

I Arthur C. Campbell being called on by ~~the~~ Return
J. Meigs to give my Deposition respecting the conduct
of Charles Hicks Towards Samuel Riley on the
31st of August 1808. Deposeth and Sayeth
that I was going down the river Tennessee with
a Boat load of property to make sale of
I employed at Highwapa Garrison M^r Samuel
Riley to assist me to make sale, as he could
speak the Cherokee language. I also understood
by M^r Riley that he had charge of certain
papers from Government to the Cherokee
chiefs who were to meet in Council
in a few days in fact I afterwards knew
he had an Address from the President of
the U. S. to the Upper Cherokee a letter
from the Secretary at War to Col^l R. J.
Meigs and an Address from the Agent
Col^l R. J. Meigs to the Cherokee chiefs
all of which papers I understood were
to be delivered to the Chiefs in Council
which at the request of M^r Riley (after
he was ordered back) I forwarded them
myself on proceeding down the river
from Highwapa. I had occasion to detain
a day or two near the Mouth of Chickamauga
Creek on the 31st day of August 1808 whilst
lying there in company with another Boat he
belonging to George Fields a half breed Charles
Hicks a half breed together with one or two
Cherokees and a white man named Holt came

to Fields Boat, I in a few minutes went into
Fields Boat also, and was introduced to Mr
Hicks, after a few minutes Mr Samuel Riley
came into the Boat also, and spoke to Hicks
and if I recollect they shook hands, when Hicks
addressed Mr Riley thus, we unfortunately meet
here, (meaning they had met there before) and
I have come for you to go to Castanula, Mr
Riley told him they had no business at Castanau-
la, and could not go, Hicks told him he had
business for him there, and he should go, that
he had a complaint against him respecting
Double Heads Property, which he should go and
answer where there were proper chiefs autho-
rized to hear the said complaint, a good
deal of somewhat warm and threatening expres-
sions was uttered by Hicks to Mr Riley, and
Riley tried to vindicate himself by saying
that he had nothing to do with Double
Heads Estate, that it was Thomas N Clarke
Col. Meigs & John D. Chipholm had the Manage-
ment of the Property, that he Riley at the
request of or order of Col. Meigs went
down and took an inventory of the Pro-
perty, but that he Riley had no other con-
cerns, nor interfered in any wise other than that
with the Property, Hicks continued importu-
nate, or rather in fact threatening and determi-
ned to take Riley by force, it was my impression
that he Hicks came prepared to take Riley by force.

as one of the Cherokees that came with Hicks
had a Gun and stood out of the Boat on
the Bank. Hicks himself had a Butcher Knife
in his hand which I believe he got in the
Boat after he came. Mr. Riley told him it
would incommode Mr. Campbell (meaning me) very
much if he did take him away. That he Riley
was employed by me to assist me down the
river with my Boat and to make sale of my
property that we were a going to stop a few
miles lower down the river viz at the mouth
of Chattanooga or look out Creek and there
stay until after the Green corn Dance at
which he (Riley) was obliged to be, and would
meet him (Hicks) there. Hicks then asked me
if Riley was in my employ. I told him he
was. He Hicks then told Mr. Riley if he would
give his obligation for five hundred Dollars
payable to him (Hicks) if he (Riley) did not at-
tend at the Green Corn Dance, he would let
him proceed on, which obligation Mr. Riley
gave, and I was a subscribing witness to it.
The Indian that had the Gun then shot it
off against the water and I heard the Ball
strike, so that I am satisfied the Gun was
loaded. We were then permitted to depart.

The foregoing is as to substance ~~as~~ as correct
a statement as my recollection serves me to make
at this time September 23. 1808
which I am willing to make
at any time. Campbell