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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 48

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE  
TREATY OF OCTOBER 25, 1805, WITH THE CHEROKEE INDIANS



General D. Smith  
address to the Chapter  
1805. Henry

Henry Jones  
1804/1805



Brothers.

We have heard & considered the request of our Father the President thro. his beloved men the Commissioners to let him have the land between East & West Tennessee.

Brothers it requires much thought and consideration when we are requested to part with our land, But we have a confidence in our father the President, that he will not take from us any land that is necessary for us to live on, We confide in his wisdom & in his good disposition & fatherly care for his red children. We consent therefore to let him have the land which he asks of us. We take this occasion to express our minds on the subject of selling lands. Our Father the President knows our situation & circumstances - He knows the extent of our country better than we do ourselves - He knows our numbers as well as we do ourselves - He knows that we are increasing in numbers, & that to raise cattle & corn & cotton, that it will require a good deal of land, and we begin to see the advantage of agriculture.

Our father knows the cause why so many Indian Nations in America have come to nothing & therefore knows what we ought to do to save our nation from coming to nothing as those nations have done. We wish him therefore to act like a real father to his own children & we hope & believe he will do so - We wish to keep as much of our land as we can be best for us - We cannot think of ever selling our land on the Southside of Tennessee River. We wish our Father would tell us how much land he wants of us, & how much he thinks we ought to sell & that he will then tell us that he will not ask us for any more. We put ourselves into his hands in the presence of the

the spirit of a new sun light, is always before in money to the hands - Don't say that we are selling for you and want alone  
Our interest is yours in the same: but the price of the land is in your hands to save it up to yourself it does  
improvement, to the land of time



great Spirit, in confidence that our father will really  
consider us his children, & <sup>that we are</sup> with him the children of the  
great Spirit, who made the white people & the red people,  
that we are all come from him. & ought to be considered as  
one great family. & never to hunt one another. We have  
not yet acquired so much knowledge as the white people, &  
therefore for our protection & preservation we have put ourselves  
into the Hands of our Brothers of the United States. And as  
we know that there is some bad people who have not the  
fear of God before their Eyes. who would wrong us & would  
if they could take away all our land. We therefore do  
renew our friendship with the good people of the United States, &  
request that our Father will take what we have said into  
his wise consideration, & lay his hand on his heart & then  
do with us as he thinks will be best for us & for our children  
that are growing up. If we did not think him to be a  
wise man & a good man, we would not do this: but if  
he is a good man, as we believe he is, we know that he  
will not take any advantage of our situation to wrong us,  
we therefore repeat what we have before said, & put our  
lives & property under his protecting, fatherly Hand, in the presence  
of the great Spirit who knows all our hearts & whose

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For the Cherokee's  
has been looked  
over by the  
25th Dec. 1805



Friends and Brothers. -

It is with uncommon pleasure we meet you now at this place - for all countenances are pleasing, and we have confidence that the business we have undertaken will now be effected.

Brothers, after we had concluded to keep the treaty open till this time, we wrote you a letter to your green corn dance stating to you that we would meet you here, and that at this time we would make proposals concerning the land we are about to buy. - ~~The first~~ You replied to us in general terms, brothers you have held out your hands to us we accept it. This does not clearly point out which of the proposals you accept. We think it ought to be the first namely the State line. Those people of this State who have long had claims to land there will always be clamorous and unceasingly apply to the General Government to procure lands from you up to that line. It is not a small matter to stop their mouths, when the land has been so long promised - and then you will cease to be pestered with the ~~long~~ claims of the people of this State. They are your nearest neighbours and Harmony will prevail. You will be brothers indeed. Your intercourse will be very great, ~~and you will become the same people~~. Their eyes are now turned on you and their ears open to hear your determination. Besides the sum of money we give you for the purchase is very great, we told you at Hwassa how much it was - and that the mode of payment should be made agreeable to you. We hope ~~these~~ words are needed to cause you to accept these terms, and that all will believe 'tis best for you and us.



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South West point Ferry August 12<sup>th</sup>  
1805 -  
Friend & Brothers -

We have met here & had some little talks  
which we are now going to write to you as the  
commisproners are still urging of us for the dance  
We wish all our people to meet at Wills Town  
in thirty nights from this day which is the time  
to meet & reconsider the proposals of the  
United States & to hold our Green corn Dance - we  
hope you will all attend - you that are at home  
dont hear nor see what is acting & saying amongst  
the whites - it keeps us very uneasy we  
therefore wish to see you all & inform you so that  
we may have these things finally settled - If  
these things were trifling we would not trouble  
you - But as it is matters of of great consequence  
we wish to meet you & tell you, & consult for the  
best - Dont let any of your people ~~off~~ but all  
attend at the time every man ~~make~~ his mind  
about it - & be not foolish But attend & hear -

We are your Brothers present

Bath Killer

Kategiskee

Double Head

Tumtunkkee

Slave Boy -

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Puck cornflower

Skunka

Sequeckee

Chuce

Glennno - or Gourd -

Samuel Riley  
Interpreter -



Daniel Smith  
Return Meigs  
to the Sect was meeting  
I met 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

— 1805 —

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Southwest Point 2<sup>d</sup> Nov. 1855

Sir

The conference at Fellice has ended. The result  
is two treaties. which are herewith inclosed. It has  
cost us much labour & attention to effect them. But  
we hope they will be approved by Government.

We are Sir

with great respect

your O<sup>b</sup>t. Servants

Daniel Smith

Return please

Henry Dearborn Esq.  
Secretary of War

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