

Browns Hotel

8. October 1829

Genl. Andrew Jackson

Sir

I have thought it my duty to mention to you by letter who those Gentlemen are that have written to me on the subject of the removal of the Choctaws. which letter I have had the honor this day to hand to you for inspection.

Rev. Alexander Sully is a Methodist Missionary sent by that Society from Mississippi to reform the Indians. he is a Gentleman of high standing in that Country. He resides with Col. Seflow and in his letter he speaks the views of that Chief. Seflow sees the fate of his Nation unless something is done for them and there is but few of us (General) who are willing to give up our own lives to save others. The Chiefs cannot prepare the Indians for a treaty this must be done by the Government through some person that the Indians are well acquainted with who has influence with them. This person

must go through the nation and call  
the indians in council, in the different  
Towns and reason with them, and  
be plain and positive. This power ~~must~~  
should be directly from you, which  
would authorize this council to assure  
them that his talk was the words of  
your lips. This would send the indians  
to their chiefs to know what should be done  
to save them. Then the chiefs could come  
out and tell them, they must go to  
the country they now cross west of  
the Mississippi or come under the  
laws of the State, and by those laws  
they can only be treated as free persons  
of colour, and on that point alone  
your council can fetch the <sup>wholly</sup> ~~the~~ nation  
to reflection. General I have contracted  
for the mail through the Choctaw  
Nation for a number of years, and  
believe I know what points, <sup>the indians</sup> should  
be taken on to effect a reformation  
in their present views, as respects their  
remaining in quietude where they now  
are. (General) I have received many acts  
of kindness and the strongest marks  
of friendship from a number of them  
and their chiefs are amongst that number  
which gives me a peculiar interest for  
their happiness and prosperity, which

I know <sup>it will be</sup> impossible to secure to them when  
they next reside. I am ~~at~~ your service at  
(General) at all times to give you my  
 humble aid in facilitating your views in  
promoting the happiness of our Common Country  
and the unfortunate Aborigines of America

I have the honor to be  
your obt. servt.

D. W. Haley

Dr. Mr. Reuben Harris who writes one of the  
letters is a brother in law to Col. Leflow  
and a man who has influence and  
standing in the nation.

Indian Office  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 1830.  
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David W. Haley,

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