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Hon.d Sir. 4

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I recd. your favour of the 9.th Inst. with the Message to the Counsellors at Cuchackunk which I kept a-part to them. They are always glad to hear from their Friends & Brethren at the forks & it gives them new encouragement to hold fast to friendship. I wish therefore that you & Col. Morgan might let them hear from you at this critical time as often as you can. On the 20.th this Month the half King of the Wiandots with 19 of his Men arrived at Cuchackunk where they had a great Council after they had delivered several Speeches the half King told the Delawares war Belt with the Tomahawk & told the Delawares that all the Nations on this Side & the other Side of the Lake had joined & taken hold of it, that the Delawares had not yet taken hold of it & delivered the Belt to them. after they had consulted about it they returned it back to the half King & told him that they would engage to nothing but sit still, & hold fast to Peace & friendship, that they had promised at a Treaty when Peace was concluded after last War that they would never fight no more against the white People as long as the Sun shineth & the Rivers run, & that they would keep, The half King not being pleased with this Answer, returned the War Belt & compelled the Delaw.s to take it who are yet firm in their Mind & hold fast, after the Wyandots were gone they gathered all their Men & Women & admonished them not to have any Thoughts of going to War nor to join any of the Warriors when they pass by. — We now inspect nothing else but after their Wiandots get home their Warriors will March into the Settlements every fast. — They desired then not to let their Warriors come by the Delaware Towns that they should march another Way, but they did not consent to it & said they will March by Cuchackunk, to a Spt, White Eyes will inform you of every Thing & that has passed & we Matters we no Doubt but you will encourage them to be strong & to hold fast for if they should give out we with our Indians we could not maintain ourselves here any longer. We think that an Army might soon come out this would in my