

open his body, and drew out his heart held in his hand, he turned and looked to the eastward toward the English plantations. And said, "Not at all, you English." Off hand, I'd say he was putting some kind of a curse on the English. Maybe we will hear about it in Cherokee literature. So I don't know. "Having done away with Needham, Indian John sent a message to the Chief of Echota by the Cherokee, that Arthur should be killed as well. But arriving at Echota, the Cherokees found the Chief away. So instead of delivering Indian John's message to the people, some of them were for killing Arthur and others against it. Presumably the Indians who had heeded Indian John's advice were the WeSarks, (?). The WeSarks (?) lived with the Cherokees. Finding out there were combustible stalks of cane and brush around them, preparatory to setting them on fire. Remember, this was a very common occurrence with all Indians. Also, amongst the Whites and Spanish imposition. But before your fire was put to you, the King came into town with a gun on his shoulder. And the King ran with great speed to the place and said, "Who is that who is going to put fire to the English men?" The WeSarks (?) boys started up with a fire brand and said, "Here am I," the King forthright cocked his gun and shot the WeSarks (?) dead and ran to Gabriel and with his knife cut the thongs that bound him. Anyway, Arthur remained with the Cherokee at Echota for almost a year. Disguised as a Cherokee, Arthur accompanied the Chief of Echota and warriors in war raids to Spanish settlements in Florida, and the Indian communities on the Atlantic seaboard and the Shawnee towns on the Ohio River. Sometimes in the 1674, the Shawnees wounded and then captured Arthur in their own country. Arthur's career as a Cherokee warrior ended roughly when the Shawnees' discovered that under his coating of clay and ashes he was a White Man. Following this discovery the Shawnees, for some unknown reason, did not kill Arthur but instead permitted him to return to Echota when his wound was healed."