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OBLIGATION OF THE CHIEFS AND HEAD-MEN OF THE
UPPER TOWNS OF THE CREEK NATION TO
JOHN FORBES & CO., NOVEMBER 1, 1812

We the undersigned Chiefs and Headmen of the Upper Towns of the Creek Nation do hereby solemnly promise to pay to Messrs John Forbes & Co or their order the sum of Twenty one thousand nine hundred and sixteen Dollars, one and a half rials out of the annual stipend which we receive from the United States of America, in the manner and form following: -
Whereas one years Salary has become due to us this day we have given a Draft at sight of this date on the Agent of the U. S. Indian affairs, Colonel Benjamin Hawkins in favor of the said John Forbes & Co, or their order for the sum of Five thousand Dollars ; and whereas another years stipend will fall due to us on the first day of November next ensuing (1813) we promise to carry the full net amount of the said stipend to the aforesaid House of John Forbes & Co in hard silver Dollars immediately after receiving the said Salary, and with the least possible delay :—and whereas a third years Salary from the United States will become due to us on the 1st of November 1814, we promise in like manner to carry or cause to be carried to the aforementioned House of John Forbes & Co, in hard Silver Dollars the full net amount of the said third years stipend immediately on our receiving the same and with all possible haste and expedition until the full complete, and entire payment of the aforesaid sum of Twenty-one thousand nine hundred and sixteen Dollars, one and a half rials (the salary of our Upper Towns being about \$8500 per annum from which there are to be made some small deductions for holding meetings & which we can not here specify with precision and whereas per annexed list of debts which compose the aforesaid sum of Twenty one thousand nine hundred and sixteen Dollars, one and a half rials, for

which we are responsible, and which we have promised to pay, there are some individuals who have sufficient property to pay their respective debts, and from whom we intend to compel payment to us, we further engage that any sums which we may so collect of them (together with the interest thereon wherever it may be possible to recover interest either by suits at law, or otherwise) we shall carry or cause to be carried in hard silver to the aforesaid House of John Forbes & Co in Pensacola with all possible haste:—*And* finally we solemnly promise to accelerate by every means in our power the full and true payment of the aforesaid sum of Twenty-one Thousand nine hundred and sixteen Dollars, one and a half Rials, and faithfully and honourably to perform everything within the spirit and meaning of this obligation—In faith and Testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our marks respectively in the Square, or Council House of the Town of Tuckabatchees at a Grand Meeting of the Chiefs, Headmen & Warriors of the Upper and Lower Towns of the Creek Nation, of which the Big Warrior is Speaker or President, and at which were also present the Representatives of the Cherokee Nation ; M r Christian Limbaugh, Deputy Agent in the room of the Agent Colonel Benjamin Hawkins, absent from indisposition, and Mr Timothy Barnard & Mr Alexander Cornells, Interpreter for the United States, and Mr Thomas Miller, acting Interpreter for John Forbes & Co., this first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twelve

In presence of	Big B. W . Warrior
Timothy Barnard	speaker of the National Council
Asst & Inter	William McIntosh
Alexr A C Cornells	His
Asst & Interpreter	Tustennuggie + Hopoie
Christian Limbaugh	Mark
Asst Agent for Indn affairs	
Thos Miller	

Province of West Florida
Town of Pensacola

I hereby certify that I have carefully compared & examined t aforegoing obligation with the original thereof and find the same to be a true & exact copy.

Given under my hand & seal this 29th Day of Octr 1818

(SEAL)

M McKinsey
Justice of the Peace
in & for the Town of Pensacola, Province of West Florida