1. Speech of Congress to visiting Iroquois delegation, 1776

(June 11, 1776)

The present being provided for the Iroquois, they were called in and the speech agreed to, was delivered as follows:

Brothers, the King of Great Britain, hearing of the evil cause of some of his foolish and ignorant subjects, has sent us here to know the mind and wishes of the Iroquois nation. We hope the friendship that is between us and you will be firm and continue as long as the sun shines and the waters run, that we and you may be as one people, and have but one heart. And to one another, like brothers.

The present being delivered, the Iroquois adjourned to their usual camp.

2. Nathaniel Gist of Virginia Addresses the Cherokee Chiefs, 1777

(March 28, 1777)

You know all particularly the Dragging Canoe, that was advising last year before you went to War, was for your good, and we hope you will be in Peace. Your Friends here have spoke to the great Warpath of the Cherokees to give me and have seen you some of the Falls they say you will come by. I will come to see you in twenty days; I may know whether you are coming or not. We will give you all the advice we can, and hope to have a good time among you. We have a would call you to the Great Island, or the Middle Ground, and that you may know whether you are coming or not.

The Indians being delivered, the Cherokee chief gave a name to the president, the same being grand, the name of Kamaunaw, or the Great Tree. By which name he informed the president of their good will towards you.

We desire you to accept a few necessaries, which we present with, as tokens of our good will towards you.

Brothers, the Cherokee, Dragging Canoe, and old Tussel, advised you to be back before cold weather was done, and according to your desire, you have spoke to the great Warpath of the Cherokees to give me and have seen you some of the Falls they say you will come by. I will come to see you in twenty days; I may know whether you are coming or not. We will give you all the advice we can, and hope to have a good time among you. We have a would call you to the Great Island, or the Middle Ground, and that you may know whether you are coming or not.

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Brothers, you shall order all your warriors and young men to hunt on any of your kindred, and we hope you will not suffer any of your young men to join out enemies, or do anything to wrong us, that nothing happen to make any quarrel between us.