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William Stephens to John Kean, December 30, 1789

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Savannah 30 Dec. 1709

My dear sir,

I returned from Augusta in time to answer your favor of 21st last month. In answer of your 9 Weeks' letter, I have no news of the seacoast. I must have been domesticated. I

The principal fund in the legislature has been taken up in dispossessing of our Western Territory, for a liberal Chisholm to the United States, and a set of Speculators for a more nominal sum payable in 2 years—say 15,000,000 acres of land for 20,000 dollars. This infernal Business was carried on both Houses, with such warmth and violence that little else was done. I have given Gen. Jackson a copy of the Bill—and wish you to impress a portion of it. I have little doubt in my mind, that this rash and impromptu step will involve us in further trouble with the tribes of Indians, whom, with Mr. Gilmer and the Creeks, I am probably join, under Spanish interest, and make no repent of the measures. The Commissioners lately come are much blamed for their conduct at the Treaty, the mode of Negociation is censured and it is beyond a doubt, it the Gilmer was very much put at a disadvantage at their proceeding.

An attempt was made to admit Mr. Gilmer and
for Associate in a participation of the rights of the public. In this work, so far as relates to
McDowall, was taken from the Edinburgh Register of
the Creeks, and I have to declare that the people are declared
members of this state—The Bill was an expedient
at peace, and to make them our friends, but
was eventually adopted. We are at their board
of the money of the savages, although, it is now
they are peaceably inclined.

It appears to me that the Western Territory lately
parted with will become, and is intended as an asylum
for Anti-Federalists, and other desperate people, who
in time will rise into a tremendous body, hostile
friendly to the present American arrangement.

I have completed the Trade of the Indians and
sent to Mr Schuyler, and a deed is made to turn it
over to the whole. The register of our paper spread is
at an end. The 1st next August, and it is to be kept by
T. Canada. Our letter of indentures, were at only
week but reside, in expectation of about 13,000 per
per week. was appointed, has taken place, and what is
now remarkable. The present legislature could not
afford an agency—we are deprived beyond description
by the recent joint in last Camp, to the how and
I runaway for the east.

Very truly,

[Signature]