

David W. Haley to Andrew Jackson

Doaks Stand Mi
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Sir

I have not visited the choctaws in their own country as yet, owing to the health of my family I have ~~seen~~ *[writen]* several influential men from the nation, and received several letters from citizens of the nation on the subject of a Treaty and I cannot hear of a man that is willing to *[send]* a delegation to Tennessee. it would be imposible for a part of the nation to conclude a Treaty that would be satisfactory to all. if the Treaty is concluded in the nation every man, woman, & child can be present, that has a wish to be.

<B5>I have been invited to a large Council that is to meet at or near the Factory, on the Tombigbee in a few days and had not sickness in my family prevented me I should have been present. it is to be hoped they will settle their form of government shortly and adopt a constitution, by which they will be governed when they arrive at their new home on the Arkansaw & Red River. should they continue under several chiefs of equal power so *[long]* they will continue divided and in a few years would become separated into different bands. the government should act on this point with precaution. they may be forced to submission while east of the Miss, but when in the mountains and barrens of the west, it would in all probility cost money and the lives of valuable soldiers to keepe them at peace now is the proper time to get things settled in a friendly manner. There will be a form of a constitution submited to them shortly, perhaps on the 27th inst. as there is to be a Council at that time in the centre of the nation, which Council I will be at.

There is a wish that you should send your commissioners as soon as posible. a supply of provisions may be furnished in a few days at the centre of the nation say at Wilsons stand on the Robinson Road, and if you cannot finde a more proper hand to under take to furnish supplies I will do it.

dont give your self any uneasiness about the disputes between the parties in the nation, as they will come to a good understanding I hope in a short time, if let alone and not be encouraged by persons who are not their real friends[.] I have the honor to be your obt. svt.

D. W. Haley

[Endorsed by Andrew Jackson:] Major Haley of 13th. July 1830—

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