

Council Grounds of the Cherokee Nation

Nedso Clay October 26<sup>th</sup> 1835

Sir,

The undersigned, the Principal Chief, the Assistant Principal Chief, the committee and council of the Cherokee Nation, trust you will appreciate the purity of their motive for thus addressing you. You are aware of the distressing situation in which our country stands. We are the entire possessors of the soil which we still retain but whose events, which we have had no share whatever in producing surround us with all the anxieties and privations of war, although in a perfect state of peace. Various attempts have been made to arrange our difficulties, and upon conditions which may satisfy the people. We have been misunderstood, we have been slandered. The General Government of the United States has been swayed by agents of its own who do not enter into the feelings of our Nation, and who adopt a course in reference to it which has made the Nation distrustful. The Cherokees will only put faith in those whose devotedness to them has been tried. They have appointed a Delegation to settle their difficulties. To accomplish this they have invested that Delegation with the fullest powers. If sources of irritation are now avoided, we doubt not all will be accomplished which could be desired ere the close of the present session of congress. <sup>feelings of the General Government</sup> should we not greatly misapprehend the <sub>consider</sub> these circumstances we have thought it due to ourselves, to you, to the United States, to the interest of hu-

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humanity, to make this representation, and to ask that you will submit it to the Legislature of which you are the head; and in submitting it, that you will intreat your Legislature what ~~ever~~ they may ~~do~~ have had the purpose of doing regarding those portions of our Nation which border on their possessions, to abstain at any rate untill this negotiation shall be completed, from passing any law, or sanctioning any proceedings, which may further burrap a ~~pe~~ people so deeply galled, that a renewal of irritating measures at a moment so critical, might entirely defeat the objects of those who have nothing at heart but the peace and happiness of their own countrymen and a permanent friendship with yours.

We have the honor to be

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Your Excellency's most O<sup>b</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

Geo<sup>l</sup> Ross Prin<sup>l</sup> Chief

George Laurey ap<sup>t</sup> Prin<sup>l</sup> Chief

To His Excellency  
The Governour of the State of  
Alabama.

Richard Taylor Pres<sup>t</sup>  
Committee,

James Daniel

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Hair Causad

Joe Baldridge

Lanus Hawtin  
Nahhoo, lah,  
Thos. Joresnar  
John Timson  
Joseph Vann  
Saml. Genter  
George Still  
George Hicks  
James D. Mafford  
Richard Hilds

Going snake Sp. et. Council

A. Campbell

Wark

Money cryer

Sleeping Rabbit

Young Glass

Choo-nah-gee

Soft shell turtle

Beem Stick

Walking Stick

John Watts

James Spears

Edmund Duncan

Jaguok

John R. Daniel

White path

James Foster

William Rogers CLK  
Committee

John Otter lifter

Charles

Choo-walookes

John wane

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Sweet water

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(signed) John Ross Prin. Chief  
George Lowrey ass. Prin.Chief  
Richard Taylor Prest.  
The Committee  
Janus Daniel  
Old Fields  
Hair Conrad  
Fox Baldrige

To His Excellency  
The Governor of the State of  
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Janus Hawkins  
Nohhoolah

Thos. Foreman  
John Tinson  
Joseph Vann  
Daniel Ganter  
George Still  
George Hicks  
James D. Wofford  
Richard Fields  
Going Snake Spr. Nl. Council  
A. Campbell  
Bark  
Money Cryer  
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