

Hon^{ble} John H. Eaton

D^r Sir

I am your favourer and agreeably to

your request - Communicated the wishes of the President to the Chactaws - I endeavoured to cause a general meeting, but the Southern District did not attend at all - They are to have a meeting on the 16th to take the subject into consideration - The whole nation is in a state of confusion - and it is difficult to obtain any thing at present like the voice of the nation -

Major John Pitchlym has promised to forward the resolutions of the approaching meeting early as possible - From the conversations I have had with some of the Principle men, say Greenwood Sefton, David Hobson & Major Pitchlym, it would be the unanimous wish of the Chactaws to have Commissioners appointed and send on to them immediately to treat with them on their own Land - by this means entire & general satisfaction would be given - No doubt the object of government would be effected - You will perceive by the enclosed Letter the state of affairs at present - this is owing to no doubt, many misrepresentations - It would be most satisfactory that Gen. Coffee & yourself be the Agents, but in the event of your not being able to attend, to appoint Mr Geo. S. Paines, and to attend to the Duties immediately by coming forward: there appears no objection to a treaty, but the Indians are opposed to leave the nation - I expect to see you in a few days & will then communicate to you on the subject more explicitly -

There might be a very satisfactory change made

by the removal of Mr Mackey One of the present interpreters
the Indians have not confidence in him - and more
than that he refuses the duties imposed on him -
You will be surprised to hear that he refused
to come forward in the present case to interpret -
The appointment of Col David Folsome would have
a happy effect, in conjunction with the old faithful
Interpreter Maza Pitchlym - I am satisfactorily informed
that this change would tend greatly to harmonise
all parties - It is not my wish to implicate any
one particularly in thwarting the views of the Government
by holding out false & unfavourable impressions to
the Indians - this makes it the more essential for the
States to send on her Commissioners that they may see
& hear & discover the intrigue that I fear is working

Very Respectfully Yrs Otho Lott

Columbus Aug 14th 1830

John D. Orly

Indian Office
Nov 20 1830

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Aug 14 1830

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