

Tirone April 13<sup>th</sup> day 1785

Sir /

Inclosed is a Talk sent by the Chicamaugay Indians to Colo Joseph Martin Superintendant of the State of Virginia and North Carolina, he mentions to me that Grate Abufes are Committed are in the Different Cherokee Tribes that are in this State, by disorderly white people and that there is Grate uneasinefs amongst they Indians, on account of there not being a proper Person sent from this Quarter to Arange and put matters on a proper footing in that Contry, I Beg leave to Inform you Sir that the Legislature Did Appoint seven Commisfioners fore this Quarter and three on the Western Waters to Explore the Lands in the Bent of the Tenafee and to open a Land office if Circumstances would admit, and as the Businefs wafs pu in train Last summer and Expect to Go upon the Buisnefs very shortly would wish the Intentions of the Honb<sup>l</sup> the Afsembly may not Be disappointed in Majoritey of Commisfioners Going from this Quarter, and if his Honor the President Situation will not admit of thir Going this Spring nor Major M<sup>C</sup>intosh would wish your Honor would fill up the vacancys with such Gentlemen as would Go on the Buisnefs Immediately I think my Duty Sir to Inform that those new Commisfioners appointed to Dispose of the Town Lots in Washington and Superintend a Scool Colo Lamar Declines Acting Danil Colman Esq. Decsed, and that your Honor will have the vacanfiles filed up, and Beg lieve to Recomend the Hon<sup>ble</sup> George Mathews if he Cold Pofably be perswaded on to Except of an Appointment in that Buisinefs and any other person that the General would Recomend, as he is much Better Acquainted with a Number of Gentlemen in this County thats Com in from the Northward than I am

I am Sir your most ob<sup>t</sup> and very  
Humble Servant

Stephen Heard

( On Reverse )

Addressed -

The Honorable Samuel Elbert Esquire  
Governor

Savannah

Hono<sup>d</sup> by  
General Mathews

Letter  
Step<sup>n</sup> Heard AG<sup>t</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup> Ap<sup>l</sup> 1785

Indian Affairs

Coweitter 8<sup>th</sup> May 1785

Sir

I Received your favor of 28<sup>th</sup> March Laft With the Governor Talk to the Indions, and according to your Desier Went my Selfe with it to M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gilverey But thaer being Some of the haed men Not at home and the Scarrfittey of proviftion M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gilverey thought it not proper to Caull a Generell Metting at that time to Difstras the people that Lived at Graett Distencefs from the place Opiented for to Mett at Sutch Ocations but only haed the Advife of a few that was hand and has Taeken upon him Selfe to Writte in the behalfe of the uper Towns Which you will be Acquainted with on Opening his Letter I Can afuere you I have haed a good ele of Trouble and fatugus about this Bufenefs and mutch adoe to Gett a Meetting of the Lower Town only, and have wrotte Every thing Down for that they Daierd, But it is my Opinion that the Gentlemen the Comifsioners was to cume up haer that Matters would be Esaer Setled then a Number of them as will be Going Doune to the Metting at Baird' Bluffe as you know they are a people that will be Expecting Large Prefents at Sutch times as that; Whaeras if they waer to Come up haer it Could Not be Expected, I have Done Every thing that Lay in my power in Getting the haed men to Give thier Confent of the Land and thaer is some that Stand out mutch yett for the Oconeys to be the Lien but they<sup>will</sup>/all Come Over in time I hope thaer is no fault to be found in my Conduct in this affair and Critick (torn) piont of Buefenefs if thaer Should, I Should be Verry Sorowe for to Give any perfon any Rome to Say any thing in Raespect of my Endavors to perfwaed the Indions Over so mutch as I

have, the Indions are all infifting for me to accompeney them Down and  
 be thaer Interperter in this Bufenefs but having no Envetation an Obegs  
 to Declien that part as I have not Ever haed any Protection from the  
 Governour or Councell of the Sats I Daerstant Venture so far, But I hope  
 my acting in this matter will be a meens of my being taeken of thaer Bill  
 Which I have been informed I was on, if they think fit of imploying me any  
 farther in the Bufsinefs I Should be Glad to Know it as soon as pofable as  
 I Shall Go to Penfacola Sometime in June Without I Should be Could upon,  
 howfever I will waitt a Litle Longar then I Should in cafe thaer Should  
 be ocation for me M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Carr is Settle with you for what Troble and  
 fatteugue I have been at Sence I undertook this Bufinefs in hand, I think  
 the Left they Can Alowe me is five and Thurtey pound for my Oen Troble I  
 shall Give M<sup>r</sup> Carr a memerandom for Some few things that may wont and the  
 Balonce you will Give Cridut on my Noet, a Speedey anfwer will Graetly  
 Oblige Sir your moft Humble and Moft

Obediont Ser<sup>t</sup><sub>n</sub>

Ja<sup>s</sup><sub>n</sub> Durouzeaux

( On Reverse )

Addressed -

To

M<sup>r</sup><sub>n</sub>

William Clark

at

Baird' Bluffe

Ja<sup>s</sup> Durouzeaux  
 to Will<sup>m</sup> Clark  
 Cowetas May 5<sup>th</sup> 1785