

Executive Department Ala.  
Tuskaloosa April 17th 1837.

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But, having received, by the last mail from the northern part of the State, a letter from the Hon. Reuben Chapman, representing, that very great excitement, upon the subject of the Genl's order, prevails in the Counties which embrace the Cherokee Territory in this State, and believing it very important to prevent any unnecessary collision of the kind apprehended, I thought it proper to Communicate with you, and request you to give the requisite instructions to Genl Wool.

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(Charles M. Stewart)

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