

Choptank Agency Aug. 7th 1830

Col^o Rile Johnson

Dear Sir

your favor of the 24th.

It is not this day. You did not say whether
Mr. Robt. and yourself had settled the matter
in which it seems, I shall have to be a party at
all events, nor have I heard one word from
Robt. — I have been from home 8 or 10
days since, I returned from the Old Trading
house, paying of two Districts Annuities
Mushulalubus & Nittechagels, at that place
I met Robt. Jones and had the subject of send-
ing of more boys to Ky. school, but failed
in doing any certain as I found it was
likely to be opposed by Holsons, Leflour, &
Geo. Harkins, In my absence Robt. Jones was
here and wrote me that the number could be
made up by the two In^d Cheeps if opposed
by the half breeds &c. I have thought it best
to defer the matter as they were in great confusion

and bitter animosity; with all parties about who should
be chief Folsom or Mushkatubbe; At the annuity
Leflow marched about Eight Hundred men armed
and equiped in Military style, against the two
chiefs and their friends, After being with the Ft.
and his party in camp sometimes Folsom
addressed a note to Mushkatubbe ordering him
to come out immediately and acknowledge
Leflow Chief of the nation or him Folsom
would advance upon him in 2 Hours.


Mushkatubbe returned in writing for answer
that he never would acknowledge either let
the consequences be what it might.

That evening the hostile party came
down to the House where we were and marched
up in platoons to the old Mingo who was in
the middle of the guard within six paces and
halted until all was formed, when the cowardly
commander was told they were without arms
but name the day & place and they should have
a fight to his satisfaction his reply was that
he did not want to fight only to restore peace
and that he had nothing against him the chief
Nittukagee &c. &c. so he went away with his

party and reported they made Mestral atubberum
which was fouler to my own knowledge, a greater
Tyrent and coward I never have seen than the
man Leflore, He has now found that the Ind-
-ians will not have him as King for life over
them and he wants an excuse not only for
his attempts upon their rights but is the first to
oppose any Treaty, Genl. Jackson has sent on
W. Donnelly to try and get them to meet the
Lef. of war at Franklin's Ind. and we are
doing our best, but Leflore will oppose
every thing unless he can get all his covarous
heart is set on. I have not time to give
you a full detail of the opposition to the
Treaty, the Missionaries, have come out pretty
fully in opposition to a Treaty.

Respectfully your friend

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