

John Henry Eaton to Andrew Jackson

War Department
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Sir

The Choctaw treaty which is offered for consideration, proposes a repeal of former annuities, and to substitute new and enlarged ones. Those which now exist and are chargeable upon the United States, amount to 24,300\$, as will appear by the enclosed statement from the office of Indian Affairs. This Schedule will show the amount—the duration; and under treaties of what date, those annuities have been stipulated for.

The amended proposals offered by you, and which are intended to be submitted to the Senate, for their consideration, proposes, in reference to the permanent annuity of 6,000\$, to retain it for the present, but to determine it in 10 years. (Art. 21)

The reason for retaining this 6,000\$, of permanent annuity, for the time specified, to wit: 10 years, is, that a School in Kentucky, which is responsible to the War Department, was in the year 1826, established under the Superintendence and direction of the Revd. Thomas Henderson, and a board of Trustees. Considerable expense has been incurred, and now to arrest the operations of the School, would involve injury to this individual enterprise which was undertaken for the benefit of the Indians, and at their request. Besides, it is believed, that greater advantages will result to the Indians, by having the education of their Children attended to, in the States, than by placing the funds exclusively to be applied within the limits of their own Country. More enlarged means for securing and advance in mind, morals, and manners, will be afforded by the one mode, than by the other. Very Respectfully

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