

10th Mo 1873

5th 2nd day, Clear Council with Govern
or Davis

The long talked of Council between Governor Davis of Texas & the Indians of this Agency commenced to day in the Fort, as his excellency would ^{and} meet the Indians in council at the Agency.

The Governor made his proposition to the Indians upon the fulfillment of which, they might expect the release of their chiefs Satanta & Big Tree in

In these propositions he assumed the position of Dictator to the United States by specifying conditions for regulating the affairs of the Indians of this reservation, & prominent among which are the following;—

They must settle down upon farms, near the Agency, — government must put a White Man into every camp to watch them & report their behavior to the Agent; — they must draw their rations in person, once in three days, answer to the roll call at the same time; — place themselves under the direction of the United States Army to assist in arresting all deprecatory Indians; — dispense with the use of their arms, horses & mules; — raise cattle, hogs, & corn; & live like the civilized Indians, the Choctaws Cherokees &c.

In return Satanta & Big Tree (who were present) are to be remanded back to the guard-house at Fort Ell, & kept there under the charge of the Post Commander to be released on the future good behavior