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THE PANTON, LESLIE PAPERS
MUCKLESAOPAY, THE SINGER, (INDIAN
CHIEF) TO WILLIAM PANTON

Hickory Ground Sept. 28 1799

My friend

The affairs of my Nation untill now hindered my going into the Woods, tomorrow I am going with all my people with all the powder and Ball you was so good as to send me Your last Letter to our Daniel Cautions me to take care of it & sell to those that buy from me to the best advantage. I shall be in from hunting in the windy moon last of Feb. Some time in March or April I shall visit you with all the skins I can collect. My friend I beg now a favour of you if you'll be so good as to send me 5 small 3 pt. and 2 pint blankets pr. Mr. John Proctor to cloath the children of the Late Deceased McPherson. They are now mine they are my sisters children & I hate to see them naked, starved with cold & in the ashes for which reasons I hope you'll grant my request.

I have given my directions & orders to his oldest son to carry his skins to you as soon as he can & pay off the debts as soon as he can, he will sett off as soon as he can get ready. The deceased sister Ben Crooks Wife was troublesome but by the talks that I and the other sister Mrs. Durant gave her brought her to, and consented at last to his son's paying the debts & having the management.

Our friend Daniel told us yesterday at Black drink he was not in a hurry to visit you as powder was so Dear, if he had powder to sell to these people they would be quareling with him if he did not sell at the old rate for these reasons he would not visit you until he gathered his corn & hunted up his cattle he used to supply the half of the upper town's I can-

not say who they are to get powder now to go in the woods, this matter will open their eyes & I hope bring them a little to their senses This is my opinion, farewell my friends,

Mucklesaopay, or the Singer.

The above is what the Singer desired me to say to you he speaks friendly of you and I believe means well toward you, he lent me his cow hunter a young negro fellow to assist me yours truly

DANL MCGILLIVRAY,

William Panton Esqr.