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RATIFIED TREATY NO. 171

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATION OF THE  
TREATY OF OCTOBER 11, 1832, WITH THE APALACHICOLA INDIANS

Wagon No. 10.32  
From Col. *Honder*  
James Gadsden

In relation to the  
Apalashicola Indians-

*The Horse*  
*down camp*  
*See Mr. Gadsden*  
*Sept 2*  
*Washington D.C.*  
*and was on Sept 17*

*Sept 17 1832*

Sir

Wascapa

30 Aug 32

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication in relation to the Appalacheicola Indians - Your instructions on that subject, shall be attended to without delay - At present a severe storm of rain has so raised the waters of our rivers as to interrupt the communication between this quarter & the Appalacheicola - The floods will subside however in a few days; when I shall seek an interview with ~~Blunt~~ & the Chiefs disposed to act with him - I fear however, from information received, that some attempts have been made by those who hope to participate in the plunder, to induce, Blunt to be very extravagant in his demands - If so, it will be

a desirable to terminate all negotiations at once, as the only effectual plan of conciliating the Indians that the preparations were made them are for their benefit, & that they must not calculate on profiting from any over anxiety on the part of Government, produced by causes which do not at this time operate in this Territory. - Indeed the important object is to remove the Seminoles, on the Peninsula; this effected the Appalachian Towns must of necessity follow - They could not survive 5 years in their present situation & the most intelligent of their Chiefs are well convinced of this. - I trust therefore that the proper measures have been adopted ere this, to expedite the movement of the exploring party, as

provided for in the Treaty lately concluded with  
the Florida Indians - I would not have  
drawn your attention to this subject, if  
it had not been reported to me that efforts  
were now making to induce the Indians  
to violate their late engagements, ~~under~~  
the inducement that a better bargain  
could be made in another agreement.

I hope no pretext for such a violation  
of faith will be afforded the Indians on  
the part of our Government - They were  
to prepare to depart on the exploring party  
immediately after the Green Corn dance, in  
July last, & may be expected if not ex-  
pedited as soon thereafter as practicable

respectfully,

Yours Obedt

James Gadsden

To be placed

Wascipa <sup>of Florida</sup> 19 Sept 1832  
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Oct 15 1832

Sir.

Wasaja

19. Sept. 1832

I returned yesterday from the Appalacheicola river where I had an interview with Blunt, the principal Chief on the Indian Reservations in that district - The propositions I had to make him, conformable to your instructions, fell so short of the expectations he had, no doubt, been induced to encourage from private interference, that he requires some further time to deliberate with his People & the Chiefs alike interested in the removal - They will meet me on the 10<sup>th</sup> of next month at the Executive office in Tallahassee, prepared either to accede to, or reject the arrangement I offered to conclude with them - It is true policy, at least with the Appalacheicola Indians, to state explicitly what the General Government will do; not to deviate from, or negotiate on the propositions made, and leave the Indians to their own judgment, which will invariably prove to them a better guide to their true interests than the private influences which are



exercised behind the curtain; deceiving them as to the great anxiety of the General Government on the subject of their removal, and ~~encouraging~~ <sup>deliberately</sup> delay, as the secret plan of obtaining their extravagant demands - The Appalacheicola Indians, (at least the Chiefs) are well convinced they cannot live on their present locations - That they must follow the Migrating Creeks & Seminoles West, and if they at this time are induced to reject, the period is not far distant, when they will themselves petition for the conditions of that very compact now proposed them by the Executive of the U States -

Respectfully

Yours Obedt

James Gardner

The Hon

L. Calhoun

Sen. Wm

Wascipa <sup>of Florida</sup> Nov 20. 1832  
From Col

James Gadsden

Reports his negotiations  
with the remaining bands  
of the Florida Indians -

Sir

Wasupia

30 Nov 32

I addressed you on the 13<sup>th</sup> enclosing an agreement I had concluded with the Indian Chiefs Olunt & Davy - At the same time I stated that Econchahimico & Mulatto King, had declined by letter meeting me at the time & place designated or of negotiating on any terms for a removal west.

As Olunt however was of opinion that these Chiefs had not expressed their real opinion, but had been operated upon by secret and adverse influences, and still deemed ~~it~~ advisable for me to attempt another interview with them, I concluded to embrace the occasion of paying off the annuity, when a general meeting of the Chiefs & Warriors could be had without any extra expense to the Nation on which I was engaged - Econchahimico & Mulatto King however did not make their appearance at the place designated by the Agent of Indian Affairs, and directed their younger Chiefs & Warriors not to go, or to receive the annuity due them, under a pretext that some plan was devised to entrap them into a capture of their land - Some few however, in defiance

of their authority did attend, and on hearing the talk I gave them, appeared much satisfied with it, declaring at the same time that the older chiefs had deceived them, and had not presented the views of their Father in Washington, in the light I had done -

They then enquired whether I would treat with as many of the Younger Chiefs & Warriors, as might be disposed to emigrate, separately from the Older Chiefs or Headmen of the towns on the Appalachicola. - Having no instructions however on the subject, and seeing a difficulty arising from the fact that by the Treaty of Camp Moultrie the reservations are in the name of the Chiefs Ecouchatameco & Muelatto King, I could only reply that I had no doubt the President of the U S would authorize some one, at the proper time, to enroll the names of those of Muelatto King & Ecouchatameco. Towns as were disposed to emigrate, and to treat with them on equitable terms separately from the head Chiefs, if they each were resolved not to remove - But that it was the wish of the President, as he was acting solely in this case for the benefit of his Red Children, that there should be no divisions among them - I recommended therefore that they should return to

their Towns, state to the Head Chiefs their determination & what would be the consequence of a continued obstinate refusal on their part to accede to the very advantageous terms offered them by the Government of the U States - In the mean while I suggested that two or more of the Younger Chiefs, in whose representation confidence might be reposed, should accompany Blewett's exploring party west, and that probably the accounts they might be able to give of the country on their return, might more favourably dispose the older men to migrate - Twenty four of the <sup>younger</sup> Chief Warriors notwithstanding however, came as far as Tallahassee yesterday to seek an interview with me for the purpose of negotiating for their removal west, if the terms offered were acceptable - I declined however, for the reasons stated, entering into any separate arrangements with them, and succeeded I believe in convincing them that the course I had recommended was the most judicious - Two or three of the Younger Chiefs will therefore accompany Blewett's exploring party west, and on their return, I am satisfied, there will be little or no difficulty in making a satisfactory arrangement with Euchatamee & Mulatto King - If not a majority

certainly of the younger Chief & Warriors of those Tribes;  
Those who still retain their hunting habits, and  
who are most objectionable to the neighbouring white  
settlements, will treat for a removal, provided  
some one be authorized with full instructions, at  
the proper time, to conclude an arrangement -  
The terms on which I think a negotiation may  
be effected, will be similar to those agreed on with  
Montez, with a proportional part of the value  
of the reservation abandoned to be paid to those  
who may migrate - In this event those who  
remain will have to be limited to their proportion  
of the land -

Whether I shall conduct this nego-  
tiation must depend upon the Executive of the  
U. S. & the confidence he may continue to repose  
in my ability faithfully to execute the trust  
reposed in me - I have now closed my  
business to the Lemnole Indians, & have balan-  
ced my accounts with the Indian Department -

The duty I trust has been discharged in a  
manner alike satisfactory to the President  
& yourself

Yours truly  
Saml. W. Bar

Respectfully, your Obedt  
James Gardner