

Commr Ind Affs

Sept 8th 1857

Wishes information in
regard to the willingness
of the Creek & Seminole
Indians to send delegation
to Florida.

Rec Sept 21st & answer
- end 22nd

Department of the Interior,
Office Indian Affairs.

September 5. 1857.

Sir:

Referring to the latter portion of the instructions which issued to you from this office on the 10th of last April, wherein you were told to avail yourself of your then contemplated visit to the Creeks and Seminoles to impress upon the Chiefs and officers of the tribes the great desire of the Government and the necessity for making arrangements for the speedy and peaceful emigration of the Seminoles remaining in Florida, - I would state that a communication has been anxiously looked for, upon this subject, from you.

It is a matter of serious importance, and one which the Government earnestly desires to see carried out with the least delay possible. The liberal payments and other

stipulations provided for in the treaty of August 7th 1856 were entered into with a view to this purpose, and the Creeks and Seminoles can only exhibit their fidelity to the obligations undertaken therein by their zealous aid and cooperation, - and the large benefits to be added upon the fulfilment of the scheme should be a stimulus to exertion - You will therefore see the propriety of your sending on at once any information that you may have obtained relative to the matter, with your opinion as to the probability of a successful move in the premises.

I may add that I now address you at the instance of the Secretary of the Interior, who manifests extreme anxiety upon the subject, - which you will recollect he also exhibited in the several interviews he held with you when you were here.

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant,

Charles E. Mif.

Acting Commissioner.

Elias Rector, Esq.

Superintendent &

Fort-Smith.

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