

at the place to be agreed upon, and have invited those which I have mentioned east of the Mississippi, to come and join them.

Brothers, we shall then all unite together, and become one nation, except one tribe, which is the usage: they will listen to nothing, but persist in keeping to their evil practices: we have asked of our Father, the President of the United States, and we now ask it of our brothers, the Quakers, to try and prevail on this nation to listen to what is right, and live in peace: perhaps they will listen to you, but they will not hear us. We cannot be satisfied that the usage should continue to occur separately, a country between us and the white people, so as to divide our nations from one another.

Brothers, we have told you that our nations have united together and agreed to become one people; our wish has long been to be more near neighbours to our youngest brother, the Cherokee. Our Father, the President of the United States, has told us, that he would give us fifty miles square, where we might join the Cherokee, and where there hereafter would no divisions arise amongst us. To this place all of our nations that might incline to come, he said, should be received and united forever as one people.

Brothers, I have mentioned to the government,

that I was going to leave my reservation of land near the Auglaise, which is seven miles by nine miles square, and that I would join the settlement of the Cherokee to the west.

Brothers, as the government was greatly engaged, I could not fully settle all my business with it, but I was referred to Governor Claiborne, who, they told me, would hear what I might have to say, and would be authorized to settle every thing between us.

Brothers, you have not now opposed our going to the west, and settling together all at one place; I think it best for us to remove and so to settle. I hope the Great Spirit will have compassion on us when we shall be there - it was Him who made this world, and all of us who live in it, that we might dwell together as friends and brethren. He is master of the world which he has made, and of all things: we cannot resist his power, and when it is his will that our existence should terminate, it becomes our duty to submit with resignation.

Brothers, I have made known to you my present views: when I shall proceed with my people to the country fixed on, as I know the game will, in a short time, become scarce at the place we propose to remove to, I intend, as soon as I shall have settled there, to commence the cultivation of the ground, and we shall learn the children that come after us, to depend on this means for a support.