

Hermitage Davidson 11th August 1830
Wednesday



Sir
Last evening I recd your letter from Columbia.
In answer I have to request that you will re-
main & attend the council on the 10th, and
 exert yourself to induce the Chactaws to meet
the President, and arrange upon some plan for
their departure west of the Mississippi. Their in-
terest, happiness, peace and prospects depends
upon their ~~choice~~ course. A great deal has been
said and explained to them on this subject, and
I forbear to say more.

To enable them to remove, & comfortably to
arrange themselves at their new homes, Congress
has done much in the liberal appropriations
they have made. It was a measure the President
sought to effect, because he was satisfied that
the Indians could not possibly dwell under
the laws of the state. If now they shall re-
fuse to accept the liberal terms which are
offered, they only, must be liable for whatever
troubles and difficulties may arise. The President
will put ^{it} ~~conscience~~ ^{conscious} that he has done, all he could
for his red children; and if any failure of his
good intentions arises, it will be attributable
to their want of duty to themselves, not to him.

The President requests that you will remain & attend the council & explain fully every thing as you have been instructed. He wishes nothing of concealment to be practiced, but a full and fair explanation of every thing to be made. Those people sent a treaty to Washington: the senate refused it, & rightfully; for they asked too much. The President - is now near them agreeably to their wishes as expressed through their agent Mgr. Haley, having previously sent word by the bearer of that treaty (Mgr. Haley) that ^{he} would be there, & confer with his Chactau children, if they would come. But it seems, they are not willing; what then is he to believe, but that their whole design in sending Mgr. Haley on to Washington, was but mere pretence, and a disposition on their part on their part to impose on their great father? It can be nothing else, and he can consider it in no other light - If they were sincere, they would not hesitate to meet him and arrange all difficulties -

Their great father is resolved, that if they now refuse, he will trouble them no more, but leave them to remove or not as they please, & when they please and at their own expense. If they believe they can live under the laws of Missipipi; he is perfectly willing

they should do so; but should they find they cannot, & become desirous to seek a new home let them understand, that they must seek it as they can, & in their own way; for no other application will be made to them for a treaty. If they will not listen and be advised, be all the consequences which may follow on themselves.

Soon as you shall ascertain that they are resolved to refuse the offers sent them; and to live under the laws of Mississippi; write me; for we are anxious to prepare for a return to Washington; & to have this business ended in some way.

To the Chactaws tell these things candidly and freely, for we have no desire but to tell them the naked truth - very respectfully
J. H. Eaton

P.S. We must leave here by the 10th of Sept.

W^m L^d Donnelly

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