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A TALK OF THE CREEK NATION RESPECTING
WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BOWLES

Tookaubatche 25th. Novr. 1799

The chiefs of the Creek Nation being assembled in the Public Square Eufau Haigo the Speaker for the Nation delivered this talk to Benjamin Hawkins agent for Indian Affairs. _____

This day I address to you our friend and brother and the representative of our father the President the talk of the Creek Nation. Yesterday you Spoke to us on the affairs of this Nation you explained everything to us, everything about the red and White people since the last meeting, and particularly the conduct of Bowles on his coming to us, his Asking for land and obtaining a grant of some from Auhan Micco (potatoe King) and the Simenolies. Now is the time here are the Nation Assembled. If any thing about giving land is to be done this is the place for the talk. We say no we give no land. Now is the time and this is the place to Speak of such matters. If any one wants this man among us or to give him some land now is the time to speak. We say no.

Bowles may not have his pocket full of money but if he gets possession of our land he will soon fill his pockets from the land Speculators-

This man Bowles I never saw, but we all know he is not a true man, he may sell our land to the Speculators that will involve us in difficulties— If he once get their money they will never cease their efforts 'till they get our land. You are the man placed by

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the President of the United States to take care of our rights, we look on you now as the father of the red people and you must put us to rights and keep us so.—

The four Nations have their own kings & Chiefs We never had a White Chief. This man says he is a chief of our land, he is our director general, he lies. We never knew him in any other character than that of an imposter and liar; The only white man is yourself you are our beloved man, and the representative of the President. When he was in our land before, there sets two men who were appointed to put him to death, I appointed them, and if he had been a Chief, or as he says the Chief of our land I should not have done it. When you write to him you must give him a day certain to leave our land, to get into his boat and go off. If he does not go off, it will be bad with him. If Great Brittain sent a man to see us, his red friends, at St. Augustine, St. Marks, Pensacola, Mobile or New Orleans, it is well, but not a man poking about in a corner like a thief— We are not mad with Englishmen, if any such come we shall treat them kindly, but a man who comes like a vagabond, and who is known to us to be a thief and a liar, and whose whole conduct proves him to be a thief and a liar, we want him not, he only disturbs us by the attention our mischief makers and horse thieves pay to such characters. He was well known many years ago to the Simenolies, he brought them and us into trouble by his thefts and mischief-making. This is our talk respecting Bowles.

Faithfully interpreted from the Creek by
Alexander A. Cornells Asst.
and interpreter

In presence of
Robt Grierson
James J. L. Lovett
James Bird
Hinchey Pettway
Robt Walton

Lem M. McGee

The next point for this day is a short talk we give you to send to the Governor of Pensacola and our good friend Mr Panton.-

“The chiefs and masters of the Creek lands are here present, and you our beloved man are with us.

When the British left us they told us Mr Panton would supply us with goods. The Spaniards they took possession, and we expect this engagement on the part of the British to be good as long as Mr Panton is able to support this trade.

When we see a letter from Mr Panton and the Governor of Pensacola we pay attention to it. Mr Panton is a trader, he does not belong to the class of people who fight. The Path must be kept open to his house from the four Nations. The bay and river must be clear and these who fight must do it on the ocean and not disturb us in our trade. Spain and Great Britain ought not to disturb the vessels of Mr Panton. They are for the trade for the four Nations, the path should be clear, we are poor and they ought to consider us and not involve us in their quarrels or disputes. The powers at War know that we are poor people and its our wish that we may find peace at our trading posts.

The four Nations have made a talk that they will be at peace with all white neighbours. The Wars of the white people are mostly at Sea, let them fight. We wish the Governor of Pensacola to believe that we shall be always glad to see him as long as the Spaniards are our neighbours and that he has nothing to fear from us red people.

This is the end of our talk for the Governor of Pensacola and Mr Panton.

Creek Agency 3rd Decr. 1799

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original in my possession, and that the original was delivered to me in the public Square of the National Council in Tookaubatche-

Ben Hawkins
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A LETTER FROM DANIEL MCGILLIVRAY TO
WILLIAM PANTON RESPECTING
WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BOWLES

Hickory Ground October, 13th. 1800

Dear Sir

Three days ago I came from the Tuckabatches where I delivered a long talk from the Cowetas & Cussitaw Chiefs, Concerning Bowles & his proceedings, setting the lower town indians By the Ears with his infernal lyes ; Colol. Hawkins wrote the talks to the Upper Creeks, setting forth the danger of allowing such talks to Circulate among them, the only remedy left them was to collect themselves to assist the Lower towns to Sieze on Bowles & his associates, in order to put a Stope to his talks, otherwise they might expect nothing else but a civil war among themselves; Perryman or Cangyjie sent his talks to the Chiefs and told them that he was afraid of trouble for there was not a single village below the Uchches, but what was divided among themselves. Sugarts & another wt. man name not mentioned returned from the bay of Tampa & reported to the Indians Bowle's Ship was there, with goods & British troops to Assist them ; Kinnigie of Miccasucky told Bowles he did not want his white soldiers, but advised him to send his soldiers against St Augustine, all this is nothing else, but lying reports to corrupt the minds of these foolish

Indians that is now f Divided one against another,—the Broken days was sent to the Chiefs of the Upper Creeks to collect a few men to meet at the Tuckabaches in seven days, the talks returned by the runners that they were all scattered & gone and that the Singer & the Mad Dog might if they would, the Tame King is in the opposition & for Bowles, This is the present situation of this people at present, in spite of what is said to them they will plunge themselves in ruin, for they will not see their danger that is near approaching. I fancy the Mad Dog & the Singer will have to go without any of their Warriors, by which the talks of the lower town Chiefs will turn out to be of no consequence,-

I am now to inform you some disagreeable actions of late acted by the Wind family the Women has taken all the cattle that was, and now they are for taking the negroes, this day the white ground indians the Lame fellow was for taking wenches & small negroes for who I cannot say I suppose for Mrs Durrant have undoubtedly sent them

I am of opinion they will have them all & make away with them for there is no body to oppose them, for my part I have said what I could but to no purpose, for they will do what they please that is all I can say about them at present, because the White ground Indians was prevented from carrying off their negroes at this time by the Hickory ground Indians who sided with me against them.

in regard to myself I am pestered on every side I act as an advocet for the White people you live among, merely for your interest & the Safety of these people, not only a thankless office but I am Lyable to Entangle myself, entirely my view is for your interest altho it is not in my power to act or please you as I would wish, I must realy say that I think you injure your-

self through your goodness toward these Indians, there is no less then seven tradders Indian factors fitted out by you round me, it never was so in old times ; & more expected from the Sun Rising ; by which my Bread is entirely taken out of my mouth & I must starve, the Spaniards nor the Americans will not assist me although I am a friend to both when they do not know it, this is my present situation & I have no friend to assist me, - I formerly thought you was my real friend but of late you seem to threaten me for that I was truly innocent and you blamed me for which you ought to blame yourself for I gave you timely warning by Mr Hutton concerning the Raskel Phillips you call my black smith, I knew nothing of him when I wrote to you & soon after I acquainted you to have nothing to do with him, yet you blame me for my honest intention toward you, you receive my three Letters at one time & you ought to guard yourself against such a fellow.

Alexander Cornell was to blame more than me & he lost his gun through his partially, You are not the only loser others lost as well as you he parted with your gun on his route and I have not heard or found out yet who got your gun, it is told some of the Indians at Cahaba got it it is a bad chance. if I can find out who has the gun I will endeavor to get it, if my friend I hope the Breech is not so great between us but that it may be made up it never was my intention to hurt you but accidents will happen to create a difference between the greatest of friends,—Sometime next month you may expect to see me with what I have, I have not quite three hundred hides, but what I have shall be conveyed to you, when I get my Creatures collected & my little Crop gathered-

I have not seen the Muniac's since they came from Pensacola nor neither do I know what they'r after & Mr David Tate I have no manner of confidence

he is like the rest a grasping what he can, being in a hurry & unwell conclude with assuring you that I am as usual Dear sir your sincere Friend & humble Servt
Danl McGillivray

P.S. This moment I am told of James McQueens being no more its said he is dead & Buried four days past, he told his son in my hearing not to pay you for you had property inough of his in your hands already, I gives you warning in order to take legal Steps in time for your own defence, yours truly

Danl McG.

Wm Panton Esqr

William Panton Esqr Mer
chant at Pensacola sent by John
Probus Indians

