

and out of the proceeds reimburse itself the advance made to the owners, pay the residue of their debts here, and the balance to the owners at the Creek Agency West of the Mississippi.

This scheme can only be effected, I am aware, with the consent of the Reservoir; but it would be better policy, to encounter the trouble of effecting such an arrangement which these people have means of their own by which they can be transported ~~by their~~ Territory assigned their motor, than superficially to suffer them to become a public charge at no distant day.

I make these suggestions to you rather than to the Secretary of War, (with whom you may think I ought to have communicated) because, as you know me, I can venture to hope you will properly estimate my motives, and because I desire the benefit of your Council to withhold ~~it~~ if wrong, and the weight of your influence in recommending its consideration to the head of the Department of War, if right.

Most sincerely & respectfully
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