

The Com. Mysore requests me to  
write to you respecting some things he has heard which  
has troubled him and caused him to feel bad. He  
wishes to write to you as you are acquainted with  
the laws and all things which concern the interests  
of the Indians of which they are ignorant.

He says they have heard from Mr Geo. Johnston who  
lately received letters that the Indians cannot  
stay here. This can remain but a little longer  
and they had therefore better think a little before  
for removing. He says some have been getting  
timber to build themselves houses, but this was  
wrong, then and then lay down their axes, saying  
it is no use if they must remove. There is no  
use of their building.

He says, this is his place and here he wishes to stay.  
They hold on to this place as a bird almost to a  
branch of a tree waving ready to fall. They feel  
as if this news, as if they were encamped for a little  
time soon to be on a journey. He says, I wished my  
children to take hold of the book and learn.  
I wished to listen to instruction that is now  
given me. My children begin to learn and my  
determination is, that whether we stay or go  
that my children shall hold on to the book  
and continue to learn.

I have said he long been thinking about me  
and how to provide for them and I desire  
continually very much to buy a little piece  
of land that I may provide some thing for  
them.

Messrs Biddle & Drew of I have long known the  
Indians here and we regard you as our friends  
and wish you to tell us plainly and truly what  
you know about what we have heard. I wish you  
to tell us what you think will be best for the Indians.

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here. Let us know what you think best for your  
selves here and the news respecting what we have hear  
ed in that case. We hope to hear from you very soon  
Your friend  
H. G. S. A.

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Genl Allow me to add a remark or two before  
closing this letter. Some of the men came to me the other  
night and said that they had <sup>been</sup> at a council at the  
old place who told them that Mr Johnston had  
told him he had received letters and the Indians  
had better prepare for removing as they could  
not remain long here. Mr Johnston said the  
old man had better call the men together and  
tell them. I made some inquiries and showed  
them a small book and they said it was  
from such a book that he learned it. He told  
them that best two of these books, came, one  
from me to his brother. The book was Mr School  
craft's report, and I suppose the man was ig  
norant that I had received one of these reports.  
I then explained what was in the report to them  
saying that Mr Schoolcraft thought the  
Indians could not long remain here in  
prosperity and their best interest it would be  
consulted by early consideration of their re  
moval. This was simply Mr Schoolcraft's opinion  
whether the President elect would think as he  
did no one could tell at present and there  
fore they had better be at ease for a time un  
til some thing better could be known.  
As Mr Johnston is expecting to leave for Mackinac in a  
day or two if you can forward any communications by  
the man who may come with him we would be glad  
we do not wish to ask any favors from himself. We are  
tolerably well Mr Dougherty is somewhat complaining

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If you have any papers from the artist we would  
like to see them (our artist friends).  
Yours

T. D. Long

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Will you send me a small piece of chalk red  
to write

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