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Friends and Brothers

This is a copy of your
Letter to your
Father

I still call you by those beloved names, altho' ^{have} the late conduct of some of your Countrymen, might perhaps, induced another kind of Greeting, who ^{un}mindful of the ancient Friendship betwixt the English and the Cherokees, forgetful of the Treaties that tie us together, & regardless of the True Interest of their Country, have behaved in so insolent a manner as to disturb our Tranquility and thereby to endanger your Safety, but whoever are Guilty of such Practices, need not flatter themselves to Escape with Impunity, for were it Possible for us to put up with their Insolencies and offences, you yourselves must see the necessity of Punishing them, but we are very far from any Intention of Giving over their Crimes, on the contrary we pursue upon Satisfaction, and we expect it, It was to obtain it in a Friendly & amicable manner that I sent Letters and Messengers to your Nation, that some of the most Guilty might be delivered up the Emperor and you the Kings & Chiefs sent me word that you thought my Letters reasonable and my Demands just, and you promised to comply with them, and bring down some of the Guilty, but instead of performing what you promised as I had Reason to Expect, you acquainted me that when you had prepared everything for your Journey, and were ready to set off a Savannah Indian brought news, that the upper Creeks had declared War against you, and that the English, the Creeks and y^e Catawbas were to fall on such as went down to Carolina, and having cut them off were then to Proceed through your Nation, destroying Man woman and Child, This story improbable as it is, you sate and kept you at home, how unhappy must you be if every idle lying report makes you alter your Resolutions, you are since convinced of the falsity of it, and no doubt I am I am sure who was then with you, that you were imposed upon, But you might have been

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