

Andrew Jackson to William Berkeley Lewis

Hermitage August 31rst. 1830.

Dear Major

On last Saturday I returned from Franklin where I had been detained for Eight days, awaiting the conclusion of the chikisaws on the subject of a negotiation proposed to them—on Saturday they gave a written address & reply, that they would Treat upon the Terms I had proposed to them thro' my commissioner. I have this moment recd. from Major Eaton & Genl Coffee a letter informing me that on this morning They ~~have~~ signed a Treaty & in all the year 1832 they will cross the Mississippi. Thus far we have succeeded against the most corrupt & secrete combination that ever did exist—and we have preserved my chikisaw friends & red brethern. Two thirds of the choctaws have requested me to send commissioners and they are prepared to treat & cross the Mississippi. I have directed The Sec. of War Genl Coffee, & have added Govr. Carroll, for certain reasons—to meet them on the 15th. proximo in the choctaw nation—where, notwithstanding, all the opposition, we will make a treaty with the choctaws. From their Chiefs & messengers sent to me; & the talk received & returned; I have no doubt of it myself. I therefore set out on thursday morning via virginia, & will reach the city at as early a day as I can—of this, advise Mr Van Buren, for really I am too much engaged with matters with the Indians, to write to Heads of Departments. I expect to reach the city *just as the official account from England gets there to open the West India trade by proclamation*. Should an express be sent to me on this subject, let it pass thro charlottsville va—and the main rout to abington. It is now eleven oclock P. M. and I must wish you good night—yr friend

Andrew Jackson

This not for publication—That the Treaty is signed may be given in the Tellegraph that it is a fair & just one

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