

Toogaloe the 7<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1786

To his Honor the Governor,

S<sup>r</sup> On the 25<sup>th</sup> last month a certain Joseph Syers came through Chota, who informed me that he went wit the Commifsioners (sent from this State) to the Natchiez, and that he took the Creek Nation in his way back again, where he was detain<sup>d</sup> by M<sup>o</sup> Gilbry, who afterwards Employ<sup>d</sup> him to go with him to Pensicola to Afsist with a Number of Pack horses which was to bring back a large quantity of Arms &<sup>o</sup> he farther saith that after they Arrived at Pensicola, M<sup>o</sup> Gilbry went on to New Orleans directing s<sup>d</sup> Syers to wait his return in which time a number of Creek Indians came there for Arms & Ammunition to go to war against the Georgians, The Governor told them that they should have none for that use, and that they had no businefs to go to war with the white People. the Indians however waited M<sup>o</sup> Gilbry<sup>s</sup> return, who found means to furnish them with what Arms & Ammunition they wated- said Syers farther says that the Creek Indians have Unanimously agreed to strike on our Frontiers this fall, Except the big Tallisee, the Cufseters, and Town that Timothy Barnett lives in, and that he expects about that time they had started, and that he himself made his escape by the afsistance of a Cherokee Woman who Accompanied him, this Syers appears to be an Intelligent man, and very Candid in his Relation, though Probably M<sup>r</sup> Christmess, or some other Gentlemen who went to the Natchiez can inform your honor more particularly respecting the mans Character, The Cherokees all appear very friendly, and I expect will be very serviceable to our frontiers (in case we have a war with the Creeks) by giving Intelligence &<sup>o</sup>

Any Commands your Honor will please to favour me with, will find me at this place, I am S<sup>r</sup> with all due respects

Y<sup>r</sup> Honors M<sup>o</sup> Oba<sup>t</sup> Hble S<sup>t</sup>

Joseph Martin

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the 4<sup>th</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup>

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