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Answer to Cochrane from
the Indian Chiefs.

~~The~~ Great and Illustrious Warrior

We have received the letter you sent us by Colonel Nicholls - You say well Great Chief that our Hearts are filled with the glorious love of liberty, and protected by our great and good Father we will live or die free of which we have given hard proof by choosing to abandon our Country rather than live in it's slaves. We thank you for the supplies you have sent and promise to send, we receive them with unbounded gratitude, but for them we should all have perished be pleased to send our love and duety to our great father King George he has shewn that he has not forgot his once happy Children and we bless the great Spirit for freeing him from his Enemies in Europe. —

Our long absence from him we liken to the longings of a Father for a lost Son our happiness like a Father that had found one.

Your sons who in you have sent to our aid we hail as Brothers on the Shores of the Seas but we Hope soon to embrace them in the land of our forefathers, our distress has been beyond the power of our tongues to tell you we were driven from our Homes and our Clothes and Household utensils taken from us from that time until we took your Son by the hand, famine, nakedness and their accompanying miseries Have been our lot — Our fathers were true Men to your father; they told us to be so also they are dead but their truth remains with us, and we implore our good father to continue his paternal assistance for we have fought and bled in his cause — Pray of him Great Chief to keep a fort on this Coast for the Spanish are weak frail friends, in our