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Long Island Aug: 2^d 1781.

Sir

Necessary business calling me to the place
where the public Board in Virginia lately
met, prevented me from attending the Treaty
early part thereof.

Upon looking over the proceedings and
the conclusion made; altho. not altogether
conformable to my views; yet as there seems
to be a real pacific disposition taking place
I willingly join with the other Gentlemen
in the Report now to be transmitted to you
and the more especially, as another meeting
is agreed on in the winter, when
of Congress may be known; and in the
mean time, the Mountain-Militia obtain
such a respite, as will enable us to send
aid to the Armies under your Excellency
direction.

My Views were that a compensation
of

of Land, be ceded to the United States by the Indians, as an indemnification for their late hostile aggression, and for establishing a Fund for a Peace establishment; part of which might be laid out in erecting one or two Continental Garrison in the heart of their Country. To be established there are some disorderly persons on these Frontiers, and a great many among the Indians; whose propensity to irregularity and rapine, may at any time embroil the whole community in a War, which the terror of Military Trials and Executions might prevent. Besides the opening a friendly correspondence with the Spaniards by way of the Creek and Chickasaw, would tend much to a lasting conciliation, and be greatly beneficial to the Southern States.

I am Sir

your most Obed. humble Serv

Arthur Campbell

August

Mr. William Campbell

Aug. 2. 1781

His Excellency General Greene