Com. Indian Affairs,
May 25. 1855.

Relative to settling the Southern Comanches between Red river and the Arkansas - approved. Contents to be communicated to the Creeks.

Received at Superintendency June 12. 1855.

Copy of. with letter of advice, sent to Col. Garrett, Creek Agent, June 13. 1855.

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs.
May 25. 1855.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your predecessor, of date the 24th. March, stating that Tuckabatche Micco and other Creek Chiefs had waited upon him with the request that he would exert his influence on behalf of the Southern Comanches with the Department, who desired to be located by the Government between Red River and the Arkansas to the end that they might engage in agricultural pursuits, and abandon the roving life which they were now compelled to lead. A Copy of this communication was sent up to the Secretary of the Interior, who transmitted it to the Secretary of War for his opinion as to the practicability of thus locating them; the Secretary of War agrees with this Department as to the humanity and policy of the measure; but from his imperfect knowledge of the country is unable to say whether there are vacant lands in this region suitable for the purpose.

You will communicate to the Creeks, and request them to inform their friends the Comanches that the Department is extremely solicitous to gratify them, and has the subject under consideration; and that they may rest apsured that every thing will be done to please and encourage them in their laudable purpose which circumstances will admit of. As some time must elapse before a measure of this kind can be consummated, the Indians should be told that delay may occur, and exhorted not to become restless or impatient.

Very respectfully,
Your Ob. Sev.

Commissioner.

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