

To Col,

Chakta Nation Nov. 7. 1829

William Wirt,

Friend, & Brother,

on the 17th day of Sept
last. You delivered unto us while we were assembled
in Council, a talk from the Secretary at war.
The Chakta people in answer ^{to} that communication
express their own views in a few words, we
are sorry to hear that the Secretary of War has the im-
pression, that the white men who reside among us,
pervert our minds so that we are unwilling to remove
toward the land of the West. And we are sorry to hear
that the President of the United States has heard reports
about us, which are false. but which he presumed
to be true. It never so, that reports are all ways true.
We will mention what we consider to be the truth.
None of the white men who are with us, have ~~any~~
the deriction of us: we are simply a nation of
red men. Therefore, were it our wish to remove
toward the land of the West, there is not a white
man among us, who could prevent us by his vic-
ious Councils. We know of no white man residing
in our Nation who has attempted to pervert our
minds, or leads us to reject the propositions
of the General Government. It is our establish^d
usage when we sit in Council to transact our own
National business, altho, we are an ignorant peo-
ple.

The Secretary of War says: "How can the Indians
expect to remain where they are, surrounded by white
people, and should the State of Mississippi extend
her laws over them". We know of no way in which
we can prevent it, and we say how can there be any
question or any doubt on this subject? It is our
own Country, it was the land of our forefathers &
as their children, we call it ours, and we reside on
it. And whenever ^{the} great white men have come to us

to us, and held treaties with us, they have ever said
"the ~~land~~ Country is yours." The treaties were written for
us, by the white men themselves, and we have, as a Nation
our own laws, and are governed by them, and now al-
~~ough~~ ^{ough} white men have surrounded us, and settled on
every side of us, here a lone can we reside, for it
was the land of our fathers, and is now ours as their
Children. - and has not the American Government
always sustained and protected us, agreeable to the
Solemn treaties, with this Nation? And should the peo-
ple of Mississippi wish to extend their laws over
us, and dispossess us, such measures would be attended
with misery and destruction to us. Will not the great
American people who are men of truth and love,
justice, still love us Chahita red men? Surely we think
they will love us. - and although there are new thoughts
about red people and a new language held ~~out~~
out to them we can not think that the American
Government will turn away from us, and not
even look on us. - We have no expectation that
if we should remove, to the west of Mississippi,
that any treaties would be made with us, that
could secure greater benefit to us, and our Chi-
ldren, than those which are all ready made, We
red people are of the opinion, that in a few
years, the Americans, will all so wish to possess
the land west of Mississippi, & that we remove
- we should again, soon be removed by white
men. We have no wish to sell our Country, and
remove to a land that is not fertile and good, ~~wherever~~
~~it~~ ^{whenever} it be situated. - It is not our wish that great
~~men~~ ^{men} ~~may~~ ^{come} man altho a friend, should visit
us to Council with us about selling our beloved
Country, and removing to another far off, we
we desire no such visit.

Speak to us, and tell us of another Country west of
the great River Mississippi, that is good, and where
we and our Children, may have a long and quiet
home and enjoy many blessings. In all this, you would
act a faithful officer under your Superior,
But here is our home; our dwelling places, our
fields, our Schools, and all our friends, and
under us are the dust and the bones of our forefathers
This land is dearer to us than any other, why talk
to us about removing? we all ways hear such
Council with deep grief in our hearts.

During your residence in our Nation, as U.S.
Agent, you have seen what improvement, we have
made, in those things which are for our good &
the good of our Children, and here it is in this very
land that we wish to reside, and make greater im-
provement, tell we be come a happy people.
our hearts cleave to our own Country, We have
no wish to sell this our beloved Country.

You will please to accept of my best wishes
for your health, and happiness. and for the peace
and prosperity of the United States, In behalf
of the Chakta people,

I have the honor to be, dear Sir,
Your most dutiful friend
And Brother

David Tolson
Chief of the
N.E. Dist of the
Chakta Nation

To Col
William Ward
U.S. States Agent

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