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27th day March. (Clear & pleasant)  
 The occurrence with what  
 I believe to be a small party of  
 at least one hundred and fifty  
 taking my party to endeavor to  
 go among them, with several  
 Indians, who will not come under  
 the influence of the United States  
 military, but continue to commit  
 depredations upon white settlements.  
 Several small boys, including  
 three or four, & taking children as  
 captives, early last morning talked  
 with Mr. Dickson, one of the principal  
 chiefs of the tribe, for the purpose  
 of going among them to inquire their  
 children. Mr. Dickson had an opportunity  
 with Mr. Chatham, then agent  
 who appeared of the council, and  
 concluded upon opening the subject to the  
 Superintendent of Indian Affairs  
 by whom the necessary arrangements  
 would have to be made for my going  
 among them. But the traders  
 say they with parties of other traders  
 whom they could induce to join them  
 would lead at least thirty white persons  
 & take several hundred miles  
 & take captives, & will not give up  
 by agreement that they should  
 have done so, & my going to  
 the opening of the country  
 to one of the Com. will be a  
 & inquiry will be made there.

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