

Nashville 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1830



Friend and brother

The President has sent Mag<sup>r</sup> Donnelly to see you, and this day has instructed me again to write to him, and direct him soon as possible to see the Chactaws and explain fully every thing to them. It is time this business was in some way concluded. The President having the great and numerous affairs of the country to attend to cannot give his consideration time after time to the affairs of his red children, especially when they show no disposition to receive and regard his advice. Before he left Washington the friend and agent of your people, mag<sup>r</sup> Halley suggested that the chiefs of the Chactaw would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by his visit to Tennessee to meet him and arrange all things as to a removal; but now that he has come, it appears they are indisposed to do so.

Have your people looked to all the consequences of a refusal? The laws of Mississippi are to constitute the rule of Indian action for the future, & your great father will not interfere to prevent this, because he has no right no authority to do so. What then? Can you live under these laws, and be governed by them? You all know that you cannot. In this situation, with the



sanction of Congress, your great father approaches  
and tells you, to go, for your peace and happiness  
depends upon it, That he will treat with you  
upon liberal terms, and giving you absolute title  
to a country, larger than the one you have,  
& of better soil, place you in a situation where  
being out of a state; and where no state will  
ever be formed, you will find happiness and be  
able to live under your own laws. The means are  
within his reach too of paying the expenses of  
the removal, & supporting your people for  
a year until their crops can be grown. And  
will you pass all these advantages by? Recollect  
that a little longer delay on your part may  
place it out of the power of the President  
to extend this kindness to you, and should this  
be the case, do not omit to bear in mind  
that the fault is all the Chactaws.

Justice and truth demands him to say  
and let it be explained to the nation, that  
he will no more trouble himself to render his  
Chactaw children happy on this subject.  
He has earnestly besought them to be so, &  
to remove, because, he foresaw that surrounded  
by the whites, & made subject to their laws



a miserable state of ~~things~~<sup>being</sup> was before them.  
If now they respect his offers, & refuse to act,  
he will interfere no more, but leave them to  
remain where they are; & when they shall find  
they cannot do so in peace, they must go, as  
they can, & at their own expense to their new  
homes. He will feel it to be his duty at the  
next Congress to say, that he has persuaded  
his Indian friends to remove and be happy;  
but they will not; & to recommend all  
ways that are of proportion  
to ~~the~~ ~~mark~~ ~~down~~, & they left to find  
their new homes & they can. Say  
these things to them, that they  
may understand, that what their  
salvation is —

respectfully

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