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First Chief of Muskogee Nation
Made to the Comanche and Witchetaw Nations
At Camp Holmes
(August 25, 1835)

Brothers, we have met today in this Praire and at this hour. I am glad to meet you. We are all of one colour. Brothers, we once lived in a country East of this. We broke the bushes out of the way, cleared the road and we now live in this Country.

When we reached our new homes we heard of you in the West. We heard of your way of living. Our forefathers used to live in the same way.--We now live differently. We live in peace and our children grow up to live in peace. This is the way we all should live. When I first came to the West I heard of your way of living. I heard of your killing each other, and I was sorry, all my people were sorry. The Osages used to live so, but we now are friends, and I hope we all will be so. Here is our little father, the white man, he has raised us, he

is the cause of our making peace. He has done us much good. We, the Muscogees, give you these white beads. They are the emblem of peace. Our people will now travel the road from one town to another. They will be open and clear. With all the different people we have made peace, we have made roads to these houses. We will now extend these roads to your towns. I would talk more to you now, but all I say has to be interpreted into so many languages that I will not say more.

I wish the treaty we have made may be faithfully observed and that our children may sleep in their cradles in safety.

Brothers, we have now established the road for us all. Some of my people are going home with you, and when they return, I hope they will bring us a favorable account.

I give you this tobacco. When you go home, I want all your warriors to smoke of it, and when the white smoke ascends, altho I shall be at home and not see it, it will be the same as if I was present. These white beads are the emblem of peace, when you go home you must let all your people draw them through their hands. It will be the same as if I was shaking hands with them.