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THE PANTON, LESLIE PAPERS  
JOHN LESLIE TO ROBERT LESLIE

St. Augustine E. F. 9th May 1796

Dear Brother-

Some Mickasookie Indians in town, say they are to return straight home ; tho this may not be true, I give a few of the latest newspapers here a chance of reaching you by them. I have nothing from you or from Pensacola since my last of 21 January, at which I have of late been wondering. Governor Quesada left us the 15 March last; but our new governor (White) has not yet appeared, nor has arrived at Havana, by the last from thence-you will have heard of some great doings intended on St. Marys, between the Americans and the Creeks :-The latter it's said, are invited to assemble there in Congress for 1 month, to receive a talk from Mr. President Washington, and one from the Legislature of Georgia and are to receive presents to the value, some say of \$90,000-other reports reduce the amount to \$60,000. We understand the goods and provisions requisite for this purpose, have some time since arrived at St. Marys from the northward, that the business is to be conducted by some Commissioners from Congress at Philadelphia, jointly with others deputized from the Assembly of Georgia ; Mr. Seagrave assisting in his capacity of Superintendent of Indian Affairs. The objects we comprehend are to establish and confirm peace and friendship-a cession, or renewal of the former cession, of Indian Lands, etc., explain to the Red Men the nature and

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Note-This letter is in continuation of the series of records of Panton, Leslie & Co., and its successor John Forbes & Co., the publication of which has been continuous in the *Quarterly*. These are in the possession of Mrs. John W. Greenslade who has transcribed them.

plan of the Indian trade, on [illegible] of the Federal government, etc.

I have seen in a Savannah paper, a copy of the late Treaty, Spain with the United States, and am sorry I have not one to send you ; tho perhaps you may have it.

The Spanish possessions on the east of the Mississippie -from the 31st Degree of Latitude northward are given to the United States; which throws Chickasaw Bluff into the American Territory. I have some notion, Mr. Panton may move our people, etc., there, to the west side of the river; but of this I cannot form a clear judgment.

The navigation of the Mississippie is opened at last to the Americans-New Orleans named as a place for them to deposit and reship their produce and merchandise, with many other regulations as to commerce, seemingly all on one side, in favor of the U. States. We are rebuilding the stores on St. Johns at Picolatta. Our other concerns jog on in the old way-remember me to Mr. Panton and other friends at Pensacola when you write.

I have got Mr. Hutton's watch, but do not think it right to send it with this. Cannot say if it goes right, as there is no key with it, nor can I get one to fit it. My wife and little Bet, desire their love to you and I remain Dear Robert

yours J. Leslie

Mr. Robert Leslie  
Appalachie.

[Endorsed:]

Jno. Leslie 9 May 1796

Recd. 24 Do.

Answd. 9th Oct. Do.