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Jackson County 26th Jany 1798

Captⁿ Owen J. Bowen appeared before me and stated on oath that on the 31st ultimo. 4 armed Indians painted in a war like manner came and behaved very rascally, asked and demanded several things. not giving them as much as they demanded one of them drew his knife and threatened to stab him, he gave several things upon the demand one with a knife and the other with their guns in their hands. he gave what they demanded and deems it a robbery

In the first place they asked for tobacco which he gave they then asked for salt which he refused as he had none they would not be put off so. and he shewed his gun that it was empty

They then demanded corn and he gave a peck a peace they demanded more and in familiar terms he refused them one of them drew his knife stabbed at him ordered him to fill their sacks which he did after they had their sacks filled with corn they demanded leather and they made him cut off nearly to the amount of one side of leather they then left him and went off.

Question, did you understand their language? Some words; when they first come he was out from the house and he saw them between him and the door, some of them appeared in a warlike manner were painted black and he would have kept them out but it was too late, he stepped to them shook hands with them and in-

vited them into his house they entered and treated him as he has stated - Why do you suppose they were Cherokees?

In the first place he understood some of their language and they asked for several things in that language, in the evening/^{after} they were gone a young Cherokee of a camp with 3 miles he came and while at supper was informed of the treatment given and he rose from the table with some provisions in his hand and went off immediately to his camp. The next morning early he and the head of his camp came to his house to know if he was offended or not he answered he would abide by the laws of his Country. they said the offenders were of

Owen J Bowen

Subscribed and sworn before

Benjamin Hawkins

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No - 1 Capt. Bowens Deposition.