

to defend the walls and offend their enemies, for them to stand on and fight. Many nations of Indians inhabit down this river. Which they, the Cherokees are at war with. And to that end they keep 150 canoes under the command, in their force. The least of them will carry 20 men. There are made sharp at both ends like a (not clear) for swiftness. This port is 4 square, 300 paces over houses set in streets." And in his letter to Richard Abraham, Wood also referred to Cherokee the kind of treatment Needham and Arthur and even to adoration. Sharing this adoration was Needham's horse, the sole quine survivor of the expedition. A stake was set up in the middle of the town to fasten each horse to and the abundance of corn and all manner of (word not clear) of fish and bear oil for your horse to feed upon. And the scaffold was set up for four days for the two men that they the people might stand and gaze at them and not offend them by their throng. Having made friends with the Chief, Needham left Arthur at Echota to learn the Cherokee language during which post having to return the Cherokees over to the old capitol leaving trading post guns, axes, metal, tomahawks, colored beads, cloth, glass (word not clear) and incidentally, this is the first record of any trade goods coming into the Cherokee area." (Words irrelevant)

Needham was murdered by Indian John with whom he previously quarrelled. Indian witness to the murder were Needham's guides and several Cherokees from Echota who had accompanied Needham, presumably to find the trading region for their people. There grew some version of the murder according to who it was. Indian John, after quarrelling with Needham, picked up a gun with which he himself had carried to kill meat for them to eat; and shot Mr. Needham near the burr of the ear and killed him. Whereupon Indian John drew out his knife, stepped across the corpse of Mr. Needham, ripped