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Very curious old MS. furnished me by Mr Edward Hanrick of Montgomery — being Bills of Sale and other business papers made by the wealthy Creek Indians many years since —

Recd Hillabies 15 October 1795. from Robert Greenan
one Black Horse valued at Ten Pounds Sterling
in part of his Accd with Clark Elbert & Co

Wm Clark

Rept for our hem
in 1795

Upper Creek Indians

Creek Nation. To Robt Grierson Dr

To this amount of debts due him by them as taken from his books up to 31st May 1798

Indian Chalks 14112 or at 2/ Sterling

Ind^s Ch^s 14112 ad 2/ Ster^g ea

is Dollars 6272

Robert Grierson

Jan.y 3rd

Creek Nation of Indians — D.r

To Robert Grierson Trader

For Sundrie Trading goods Supplied them to the 31st of May 1798 — amounting to 14112 lbs. of drest deerskins, a 2 f. sterling ℔ lb. — — — — — is £1411 — 4th Ster.

Exchange a 4/6d — — — is Doll.rs 6272 —

Errors excepted

Robt. Grierson

Hillabee Creek Nation

May 22d. 1805 —

Creek Nation in
Ag. & Worth Rolls
Grason Fallin
Trader 1805

Acco.t Curr.t

Indians of the Creek Nation
With
Robert Grierson
I. Trader

Know all men by these Presents that I
Leo.d Marbury for and in Consideration
of the sum of two hundred & seventy five
Pounds Sterling have bargained Sold &
delivered unto Mr. Robert Grierson five
Negroes to Wit, Sharper, his wife Dick
& their three Children Molly, Jack &
Jim which said Negroes I do hereby
Warrant & defend to him his Heirs
and assigns for ever.

Leo.d Marbury

12th February 1791

Witness

Richd Burford

Bill of Sale of
Negroes in 1790

Received of Mr Robert Greenon the Sum of Two Hundred & Sixty four Spanish Mill Dollars in Cash, this Note bound, the 1st March next for Two Hundred & Eighty Six Dollars. Making in all Five Hundred & Fifty Dollars — being for a negro Man Name Tobie, his Daughter Named Nancy & her Child Named Belinda — which said Negro's I do hereby Warrant & defend from & against all Claims Whatsoever unto the said Robert Greenon, his Heirs & Assigns — In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set My Hand & Seal at the Hillabies — this 14th day of October 1795.

Wm Clark Adm. on the Estate of Thomas Scott Dec.

Witness
J. Higgins

Received this 17th day of October of Mr Robert Grierson the sum of two Hundred and Eighty Six Spanish Milled Dollars being the Amount of the within mentioned Note on Account of William Clark

Richard Thomas

£ 286.—

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Receipt for the full payment made by Robert Grierson for a Negro man named Tobee - a Girl named Nancy & another named Belinda.

Signed Wm. Clark Administrator on the estate of Thomas Holt deceased.

dated October 1795.

Nancy has seven children - Belinda has one child

Know all Men whom it may
Concern that I the said Wm Clark
have this day exchanged Six Negroes
with the Said Rob. Goverson for an
equal number. viz Bina with her
five children Abigal, Robin, Ame to
Tartar & Ben to hold for his behoof
for ever — and further I do give
unto the Said Robert Goverson
three Negroes viz Sambo, Maria
with their child Isaac for money
due him from Said Estate as Witness
my hand this 18 day of October 1795
Wm Clark

Bill of Sale of
Negro in 1775

Bill Sale
from Wm Clark
to
Robt. Grierson

Know all men by these presents that I Sandy Grierson native of the Creek nation do here by these presents bargaind Sell & Delivered unto my father Robt Grierson one Negroe woman named Nancy with her children Dan Moses & Dinah for and in Consideration of the Sum of eight hundred Dollars to me in hand paid the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledge & I the said Sandy Grierson Do further by these presents bound & oblige my Self my heirs Excrs & Admrs unto the said Robt Grierson his heirs and Excrs to have and to hold the said negroe woman with her Children afore said for his use & property forever Given under my hand and Seal this Sixteenth Day of March the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ten Hillabee upper Creek nation

Signed and Delivered in the presence of

Stephen hawkins

Sandy his X mark Grierson (Seal)

Bill Sale
Sandy Grierson
to Robt. Grierson

Bill of Sale
4th Regn in
1820

Know all men By these presents —

That I Richard Warthen Planter of the County of Wasington, And State of Georgia, for & in Consideration of the Sum of three hundred dollars to me in hand paid, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge — and do by these presents Bargain Sell, and Bind myself Bound to deliver unto Robert Grierson of the Hillabee upper Creek Nation one Negroe man named Cull — to have & to hold to him, his heirs — Ex^rs Adm^rs and Assigns for Ne[illegible] only proper use for ever, and I the said Richard Warthen, my heirs Ex^rs Adm^rs & Assigns, Bind and oblige to warrant & defend the said property, unto the said Robert Grierson, his heirs. Ex^rs Adm^rs & assigns — Given under my hand & Seal at Hillabee, upper Creek nation, this fourth day of Decr. One thousand seven hundred & ninty eight —

Richard Warthe

In Presence of

William Germany

David Hay

Bill of Sales
of Negro 1798

Upper Creek Nation ss

Know all men by these presents that I David Tait for and in Consideration of the sum of Eighty pound Sterling to me in hand paid by Mr. Robert Grierson the whereof I do hereby acknowledge have bargained sold and delivered and do hereby bargain sell and deliver unto the afore said Robert Grierson for his proper use a Mulleto man named Jemmy To have and to hold the said Mulleto man slave against me my heirs Executors and assigns and I do hereby warrant and defend the said bargained property against person or persons claiming the same In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 21st March 1780

Thos Scott witness

D. Tait

Bill of Sale of
Negroes in 1780

Mr. Danl. McGillivray

Bot. of Panton Leslie & Co.

1797 June 5	To 1 Bolt Osnaburgs qr. 143 yds.		Ps.	40 –
	½ Carrot Tobacco 4 dn. 4 bags Salt 4 dn.			4 . 4
	112 lb Sugar 28 dn. 33½ lb Coffee 16 . 6			44 . 6
	4 Gs. Taffia 4 dn. 2 Cypress kegs 1 . 4			5 4
	20 yds. White plains 12 . 4 5 Skans Osn & thread 10 dn.			13 . 6
	" The following given B Croop			
	2 bags Salt 2 dn. 6 lb Sugar 2 . 2	Ps. 4 . 2		
	1 lb Coffee 4 dn. 3 yds. White plains 1 . 7	2 . 3		
	13 Gs. Taffia 13 dn. 5 Kegs 3 . 6	16 . 6		
	2 yds. Osnaburgs 5 dn. & thread 2 dn.	7		24 2
	" Given an Indian P order			
	2 broadhoes 1 . 4 1 White Shirt 14 dn.	Ps. 3 . 2		
	3½ yds. Strouds 6 . 1 1 Check do. 10 dn.	7 . 3		
	1 Black Silk Handkf.	1 . 2		11 . 7
			Ps.	144 5

Errors Excepted

Pensacola June 6th 1797

for Panton Leslie & Co.

Jas. Innerarity

Mr. Daniel McGillivray

Pantoon Leslie Co
Jan 6th 1799

Articals of agreement made and Entered into this day between Genl William McIntosh Commissioner on the part of the Creek nation of the one part and William Walker Executor to the Estate of Robert Grierson Deceased of the other part - We Witnesseth that the property of said Estate be despose of in the following Manner } to it { Sunday Grierson to have for his part Jim Venus Kenty die Sharper Venus daughter of Betty ~~[illegible]~~ and Hector Being seven in number and Sally Hawkins to have Amata Hannah Isaac and Ben being four in number and Catherine Grierson to have Quabner and his wife Mandy Thomas Grierson to have Quash Betty his wife Aron and Ireland and a large Sorrell Horse and all the Cattle Belonging at present to the Estate - and to David Grierson Children Maryann and Scott and to Saml Hawkins a negro Boy will and to Genl William McIntosh Sutton and to William Walker Samuel Robbin Peener Morrys Samba Lunar being five in number as well as Isaac Deanah and there three Children to pay his debts as per Bill now present which five above named for William Walker is for the Grote beauble he has been at in the management of the Estate

and Elizebeth Grierson to have Abraham
Kinah Polley Liddy nero dick Bettyann
Linney Nelly Wilson Lucy and Billy
as well as all the formerly Utensils Books
bondy and every thing whatsoever heretofore
not named which properly she is to have
and to hold for ever at her pleasure but
it is understood that she may lone or bestow
to William Grierson the negro woman Lucy
and her son William at her pleasure —
and it is expressly ~~and distinctly~~ understood
that if the said William Walker Executor for
the above Astate should be sold or run to
Expense that the above mentioned Leagetees
shall bear in proportion to what the have
run a part of the Expense — and the a
bove Children of Robert Grierson do by
these presents relinquish all claims to
any more of the said Estate except
Elizebeth who is entitled to all the Ballance
if any there may be — and Walter
Grierson having sold one negro boy to the
Big Warrior and one to Samuel Hawkins Woman
Stephen and having yet one negro man
named Haaps which is ~~[illegible]~~ concedered to be
his part — and it is further agreed that
If any of the Children should make any

disturbance or Complaint about the property hereoffer the property allowed them is to be taken away from them and made publick for the notion - in testimony we hereunto set our hands and seals this 19th Day Augt 1823 William McIntosh (Seal)

Est Mad Wolf
Saml Hawkins

Wm Walker (Seal)

P.S the Corp. at the Hickory Ground is sold ~~for to pay~~ to William Walker - for two Hundred Dollars William McIntosh

Augt 19th 1823 Wm. Walker

I have had the above fully Explained to me and do hereby approve the same

Augt 24th 1823 Big his Warrior
BW
mark

Agreement between
Dr. McIntosh
Big Warrior
Willm Weeks
1823

Know All Men By these presents that I
Cornelius Sullivant of the province of West Florida
for & in consideration of the sum of Sixty pound
Sterling to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do
hereby acknowledge, have Bargained Sold & delivered
& by these presents Bargain Sell & deliver unto
Robert Frierson Indian Trader of the Creek Nation
one Negro Wench named Eve to have & to hold to
him his heirs Exrs Admrs & assigns ~~the said Negro~~
~~Wench~~ to have & to hold, for their own proper use for
ever & I the said Cornelius Sullivant my heirs
Exrs, Admrs & assigns the said Negro Wench
Unto the said Robert Frierson his heirs, Exrs, Admrs &
assigns shall & will forever warrant & defend —
Given under my hand & seal at Pellabees this
twenty third day of May one Thousand Eight hundred
& Twenty Nine year of our Lord & in the Nineteen year
of his Majesties Reign

Sealed & delivered
in presence of

Cornelius his Sullivant
mark

William Ogilvy

Joseph Higgins

Bill of Sale of
Negros in the
19th year of his
Majesty's Reign

Know all Men by these Presents, That I
Daniel McGillivray for myself and John Forbes and
Company of Pensacola & Mobille in the province of
West Florida Merchants, have Named and constituted and
by these present do Name Constitute and appoint the
Big Warrior Stanackiethlacko, Resident in the Tooka=
=batchee Creek Nation, Our true and lawful Attorney,
for us and in our Name and to our use, to demand, Sue
for recover & Receive of all or any person or persons resid^d
in the Creek Nation who at this present time are or hereafter
may be indebted to us by any way or means whatever
and whose Bonds Notes, accounts or other documents of debt
We may transmit to him for Recovery: Giving and
hereby Granting unto our said Attorney, Our full power
and Authority to use and exercise all such Acts things and
devices in the Law as shall be Necessary for recovery
of the said Debt or debts, and to make and give Acquittan=
=ces or other discharges in our Name, And Generally to do,
and Execute in the premisses as fully as we ourselves might
or could do were we personally present, Hereby ratifying,
confirming and allowing, all & whatsoever our said
Attorney shall lawfully Do, or cause to be done therein
By Virtue of these Presents

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal in the Creek Nation the [illegible] day of
June one Thousand eight hundred & Seven

Daniel McGillivray

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of
Nimrod Doyell
Zach. McGirth

Daniel McGillivray
from Albany
to the Big Lawrence
1807

Personally appeared before me Alexander Cameron Esquire one of his Majestys assigned Justices. David Gaines who maketh Oath on the Holy Evangelists that a Negro Woman named Tenah is the lawfull property of him the said David Gaines and as such has sold her to John Rogers of the Creek Nation — Sworn to before me at Little Tallapoie Creek nation this thirteenth day of October 1779

Sworn to before me
the 13th Octr. 1779 —

Alexr. Cameron J.P.

Affidavit
in 1799

Know all Men by these Presents, that I Wm Clark of Ogeechie in the State Georgia Merch.t do by these Presents Acknowledge the Receipt of Twenty Six Negros, from Robert Grenow Trader in the Hillabies in the Upper Creek Nation belonging to Estate of Thomas Scott Dec-being all & full of the whole Estate of the Said Thomas Scott, & I do further by these Presents discharge the Said Robert Grenow, his Heirs, Executors, admin.rs & assigns from being Answerable to me, my Heirs Executors, administrators or assigns from all further Claims to any Part of the Said Estate & I further Indemnify the Said Robert Grenow from any further Claims that may be brought against him on Account of Said Estate — In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett My Hand & Seal this 14th Day October 1795

Wm Clark Adm.r

Done in the Presence of
The Mad Dog his Mark
White his Lieutenant Mark.

4.

Bond of indemnity to Robert Grierson by Wm. Clark against any claim whatever to the estate of Thomas Scott deceased. Said Clark at the same time received of Grierson ~~of~~ 26 negroes being as expressed the whole estate ~~of the~~ said Deceased dated 14. Feb. 1795.

Bond
Wm Clark
to
Robert Grierson

Received of Robert Grierson on
accompt of a Judgement against
Stephen Hawkins at the Instance
of Samuel Dale One hundred
and Sixty one Dollars being in
full of all Demands due by Said
Stephen Hawkins on the Said
Judgement as Wellness my hand
at Hillabee this Sixteenth day of
Feby 1809 — Nimrod Doyell Marshall
of the Creek nation

his
Test John R O Riely
mark

Nimrod Dayle
1809

Receipt

Know all Men By these presents
that I John Rogers of the Creek Nation for & in
Consideration of the Sum of One Hundred & Sixty
pounds Sterling to me in hand paid the Receipt
whereof I do hereby Acknowledge have bargained
Sold & delivered & by these presents bargain
Sell & deliver unto Robert Grierson Indian
Trader of the Sd Nation one Negro Woman
named Tinna to have & to hold to him his
heirs Exrs. Admrs & Assigns for their only
proper use for ever - & I the Said John Rogers
my heirs Exrs Admrs, & Assigns the Sd
Negro woman Slave, unto the Sd Robert
Grierson his heirs Exrs Admrs & Assigns
Shall & will for ever warrant & defend -
Given under my hand & Seal at Fillabees upper
Creek Nation this Seventeen day of April
in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred
& Eighty & in the twenty Year of his
Majesties Reign

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of -

John Clarke

Jacob Summerall

John his R mark Rogers

Bill of Sale of
Negroes in the 20th
year of his
Majesty Reign

Bill of Sale
John Rogers
to
Robt. Emerson

A talk, for Tustunnuggee Thlucco — the Big Warrior; — sent by Joho Haujo. ——

Friend.

I am requested to make you a talk; and to tell you all the news about our country. Since the war we had with the British, in which we beat them at Pensacola, New orleans, and almost every where else, we have become, a great many of us, very poor in money; altho' we have enough to eat; — and, a great many of us live in fine houses, which are not our own. The reason is this. After the war with the British, they sent us a great many goods of different kinds, because they live by merchandise, and making cloths and callicoes, and other speculations. They are a poor nation of merchants and Mechanicks, and are more in debt than their whole country would sell for. They are in debt eight or nine hundred millions of Dollars, and can hardly pay the interest on this sum. This is all true; ask your Agent; he knows all about it. After the war, as I said before, they had a great many of their goods on hand; and they sent them to us to sell; they did this to prevent us from making goods for ourselves, and to get us in debt to them, so as to take all our money. This broke nearly all our merchants. They got in debt to the British, and all our people got in debt to our merchants and so there was and is yet, a long string of debts to pay, which keeps us poor. We were fools to take british goods; and could have done without them, if we had encouraged our own people to make goods for us. But, folly often leads to misfortunes; and these misfortunes often teach men wisdom, when nothing else will do it. The Indians ought to learn something from this: they ought to make their own clothes; or, if they cant do this, they ought to buy them for something they can spare to sell, that they can do without. This is the way to become a rich, and great, and powerful Nation; and, this is the way never to be in debt to any body, and to be independent of every body. I want you to mind this, and to often think of it. Your Agent, I am told, is a good man, and knows a great deal; he will explain all this to you; and I want you to keep this paper, and often to look at it.

There is another thing. The game on the Indian land is nearly gone. The Indians cant live any longer on game. But, they have fine countries of land. God made the land to make corn on, and raise cattle and horses on; and, one mile square of land, if it is plowed and sowed with grain, will feed more people than all the game on your side of the Coosa, put it all together. This will prove to you, that God made the land to be worked as we work it, and

not merely for game to live on wild, and at random. You ought to make your people do as we do, in every thing but being idle, and playing cards, and cheating each other, and getting drunk with whisky, and fighting, and cock-fighting, and horse-racing; you ought to make them do as we do when we do right; but not as we do when we do wrong: this is the way to make them a wise, and good, and great Nation; and nothing else will do it. I am your friend, and tell you the truth. Send all the rascals that come among you from here away; they only learn your people bad practices. General Jackson told Macintosh this when I was by, and he told him the truth, he never lies, and is a good friend to the Indians when they behave well, and will do any thing for them he can.

There is another thing. But you know it as well as I do; and so does the Little Prince, and Mackintosh. You ought to be united, and not quarrel among yourselves. This is what I mean: take a bundle of small sticks and tye them together; see if you can break them when they are tyed close together; then take them apart, and see how easily you may break them one by one; You can do it very easily; a child could do it. Your Nation being seperated at the beginning of the war, by knaves and scoundrels of British, and not taking your advice to have nothing to do with Tecumseh and the British, made General Jackson beat the Red Sticks and the British in every battles. The British care nothing about you; they live on a little Island 3000 miles off; a little island, not bigger, put it all together, than one of our States — and we have 24 of them. Your agent will tell you this is true. Ask him. All your people ought to know what a poor set of lying and deceptive rogues the British are, and that they always get the indians to go to War with us, and then deceive them, and then the Indians loose their lands. All the North-western indians who went to war with us, to favor the British and Tecumseh, have lost much of their lands, and will loose them all if they believe what the British tell them. Now, lately, the Riccaree Indians were persuaded by the British to rob and murder some of our people on the Missouri, and those indians have been beaten & destroyed by our people up there. This is all true, ask your Agent, he will tell you what I do. I said before, that the Indians ought to live in peace among themselves, and let the white people alone. If the white people misbehave to the indians, the Agents ought to complain to our government, and then justice will be done; it is their business to see

it done.

There is another thing. All your warriors, and hunters, and all your young men, and all your children, ought to listen, with both ears wide open, to what the Chiefs and wise men say to them. They know every thing best. We listen to our wise men, and generally do right, except some fools and bad men among our people, and them we sometimes have to whip, and shoot, and hang up, to get clear of them. Your chiefs, and old men, and wise men, know enough to tell your people what is right, and the indians ought to listen to them, and mind what they tell them to do. Young people are mostly wild and foolish, like young steed colts, and want bridles with strong bitts in their mouths, to keep them from doing mischief, and making the indians go to war, and loosing every thing. If your young men are strong, and active, and brave, they can employ themselves better than in doing mischief. God did not give them strength and courage to do wrong with: he gave them these things, to provide bread and meat for themselves and their families with, and to make themselves contented, and comfortable, and happy with: to build good houses — to clear land, and plow it, and sow grain, and all these things; and not to drink whiskey and fight and play hell with. Their chiefs and wise men will not always be with them, to guide them, and tell them what is right. They will leave them soon, and go to another country, where their fathers have gone, and where they must also go; and they ought to think seriously of these things; altho' they are young, and strong, and active, and brave, they must die in a few years; and, in order to die safely, and happily, they ought to listen to the wisdom of their chiefs and wise men.

There is another thing. Those who know a great deal, seldom do wrong. Fools, and people who know nothing, always do wrong. The Indians ought to learn to write, and print, so that their wise men might leave behind them, when they die, what they wisely told when they were living. — For instance: will not what you, the Big Warrior, Tustennuggee Thlucco, tells the Nation be forgotten, in a few years after you are dead? Yes: all will be forgotten; and nothing will be remembered but the Big Warrior's Name; all that he said will be lost. Now, I want you to ask the President, and if you will ask Gen. Jackson this next winter, he will have it done, to let you have a printer among you, ah

will print for your people, all that you and your wise men say to the Nation. This will preserve what you all say to the Nation, and make them wise when you are dead. This is the way we do. We have every thing printed, that Washington, and Jefferson, and Madison, and Munroe, ever said ~~said~~ to our people to instruct them; and, therefore, when these men die, and their tongues get cold, and their fingers stiff, and their brains rot, we have their wisdom left. This is the reason the white people know more than the Indians. When your great and wise men die, their wisdom dies with them. When our great men die, their wisdom is left, and we do not care much about the matter, only to remember and respect their memory. Our writers, and printers, tell us every thing that was known by people who have been dead two thousand years. Can your talkers, and rememberers, tell you what happened two thousand years ago? And what the old men, and wise men of your Nation knew, so long ago? No: The reason is, you have no writers and printers among you. The Preachers who come among you do not tell you this: they tell you many good things; but nothing of as much importance to you as this. They are very good men generally, and very ignorant men, many of them, and are not able to look so far backward, and forward, as you ought to look for the good of your Nation. God made the world by his wisdom, and wisdom alone can make men and Nations live and act according to his laws. Ask General Jackson, this next winter, he will be near the President, to let you have a printer; a man who can print for your Nation all your laws, and orders, and the wisdom which your great men have to say to the people. This will make all your people act as one man. Do not forget this; and, do not forget to send General Jackson what you have to say in writing, every thing about your claims on this Government. He will see that Justice is done you.

Your Friend,

Charles Cassedy

Tustunnuggee Thlucco,
The Big Warrior,
Creek Nation.

15th Oct. 1823

William Walker is hereby licensed to carry on trade in the Cherokee nation for the term of one year from the present date in any kind of merchandize - except ardent spirits. having given Bond & security to observe the laws & regulations having relation to the intercourse with the Indian tribes, & for preserving peace on the frontiers. ——————

seal

Given under my hand & the seal of the Cherokee Agency. the 6th day of January 1817. —

Return J Meigs.

Oktn J. Mizs