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Chickasaw Nation July 23th 1786

Sir

When I left Georgia the Hon<sup>l</sup> legislature of that State directed me on my return home to Call on those Two Nations and endeavour to Establish a lasting peace with them. I found the task no ways difficult, it Appear'd to be there wish, but whilst I was about it the Creeks began to do Mischiefe, and disagreeable as it is I found it Nefsarary to remain among them as there was no person in this Quarter to speak in Our behalf and not thinking matters would have Lain silent as long as they have - M. Gilvary has frequently sent his talks into the Two Nations Prefsing them Very hard to Join them, laying Down Many reasons that realy might look Feaseable to a savage, but they would hear none of there talks unles I was present and my oppinion first asked before they would give an answer, which was always a positive refuseal to haveing any thing to do with the War - 150 Waponcheys Came about Twenty Days ago and wanted to sit down in this land Tho they refused them, and ordered them To the other side of the Ohio. Said they were a bad people, and would do some mischief and they should be blamed

M<sup>c</sup> Gilvary is now at New Orleans on some businefs with the Governor, and His Excellency have sent for the Indians That wair British Medals to Come and give them up and take spanish ones. or he must stop the Trade, the greater part have Refused, and say there whole dependence must be on us. Therefore I am in hopes you Can in Answer to the talk they send Answer them in such a manner as may satisfy them As I can do a great deal with them by a letter from your Quarter - I shall thank you to let me know what is going on in Amaraca as I am ordered to Remain here until I hear from Georgia, and as that pafsage is so stoped fear it may be some time first. I hear from a friend in Moabile the other day an Exprefs on its way to me was taken and Carried into pensacola - you must Excuse My letter as the king of the land is waiting to Carry it to the bearer and seems very uneasy Nothing shall Transpire here worth Communicating but you shall hear, as soon as an Indian Can get to you - They way the Army Moves pray let me know - there are some French Boats in the Tenessee River Supplying The Cherokees with amunition, if they were Removed they Could get no Supply.

I have the Honour to be &c &c

W. Davenport

The above is a True copy

John Sevier

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