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Thomas, on Grand River
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Dear Sir,

As the subject of emigration has excited the mind of some of the influential men of the Ottawa Tribe, residing on the River, many questions are proposed to which I feel a reluctance to answer. At a council of Chiefs from four Villages it was proposed that the head Chief from each Village on the River visit the other side of the M. O. at his seat in Washington & solicit his assurance of remaining in free possession of the Soil they now improve situated North of Grand River. That in consideration of the utter aversion to emigration to the West, & the unfavorable report of those who have explored the Country designed for their location, they appear to be averse to the proposition that the Pres. should assure them the title of the Soil they now possess. They propose to call a general Council after they have gathered their corn, to consult further on this subject. They requested the favor of your advice on the subject for to send to the next Council, The above is submitted.

Yours Very Truly
Edward M. West