

William Ward to Richard Mentor Johnson

Choctaw Agency Augt. 7th 1830

Dear Sir

your favor of the 24th. Ulto is recd. this day. You did not say whether 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 Robert. I have been from home 8 or 10 days Since, I returned from the Old Trading house, paying of two Districts Annuities Mushulatubbee's & Nettiachagee's, at that place I met Robt. Jones and had the subject of sending of more Boys to Ky. school, but failed in doing any certain as I found it was likely to be apposed by Folsom, Lefloure & Geo. Harkins, In my absince Robt. Jones was here and wrote me that the number could be made up by the two Ind. chiefs if apposed 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 Mushulatubbee; At the annuity Lefloure marched about Eight Hundred men armed and equiped in Military style, agains the two Ind. chiefs and their friends, After being with F. and his party in camp some time Folsom addressed a note to Mushulatubbee ordering him to come out immediatly and acknowledge Leflour Chief of the nation or him Folsom chief of his district or if he did not Col Leflour would advance upon him in 2 Hours.

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

That evening the Hostile party came close to the House whare we were and marched up in platoons to the old Mingo who was in the middle of the yard within six paces and halted untill 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 agains him the chief Nittuckegeee &c. &c. So he went away with his party and reported they made Mushulatubbee run which was faulse to my own knowledge, a greater Tyrant and coward I never have seen then this man Lefloure, He has now found that the Indians 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 appose any Treaty, Genl. Jackson has sent on Mr. Donnelly to try and get them to meet the Secy. of war at Franklin Ten. and we are doing our best, but Lefloure will appose every thing unless he can get all his everisious 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 purty fully in opposition to a Treaty. Respectfully your friend

W Ward

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