

told by the President they might do — and it may perhaps be the
mind of all nearly all the Cherokees before a great while to over to that
Country. Should that be the case to divide the land would be of no
use because if they should wish to go over to that Country. Your
Nation can make an exchange with the U. States but if you dispose of
it by small parcels you cannot make an exchange. It is best
not to be in haste or hurry in any of these things but for all your
people like friends & brothers to take all these things into considera-
tion & to think seriously & weigh carefully the state of your people

I have long time ago asked of the President permission for
some of your Chiefs to make a visit to him at the Seat of Govern-
ment, & I expect he will give permission when his business will be
such as to let him attend to those who may be sent forward.
When they go they can talk with him about these things & consult
with him about what is best for the nation. As you are
about to have a full council I thought I proper mention a number
of things, some of them may require your immediate attention
others are only submitted for your consideration when time will
permit. And as I before observed it is not best to be in haste
but take time & think maturely & well on every thing for the
good of your people & for your Friends the United States.

There has been some talk about war talks being sent
to some of your people — I sent to Chulio to know what was
meant or intended by it. & Chulio says that he is altogether
for peace & harmony & that he hopes when the Council meet
that all the confusion will be done away & that harmony &
good will prevail amongst all the people. — Brother
I wish you to understand me that I do not make any
proposals to you to sell or exchange land: but as these things
I mention have been subjects of conversation amongst the people
long ago. — And as you will now have a large Council

it will be proper that all your good Chiefs shall know every thing about your Nations affairs. I only mention these things that they may consider well every thing before they act on any thing.

And I request Mr. Thompson to assist in having every thing explained to the Council. — I hope all the differences

Mr. Riley is so unwell that it is uncertain whether he will be able to go to the Council. I hope all the differences that have been amongst the different parts of the Nation will be all now settled & friendship & goodwill will be now spread over the whole Nation like an amiable family of real Brothers. —

I have sent by So-so-wau-co-loh your own annuity for this year. I have not heard from the Secretary of War sometime

I shall expect that the annuity for this year will be ordered before long time elapses. —

I request you to ask Mr. Thompson to assist to have every thing explained so that they may be no misunderstanding of what I say to you. —

Lieut. Vaughn has last week been with a detachment of Soldiers along the river as far as Tellico, & has turned off a number of disorderly white people.

On the 9th February I have wrote to the Secretary of War & to the Governor of Georgia & to the Commanding Officers at Council Bluffs in order to have the Intruders on Chatahoochee & Oconee turned off your land. — I expect it will be done. —

Last week I received a letter from Quoliguske & several other Chiefs on the subject of ^{permittances} whitemen to make crops for such of your people as desire it. — In order to regulate that business they propose that no man shall have permission but for one year at a time. — This I approve of as a good regulation. — They also propose that no permission be granted but such as are allowed by the Council. — This would be perfectly right if the Council were always sitting. — But you will perceive that this way would deprive the people of having coppers when they want to take them because the Council are not always sitting. — In order to remove this inconvenience I will propose to you to have some of your best Chiefs appointed

at Eustisville & some near this part of the Nation who shall in such cases
act for the Council because as I before observed the Council cannot be always
sitting.

In January 1806
The President recommended to the Cherokee to have in case of their death their
Estate settled in a way similar to that of the white people as far as
circumstances would admit of. & this had before been mentioned to me by several
of your Nation. After Doublehead's death ^{it was found} that he had in writing expressed
his desire to have his Estate settled in the way recommended by the
President & had requested that Mr. Thomas A. Clark John Chisholm & myself
should undertake to settle his affairs. & that writing was read to the
Council at this office in August last in order to give it all the proof
of authenticity the Nature of your Government would admit of. & We
began to make some progress in the Settlement. Amongst other
property we found a number of Negroes & were disposing of the property in
in the best manner we could to pay Doublehead's debts & to take
care of the Children. One of the Negroes, Marnie Austin ran off & went to
Mr. Charles Hicks & Hicks now has the Negro in his possession. He excuses
himself by saying that the Negro is the property of one of the Children.
If that was the Intention of Doublehead it cannot be any excuse
to him because we are appointed by Doublehead to settle all
his affairs justly & I presume that you will think that we are
as capable of taking care of the Children's property as Hicks can
pretend to be.

In compliance therefore with desire of Doublehead
& conformably to the advice of the President we wish to proceed
in settling that Estate. I now request that your Council
will order Charles Hicks to deliver the Negro man before
mentioned to us for the purpose of completing as far as
we can a Settlement of that Estate.

With ^{regard} respect myself

& in behalf of Mr. Clark

W. Chisholm & subscribe

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