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Sen you have kindly offered to be the
bearer of any communications to the
Indians amongst whom you will
pass on your return home. I place in
your hands, copies, of a talk made by me
last Spring, to the Creeks; I wish you to show
them to the chiefs of the Choctaws, as you
pass, and say to them, as for as this talk relates
to their situation with their white brothers,
and my wishes for them to remove beyond
the Mississippi; it contains my sentiments
towards the Choctaws, & the Red Indians,
and if they wish to be happy, and to live
in quiet, and preserve their nation,
they will take my advice, and remove
beyond the Mississippi.

Say to them as friends & brothers, to listen
to the voice of their father, and their
friends: where they now are they and my
white children are too near to each other,
to live in harmony and peace. Their
game is destroyed, & many of their people
will not work, & till the earth. Beyond
the great river Mississippi, where a part
of ~~your~~ ^{their} nation have gone, ~~you~~ ^{their} father
has provided a country, large enough,
for ~~you~~ ^{them} all, and he advises them to

remove to it. There, ^{their} ~~white~~ white brethren
will not trouble ~~you~~ ^{them}; they will have no
claim to the land, and ~~you~~ ^{they} can live upon
it, ~~you~~ ^{they} and all ~~your~~ ^{their} children, as long
as grass grows or ~~water runs~~ ^{water runs}, in peace and
plenty. It will be ~~your~~ ^{theirs} forever. From any

improvements in the country where they
now live, and for any stock which they
cannot take with them, their father
will stipulate, in a treaty to be holden
with them, to pay them a fair price.

Say to my red cherokee children, and my
chickasaw children, to listen. My white
children of Mississippi, have extended
their laws over their country, if they
remain where they now are they will
be subject to those laws. If they remove
across the Mississippi river ~~you~~ ^{they} will
be free from those laws ^{of the state}, and only
subject to their own laws, and be
under the ^{care} ~~of~~ ^{their} father the President
of the united states where they now
are, say to them, their father cannot
prevent them from being subject
to the laws of the state of Mississippi.
They are within its limits, and I pray
you to explain to them, that so far
from the united states having a right
to question the authority of any state, to
regulate its affairs within their own
limits, the general government will
be obliged to sustain the states in the

exercise of this right. say to the chiefs
and warriors that I am their friend,
that I wish to set as their friend but
they must, by removing from the limits
of the States of Mississippi, and Alabama,
and ^{by being} settled on the lands I offer them,
put it in my power to be such a
friend, beyond the limits of any State,
in possession of land of their own,
which they shall possess as long as
grass grows or water runs, I can, and
will, ^{protect them and} be their friends & father.

That the chiefs and warriors may
fully understand this talk, ^{if} you
will please go among ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{to} them
~~the~~ and fully explain it to them.

Tell them, it is from my own mouth
and that I never speak with a forked
tongue - Whenever they make up their
minds to exchange their lands where
they now are for land across the
river Mississippi, that I will direct
a treaty to be had with them, and
opure them, that every thing that is
liberal will be extended to them
in that treaty. Improvements will
be paid for, stock if left will be paid
for, and all who wish to remain as
citizens, shall have reservations laid
out for them to cover their improve-
ments; and every Justice due from
a father to his red children, will be

aworded to them & the chokisaws -
a game, I beg you to tell them
to listen - The plan ~~proposed~~ ^{proposed} ~~is~~ ^{is}
is the only one, by which they
can be perspicuted as notions
& that ^{where} ~~can~~ ^{be} excluded them, the
right of living under their own
laws.

I am very respectfully
your friend & the
friend of my choctaw
& chokisaw brethren

Andrew Jackson

Major David Haley.

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Major David Haley

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