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Little Tallafsee 12. Sep.^t 1785

Sir

Ive just received your letter from M^r Cornel.
You ought to have sent me Gov. Elberts original letter or
any letters that you receive & not to send me any extracts.-

Its impoissible for the chiefs to meet at oGeechee at
the time appointed, & besides as I have received a letter
from the Commifsioners of Congrefs themselves & they have
declered that how soon they received their final instruc-
tions from Congrefs they meant to appoint the time & place
of meeting, not for this nation only but the Cherokees,
Chickesaws & Chactaws, therefore I think it best to wait
for the Commifsioners appointment themselves, which must be
now very soon.

Upon the whole I am led to believe that the views of
the Georgians in calling such a hasty meeting is that they
want to gain some point before the Commifisoners are ready
to meet us. So I cant think of that meeting as the time ap-
pointed will be out before I could send for the Upper Towns,
& besides may be after we did set out the Commifsioners woud
appoint some other place -----

Let the Lower Towns know that it is my intention to ac-
company the Chiefs to this Congrefs, because the Commifsioners
act from proper authority, & I think that we shall settle all
matters effectually -----

In the mean time let the parties go & remove all en-
croachers off the land as soon as poissible because I have sent
word to the Commifsioners &c. that we have done so & we will
meet them as they promise to remove all cause for contention
& quarrel between white & red. -----

Tell the H. King I shall expect the Commifsioners
call now very shortly, & I have prepard all in these parts
ready to attend & if theres not time for any other nation we
shall wait for any of them

I am D^r Dur^o. Your Friend Sir

* Alex. M^cGillivray

(Addressed)

M^r. James Dourouzeaux

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(Endorsed)

No. 25 -

12 September, 1785

Alex: M^cGillivray

INDIAN AFFAIRS

1785

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Received the 20th
by an Indian

*Alexander McGillivray and his Scotch father, Lachlan McGillivray, were loyalists and their property was also confiscated by the Americans. The father returned to Scotland but the son remained with his mother's people and, as agent of England, led the Creeks against the Americans. After the War Panton (of the Trading Company of Panton Leslie & Co.) and McGillivray joined forces in dealing with their new "friends" the Spaniards as well as their enemies the Americans, especially the detested Georgians. To begin with, the Spanish government was opposed to Panton and tried to oust his representative from St. Mark's but through the efforts of McGillivray this difficulty was overcome. In May and June, 1784, the Spaniards held a "congress" with the Creeks at Pensacola in order to establish friendly relations. McGillivray became the Spanish commissary to the Creeks at a salary of fifty dollars per month and Panton, Leslie and Company were allowed to continue their business in St. Mark's."

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Cowewitters 21st September 1785

Mayitt plefe your Honor

Sence my Last to you I have waited for an anfwer from the uper Towns, When I Receved a Letter from M^r M^cGilverey acquainting me that he haed Receved a Letter from the Comifsonors, Who menched to him that as soon as they haed rece'd thaer final Inftuctions from Congrefs that they meant to oppoint the time and place for meeting, and as he haed not Receved any Call from them the uper Towns Did thinck of Coming untel the Comifsonors Sent a Talk oppointing the time and place of meeting and Then he Sayed that he and the Cheifs whaer Raedey to Come Down and Joyen us Lower Towns and go to the place oppointed befide he menchens that the Chiefs of the uper Towns Sayed the time would be out that was Oppointed for meeting before they Could Gett in Redenefs to Come, and intended to waitt for the Comifsonors Call, I Could Notwithftanding the Dalay of your Letter to me, have brought Down the Lower Towns to Ogueche, but as the uper Towns Did Not Come they have All agreed to wait but is Deslerafs that it may be as soon as pofable as thaer Hunting seison is Coming on they would be glad to Setle matters before they went Out for thaer Winter Hunts, you Menched in your Laft of a Talk being Sent up by the Comifsonors to inviett the haed men and Warlors Down, which Naver was brought to me if it haed we Should have all been Down, but Not at the very time that was Oppointed becaufe your Letter Did not Gett to me untel the 8th of September, Howefever we Should not been Long after as I Menched to you in my Laft if the uper Towns haed Agreed to go, if this Should Come to you before any Call for the indions is Sent, it would be the best to Send it up the Lower

path then it Com to my hand Emedaitley and I Can Dispatch it to the uper
 Touns, as the Comifsonors has wrotte to M^r M^cGillvery it would be a graet
 mens in Getting the Cheifs of the uper Touns haed men Down who I beleve is
 Some what Doughtfull, to Come Down without M^r M^cGillverey acompeneys them,
 which he has wrotte to me he will, when the Gentlemen the Comifsonors Send
 for them, as you are Senceable that they are a Very Jeloos Sort of people
 they would Chuefe to have Some perfon of Noat whith them but if they are
 Sent for soon I maek no Dought of thaer Coming Down as M^r M^cGillveray has
 promist to go with them and be prefen at the Setling of Sutfh an Importent Matter
 of Consequence to Whole Nation, as thaer no white perfon haer to be employed
 to Send this by I Sent it by an Indion who has with him a Talk from the
 Tuckabatches Dated the 2^d of this Infant Worning all Sutch Setlors that
 was on the Oconey river to remove within the former Bounderey, as they
 would not be accountable for any Damege that might hapen, when it Came haer
 to the Cufseitters to Sent it forward they Concluded as the time of a
 Genorel Meeting was so Naer that it would then be a proper time for to
 Settle that Matter as a Meeting would be soon they Did not Chuefe to Send
 it af it might put the people in a Confution who haed thaer Crops Depending
 and thouht it would be time a Nugh at the Metting, but M^r M^cGillvery has
 Sent Down for it be forwarded by whom I Send thefs to M^r Barkley on the
 Oconeys to be forwerded as Quick as pofable to you that an anfwer may
 the sooner be Sent up. As the Indions are Now all Waitting for the Com-
 ifsonors Call for them, Sence M^r M^cGillveray has informed them that the

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Comifsonors is to Send for them and that he will accompeney them they maen
to wait for it at which time I hoep the Cheife Roler and princeple men
of the uper and lower Nation will be able to Com as they have haed sufetiont
time and Notise to prepare them Selves for ther Jerney I have Nothing more
to Account your honor with at prefent

I am Sir with

Graeteft Respect and your Most Obediont

Humble Sar^t_n

Ja^s_n Durouzeaux

P: S: if M^r_n Clark Should Not be
at Augufta pray be So Kind as to
forward his Letter as it Cam from
M^r_n Gillveray

(On Reverse)

Addressed -

On publick Sarvefs

To the Honorable

Samuel Elbert Esq^r

Cap^t General Governor and Commandor in Chiefe
of State of Georgia

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