To the chiefs, warriors, stockmen of the Cheyenne nation.

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To the Chiefs Warriors & others of the Delaware nation

Brothers,

In a message which is sent you, by order of Congress, which is the great council of the United States dated at Carlisle the third day of August 1787 delivered at Sanduskie by George Lovelace I told you that Congress had taken the Representation of the Indian nations Dated Decr. 18th 1787 into thus Serious considerations & would give an answer thereto in due time.

I now inform you by James Rinkey & William Willan that Congress in consequence of said Representation were pleased by a Resolution dated the 27th Day of October last to Authorize the Hon’ble the Governor of the Western Territory and (myself) the Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the northern District Invite & meet the Chiefs of the Five Nations, Delawares, Wiandots, Chippawas, Ottawas, Skomias, Shawanas., Wabash & all other Indian nations within the said northern District which Extends from the middle of the Lakes South to the Ohio & west to the Mississippi Rivers, in order to hold a General Treaty with you & them for the purpose (if Possible) of setting & removing all just complaints and uneasiness Supposed to Exist between the United States & the Indian Nations; and to establish a Peace which shall be lasting.

It is intended that the Treaty will be held at the Falls of Muskingum about Seventy miles west said River from the Ohio on the first day of May next 1788 or as soon as possible after that day - I therefore Expect your Chiefs will not fail to Attend, and that you & the Wiandots, will gain & send this Invitation through the nation to inform & collect the Western Chiefs punctually, as we shall endeavor to have Evry thing ready to Receive you & them at that time & Place.

The Resolution of Congress must convince you of thus Friendly & Pacific disposition toward the Indian nations. And I hope will induce you all to come with hearts disposed to perpetual Peace & Friendships with the United States

I am your Real Friend & Brother
Richd. Butler
Dated at Pittsburgh the 23d Day of Decr 1787