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appointed over them by our Kings; That they have no representatives in our assembly; That their own consent is necessary to engage them in war on our side; That they have the power of life and death, of peace and war in their own councils, without being accountable for their actions to any power on earth; That subjection is what they are unacquainted with in their own state; and, their chiefs being such only in virtue of their credit, and not of their power; that there is no such thing as coercive power amongst them. All which is necessary to be well considered, to account for many particulars in the following proceedings, and their conduct.

The governor met them, some days after their arrival, in the council chamber; and, among other things, told them "That he was well acquainted with their depredations or evil practices against the English. That he would soon be in their country, and would there let them know his demands, and the satisfaction he required; and if they should then refuse it, he would take it; That as they came down to treat with him as friends, he would not yet look upon them as enemies; that they should go home in safety, and not a hair of their heads be touched; but, as he had many warriors abroad, he could not answer for their safety, unless they marched with his army." Occonostota, the great warrior and chief of this party, began to make a reply; but the governor, resolved that nothing should prevent his expedition, suddenly

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