

Friend & Brother - ^{Coby} Washington April 6th 1850

Such are the honors and emporiums and ~~and~~ which impress my
time and attention, that it is not in my power to reply to your letter
fully as I otherwise would desire. I have told you my sentiments
as regards your removal beyond the Mississippi. In that, I have shown to
you candidly as a friend, one - who if he could, would not detain you
when was it, that I attempted to take advantage of my Indian friends,
Brother - In all the intercourse had with them, in peace and amidst
the horrors of war, my constant object has been, to speak to them as friends
and brothers. I never have deceived them, and never shall. Let me say
to you then - with that candor which always has been practiced,
that it is vain and idle for you to expect to live happily where you
are - How you not live it long enough and do you not perceive
that your nation is daily sinking. Growing fewer in numbers,
and becoming less powerful, look to all the tribes which have
dwelt in our country surrounded by their white brothers,
and you will perceive that their character and civilization
as a people, have wholly disappeared. From this
state I desire to save you - and believe it is only to be effected by a
consent on your part, to remove west of the Mississippi
where you can be happy - Then you will have a home, you and
your children for ever, free from the interruptions, interruptions
which now oppress you and which must continue to oppress
you, whilst you reside among your white brothers. Go then
to the west, where happiness and peace await you, there
the State Long Council molest or disturb you, the lands
granted will be yours and will belong to your children,
when you are no more, fertile & rich, they will yield an
ample subsistence, to those who shall choose to indulge
in agriculture, whilst such of your people as shall remain
on the shore, will find a region opening to and stretching
back on the mountains, where game is abundant and fine
It under all circumstances, the schooling, sensible of their true
interest, shall be desirous to remove and leave their homes
behind them. Every true man liberal will be gratified. The
people of the United States, want no advantage of their red
brothers. They will meet in council and deal with them on the
most liberal and enlarged terms. Their great aim now is
to make them a happy people, and induce a love that they may

that they may be instructed by a great & loving people. If then
your people shall consent to go, I shall not hesitate, to send a confidential
agent to ^{in person} ~~with~~ you fairly, or if proposed to receive a delegate
from here, to arrange and settle all differences. If they be agreed to
by the nation, and a delegation be sent, clothed with full power
to make a treaty on these points, all their expenses, in coming and
returning will be paid. Make all they know to your nation
known.

To Major John Fitchett.

Col John D. Fitchett
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I am confident the president will not accept the
terms borne by Haley, a large majority of the nation
is opposed to them, a better more humble, dignified and
the missionaries, whose agent, Haley being to be
I know nothing myself of Haley here at the city
and his many people, from his personal experience, every
one in our way as to the confidential agent -
I can tell you would be a man of and sure this if you
shown me, in your presence. Only
inquiry: if that can be done with
I shall be much to hear from you
P. D. Colbert understanding.

11/16th May. When I left home for the Chickasaw. I directed
this to be sent to the post office for them. It was neglected. I have
just returned. I give you Colbert's words. They nation Hodge and
wants the words of Congress. This is the end of the National Council.
If Congress wishes us from these Haley laws, we will not go. if we
get no relief, give us a country in which we can live & we will
go. and we will be moved to accept a part of the Chocoma country -
because we can do no better. If the Haley laws are not restrained (which
cannot be they will not be relaxed) Colbert will be with me, on his
way to the Chocoma, to move the negotiation for a part of their country
with, and I have promised to go with them. please let me know the
earliest information you get of this result in Congress, and even your
own mind would be impartial. which I will send to Colbert.