

(Original.) (Endorsed in Spanish) Little Tallasia 22 of Aug.^t 1785.

From the half-breed Indian D.ⁿ Alexander MacGuillivray,
replying to mine of the 15th of June, advising me that he
will take up his march for this Place on the 15th of the
coming Sept.

Little Tallassie 22^d August 1785

Sir

I have the honor of acknowledgēing^t the receipt of Your Excellencys most
esteem'd favor of 13.^t June. the letters enclosed for Governor O'Neil & Col.^o
Piernass. were deliver'd to the former the latter is at Orleans. Commanding in
absence of Governor Miro who is gone to the Natchez to regulate Some matters.
a great many troops having arrived. & gone up. that river.

The reports Your Excellency has heard concerning the americans. are not
founded in truth although they are proceeding in great numbers to the Mississ-
ippi. with an Intent to establish-themselves upon the Territory. as given them
by the treaty of Peace. between Brittain & the States of America. but as Yet
no hostilities have Commenced. between any forces on the river. -- Nor is there
any Post on the Cherokee river. tho a very proper place for one at the mouth of
it. where it Joins the Mississippi. The americans will certainly attempt to
establish a New State: in that Country. at the risque of a war. The Authority
of Congress is but weak even in the heart of the States. & those that are Set-
tled at the distance of five or Six hundred miles from the Seat of Government -
despise. its mandates. but before they attempt any great matters they will

do all they can to gain over the Indian Nations that lay in their way & are most able to obstruct their views in some measure. The gaining of these Creeks Nations over to them is more immediately an object of their Policy. & to effect which purpose they have held forth the most tempting baits to my people to induce them to meet the Commissioners of the States in Congress. twice in the course of this Summer. but being sensible of their insidious Views I have hitherto prevented the Indians from complying with their wishes. & which I have the more effectually been enabled to do from the Support I have met with from Your Excellency's permitting the House of Panton Lesslie & C^o. to supply the wants of the Indians from the Store at Apalachy & if the establishments that are made are kept up & well supported so as the Indians are certain of a permanent & well regulated support of the Goods that they have been accustomed to. it will remove from their minds the prejudices they have conceived in favor of other Nations. & attach themselves to that Government which supports them in a trade on liberal principles. there are no other modes can be adopted to conciliate their minds so effectually as that. they have very little consideration for any professions of Friendship that can be made to them without it.

I imagine that the Apalachy Store must now be nearly or quite drained of Goods. it will be therefore extremely necessary that there should be soon in Store there the usual Winter Supplies & that Mess^rs. Panton Lesslie & C^o. be enabled to effect the same without loss of time.

Perryman certainly meant no more in the Step he took than a Compliment for the many favors he had received. an Indian in the honesty of his heart seldom attends to & is ignorant of those nice distinctions practised by civilized people. but I can assure Your Excellency he has always been steady in such measures as has been recommended to him for the good of his Country & will adhere in the same Steps that the rest of the Chiefs his Countrymen shall pursue.---

It has long been a matter of great concern to me that the very fluctuating

Situation of Affairs has been Such that it has hitherto prevented my direct -
 Compliance with Your requisitions. but I Shall now prepare to do myself that
 pleasure. which I have long wish^d for. that of repairing to ^tSt. Augustine. to
 receive-in person Your Commands. & Shall Set out from this in the middle of
 next month. as the Season then will be favorable for travelling. in Florida
 From the Wisdom of the measures adopted & pursued by Your Excellency. with re-
 gard to Indian Affairs has been attended with the best Consequences. for the
 Interest of Your Government. & a Confidence that. the Court will enable You to
 Continue the same line of Conduct. ~~which~~ affords me the greatest encourage-
 ment to persevere in the arduous Task I have undertaken. to Conciliate the
 minds of the different Indian Nations. to his Majestys Interest on the most
 permanent basis.

that Your Excellency may enjoy Many Years of Health & happiness is the
 Sincere wishes of

Sir Your Excellencys

His Excellency Governor De Zespedes

Most Obedient Servant

Alex: M^cGillivray