

HeadQuarters 8th Military District
Cincinnati 20th March 1814

Sir,

I have great pleasure in transmitting to you the enclosed copy of a letter from Colonel Butler communicating the result of an action between a Detachment of his command and a superior force of the enemys, which forms a fine counterpart to the Brilliant affair of Sandusky--Captain Holmes, the officer who commanded upon this occasion, has always been remarkable for his zeal, activity and knowledge of his duty; and I beg leave to recommend him as highly worthy of some distinguished mark of the President's favor.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 3rd instant--If the Government wish to employ the Indians extensively in the prosecution of the War I am decidedly of opinion that no attempt at obtaining an extinguishment or title to lands should be made at present, from those who have adhered to us, nor any cession of Territory exacted from those Tribes which joined the ranks of the enemy-But (as they have already been promised) that they should be put upon the former footing as it regards their lands as well as their annuities upon condition of their taking a decided part with us in the prosecution of the war-I believe that a cession of all the lands we want or may want for a considerable number of years might be obtained--The Chiefs would most probably