(Copy) Red Clay Council Ground Oct 14. 1835

To the chiefs Head men & warriors
of the Cherokee Indians in
General Council assembled

Friends

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Your obedient Sert
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