

Fort Clin 26. Aug. 1830

Friends & Brothers
of the Choctaw Nation

The talk of the Chiefs, Captains, and warriors of the South Eastern, & Southern District, of the Choctaw Nation of Indians in full council assembled, has been presented to me by your trusty friend Major Dyerlym. I have listened to your complaint, feel for your ~~distress~~, & will immediately appoint trusty and faithful friends to you & me, to see, & to confer with you. If possible the Secretary of War, will come, to explain fully every thing for me, as if I myself was present. Your old & true friends Genl. In^t. Coffee, & his Excellency Genl. Wm. Carroll, in whom I have every confidence, will be present with you as Commissioners to speak my sentiments, & advise you to your true interests. Confide in them. They are charged to act justly towards you, & see, that no wrong is practised. They will be instructed to meet you the nation and make a treaty with you in Council, that those of the Choctaws who have a desire to remove, may have the means afforded to them of doing so. They may then settle upon lands, given to them by Govt, which shall be theirs, & their childrens forever

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I have directed my Commissioners to receive & acknowledge as Medal Chiefs, those who have been elected & acknowledged such, by the warriors within their respective districts. It is the right of a majority to rule; and those who are so appointed, ~~are~~ in reference to the rights of the people ^{are} to be respected

Friends & brothers

Hear well, & listen! The time appointed for my commissioners to meet you is the 15th of September, at Dancing Rabbit Creek, near to where the trace ~~crosses~~ it, leading from the agency, to the Caesars Towns, where from the talk sent ~~him~~, your Father expects you all, both Medal, & the other Chiefs to meet ~~him~~. There he hopes a treaty may be made, which shall make you happy, & settle you finally on land west of the Mississippi, that you shall belong to you ^{by} right always, & make you happy forever,

Brothers listen

You must now make ~~you~~ voluntary

choice: remove - seek a home beyond the Mississippi, or else remain, where you are, under the laws of the State, & as good people endeavor to conform to them. No other alternative is presented!

Andrew Jackson

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President U.S.
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