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Dear Bro. Smeal.

I had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. this morning, and hasten to make you reply. In the first place I will say that I regret much you have thought proper not to come to Washington and witness the final blow to the <sup>name</sup> Charters business in which we have been labouring so long to accomplish. Peter Johnson the delegate in the place of D W Lewis reached here some eight or ten days ago. G. Cooper got here this evening. I don't know where Sam Garland is. He has not written me a line since I last saw him - more than a year ago. We have been looking for Mr Smeal - and we expect him in a day or two.

So soon as he gets here we will then make the attempt to see what is what. We have lost some of our best friends in the Senate by death and by Election. Times not so favourable now as they were two years ago. List of last prope

entry has not yet come to us.  
I am anxious to go home - and  
drive things up to the upper end to  
end this everlasting Christmas business  
as soon as possible.

After I got my unfortunate lay  
out of differences I intended to go  
home, but there sprang up the  
business of the Survey of <sup>the boundary</sup> ~~the~~  
of our country, which gave me very great  
trouble. I got every thing fixed  
finally to my satisfaction and  
the Surveyors went and comman-  
ced their labours and had gone  
several miles in the line when  
without my knowledge new instruc-  
tions were sent out to the Surveyors  
ordering them to retrace the Survey  
made in 1825. I reported to the  
Gov of the Nation this matter  
just as it was done. The Treaty  
is violated. Gov Walker has protested  
against the new instructions in  
an able manner and just to my  
nation. He is now the Gov in  
place of Wade, who resigned.

Gov Cooper tells me that Page  
under some kind of mistake

had made an error in saying  
to you that he had paid the appropriation  
made for the delegation to him,  
(Sam Garland). The last account  
I saw of Sam Garland, was in a  
New Orleans paper. In it he  
called upon all the Chastaws who  
wished to Emigrate to the West  
to call upon him at his rooms.

Gene Cooper says he saw him in  
New Orleans and thinks he has  
gone back home on account  
of having let some one have  
his Cash and taking Draft upon  
a House in New Orleans, that  
refused to honor the Draft.

I will send the Money you ask for  
to G. W. Perkins - I sent him Money  
last Summer at his request. The  
Gen. Walker has called Extra Session  
of the Gene Council to be held the  
5th April next at Bayou Lafourche.

There are great many Indians of the  
wildest kind now in the City making  
cheating with the Government.

I wrote to you some time since to  
Paris which I presume you have not  
received before leaving home.

