

Washington City

Sir,

Having kindly offered to be the bearer
of any communications to the Indians the
country you will pass on your way
which I might think proper to make to the
take the liberty of placing in your hands
of a talk made by me, last spring, to the
which I wish you to shew to the Chiefs of the
Choctaws. as far as this talk relates to the
present situation and future prospects, it is
the best advice to both the Choctaws, or
Cheekasaws, whose happiness and peace
certainly be promoted by removing
the Mipipippi.

Say to them, as friends & Brothers, to listen to
the voice of their Father & friend. Where they now
are, they and my white children are too near
each other to live in harmony & peace. Their game
is destroyed, and many of their people will not
work & till the earth. Beyond the great
Mipipippi, where a part of their nation
has gone, their Father has provided a
large enough for them all, and he ad
them to go to it. There, their white

ble them, ~~and~~ will have no claim
on them, and they & their children can live upon
as long as grapes grow and water runs, in peace
and plenty. It shall be their ~~business~~ ^{business}. For the
improvements which they have made in the country
where they now live, and for the stock which they
do not take with them, their Father will
contribute, in a treaty to be held with them,
pay a fair price.

Say to my red Choctaw children, and to my
Chickasaw children, to listen. My white children
of Mississippi have extended their laws over their
country; and if they remain where they now are
they must be subject to those laws. If they will
move across the Mississippi, they will be free
from those laws, and subject only to their own,
the laws of their Father the President. Where
they now are, say to them, that their Father the
President cannot prevent the operation of the
laws of Mississippi. They are within the limits
of that state; 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 its
own limits, they will be obliged to sustain
the exercise of this right. Say to the chiefs
and warriors that I am their friend, that I

wish to act as their friends - but they must
by removing from the limits of Mississippi
and Alabama, and by being settled on the
lands I offer them, put, in my power to be
such.

That the Chiefs and warriors may fully
understand this tack, you will please
among them, and explain it; and tell
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it, and that I never speak with a
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work if left, will be paid for,
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to his red children, will
them.

if you, tell them to listen
and is the only one by which
perpetuated as a nation,

The only one by which they can expect to preserve
their own laws, and be benefited by the
care and humane attention of the United
States.

I am very respectfully
Y^r friend, & the friend of my
Choctaw & Chickasaw brethren

Andrew Jackson

Genl. H. H. H.

Major David H. H.
present