

## Andrew Jackson to John Coffee, August 10, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

Headquarters 7th Military District, August 10, 1814.

*D'r Genl.* , When I left you I expected, to have had the pleasure of detailing to you the result of the mission to the creek nation personally, but the threatening aspect on our Southern coasts deprives me of this pleasure and hastens me to mobile. I sail tomorrow, my horses are in the act of setting out by land. at half past 2 P. M. yesterday, the convention was finally united, 1 ceding to the u. S. about 20-millions of acres, including all west of the cosee, 2 from the Cherokee line and from the

1 *Ibid.* , p. 26, note 2. The bounds are described more clearly in art. I. of the treaty, Kappler, II. 77.

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great shoals on the cosee east to Hothlewalee, south crossing the Tallapoosee, and up the fuhshatche creek ten miles, thence a direct line to a point on the chattehotchey river, thence east to the line between Georgia and the creek nation. all south and west of this line is ceded to the u. s. all north and east remains to the creeks. this you will observe, secures to the u. s. a free settlement from Georgia to Mobile and cuts off (as soon as settled) all foreign influence from the Indians, and gives to the u. s. perfect security, added to this in my oppinion the best unsettled country in america. This place perhaps one of the healthiest in the u. s. the 3rd regt. enjoys unusual good health. I have no doubt, as soon as congress meets, a law will be passed, dirrecting these lines to be run, the country sectioned and prepared for sale—on which event, I hope you will be appointed survayor. In effecting this erangement I met with considerable dificulty, owing to a letter written by

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Genl. Pinckney to Colo. Hawkins, containing the terms of peace, and holding out promises to the friendly Indians which my instructions did not embrace, and which letter by the order of Genl. Pinckney had been made publick to the chiefs by Colo. Hawkins before my arival here. They chiefs took up an idea that I had full powers to carry (or rather to incorporate these promises in the convention) these promises into full effect, and when I gave them my talk they did believe it was a false talk. however I told them at last the[y] heard the line, it must be run, and those who was our friends would sign it, and those who were not might go to the British, that I would furnish them with provisions to take them there and then I would persue and drive them and the British into the sea. I have been seven times interrupted since I sat down to write this letter. I have requested Colo. Butler to call by and give you the whole information. I have only time to add to the above, The chiefs afterwards got into a good humor, and proposed in open council that I should accept, as a token of National gratitude, three miles square. this I could not accept but they have still urged their wishes, and sent on a request to the President that their wishes should be carried into effect. with my best respects to Polly and your little daughter, Mr. Easton and lady, I have to bid you adieu. god only knows when I shall be able to return to Tennessee. When I reach Mobile you shall hear from me.

P. S. Colo. Hawkins was of great service to me in bringing to a close the convention. he is certainly a man of fine understanding, of great experience. A.J.