

are opposed to this course, while the Cheyennes are ready to go with them. This antipathy to the people of Texas arises from the wrong treatment they received in being forcibly driven from their lands in that state, for which they have never received any compensation. The Comanches claim to be descended from some of the ancient Mexican tribes, with whom the Spaniards made war and drove to the northward. They crossed the Rio Grande, into the northern part of Texas and the adjoining portions of New Mexico, where they remained, and continued to raid upon the Spanish settlements in Mexico, taking many of their women and children prisoners. Afterwards they took part with the people of Texas in the revolution by which the republic of Texas acquired her independence. A treaty was then made, while Sam Houston was president of the republic, by which a tract of country was set apart to the Indians, and guaranteed to them forever.

The conditions of this treaty were observed by both parties until the annexation of Texas to the United States, when a tide of immigration set in from the southern states. This was composed of people who did not regard the treaty, or the rights of the Indians, and settled upon their lands as well as in other places. This, as might have been expected, led into hostilities, which resulted in their expulsion from their lands, where many of them had begun to make farms and to live by agricultural pursuits. They were finally driven across the Red River, into the country they now occupy,