixed upon us for
 Assistance; and what must the World think of our Con-
 duct, or, what Calamities may we not expect, if, from
 an unseasonable Parsimony, we coldly look on while
 they are cut to Pieces? The boundless Ambition of the
 common Enemy, and the cruel Rage of their Savage Al-
 lies, now upon our Borders, flushed with Victory, re-
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