

(C O P Y.)

Philadelphia, March 2, 1795.

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IN obedience to the will of the general assembly of the state we have the honor to represent, we beg leave to lay before the President of the United States, an act passed by the legislature of the state of Georgia on the 28th day of December last. By a reference to the 7th section of the aforementioned act, it will be perceived, that it is the duty of the senators and representatives of the state in the congress of the United States, to apply without loss of time, for a treaty to be held with the tribes or nations of Indians claiming the right of soil to certain lands as described in the said act, lying beyond the present temporary boundary line. The general assembly, at the time they passed the law, appear to have had in view the operation of an act of the general government entitled, 'an act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes,' and in conformity thereto they have appointed three respectable citizens to attend as agents on the part of the state, and appropriated the sum of 30,000 dollars, for the purpose of defraying the expense of a treaty, and extinguishing the claims of the Indians, if any there be, to lands lying within the boundaries described in the said act, and to the end that the said treaty may be held, conducted and concluded, in a fair, open

and honorable manner, and agreeable to the principles contained in the 8th section of the above cited act of the United States: We have to request on the part of the state of Georgia, that a commissioner or commissioners be immediately appointed, and the time and place fixed on for holding a treaty with the aforesaid Indian tribes.

It cannot have escaped the observation of the executive, that a number of the frontier citizens of the state of Georgia, have for several years past, remained captives to a cruel and barbarous enemy, and that many of them who have been so fortunate as to avoid captivity, and preserve their lives, are reduced to extreme indigence from the continued predatory war carried on against them by Indian tribes.

We anticipate with confidence, that an early period will be fixed on for holding a treaty, and hope that it may eventuate in a restoration of all the unfortunate sufferers to their distressed families, and effectually secure the peace and happiness of those whose lot it is to reside on a frontier.

We have the honor to be,

With the highest respect and esteem,

Your most obedient servants,

JAMES GUNN,

THOMAS P. CARNES.

The President of the United States.

Taken from the copy now on the file of the Executive.

EDWARD WATTS, S. E. D.