

Jesse Wharton to Andrew Jackson, February 16, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JESSE WHARTON TO JACKSON.1

1 Wharton was U. S. senator from Tennessee 1814–1815. The treaty of Fort Jackson was a severe blow to the Creeks, and many people in the states east of the Alleghanies hesitated before accepting it.

Washington, February 16, 1815.

Dear Sir. I have the pleasure to inform you, that after great delay, the Creek treaty was this day ratified in the Senate by an unanous vote. Since the news of the unparralled victory obtained by you, and your brave band, over the enemy reached this place all opposition to that treaty has subsided. Mr. Anderson and myself availed ourselves of this favorable change, and accordingly pressed the subject on the consideration of the Senate. Before the receipt of that news, it appeared to us, dangerous to submit that treaty for ratification, great opposition seemed to exist against the treaty. We considered it all important not to urge a decision on the treaty, until it was certain it would carry. The western people were too much interested in that treaty, to hazard any thing in relation to it.

A treaty of amity and peace between this country and England is now under our consideration. This treaty was signed at Ghent on the 24th of Decr., and on the 30th of the same month ratified by the Prince Regent. It is beleived this treaty will not be dishonorable to America. The Contest in which we have been engaged, will convince the world that we

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are not unworthy of the high priviledges we enjoy, and that we can, and will support them at any and all hazards. In great haste yr. friend