

Messrs. Gales & Seaton,

GENTLEMEN:—We have seen, since our arrival in Washington, two erroneous statements, as regards the Cherokees, copied into your paper from Southern prints, which we beg permission to correct.

It is first stated that "the Cherokees are willing to enter into a treaty, provided reservations *in fee* are given to certain characters," &c.

Secondly, it is said that "President Jackson informed Governor Gilmer that a treaty could be made with the Cherokees, suitable reservations being made to certain chiefs who wished to remain," &c.

Not long since a special agent was despatched by the President to the Cherokees to make certain propositions, among which was the offer of large reservations; and to ascertain whether or not they would treat. He attended the late General Council of the nation, made known his business in a written communication, and persuading the Chiefs and People of the liberality of the propositions, submitted, by a speech before the Council, and in the presence of a large concourse of citizens, in which the selfish interests and cupidity of all were addressed, and the terror of force on the part of Georgia to survey and dispose of their lands by lottery to her citizens, was set forth in bold relief. The reply of the Council affords abundant evidence of the determination of the Cherokees not to treat, even upon the proviso alluded to, and a resolution to hazard all their right to the danger threatened, than to suffer personal interest to predominate over their better reason; and at the same time, relying on the justice of the constituted authorities of the United States for protection. They have repeatedly declared to the Government and its agent, their solemn determination never again to cede another foot of land, and whatever may be said to the contrary, they are firmly and unalterably resolved never again to expose their interests, their happiness, and their country, in market.

Respectfully, your obedient servants,

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Cherokee Delegation.

Washington City, Dec. 11.