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LETTER OF FUS FIXICO

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"Well, so," Hotgun he say, "the Injin has spoken. Long time ago he give a war whoop and go on the warpath; this time he call a convention and go on record. Instead a making medicine he make history; instead a chasing the pioneers with a tomahawk, he preside in convention and use the tomahawk for a gavel to call the pioneers to order; and instead a swearing vengeance against the pale face, he get up and make a big talk on how to make a state. The Injin is civilized and aint extinct no more than a rabbit. He's just beginning to feel his breakfast food."

(Tookpafka Micco and Wolf Warrior and Kono Harjo pay close attention, and the locust was singing lonesome in the catalpa tree.)

And Hotgun he go on and say: "Well, so somebody was had to take the lead for separate statehood, and the Injin say 'might as well be me.' So he report

for duty first and was immortalized himself. He wait put near a hundred years and Opportunity didn't find him asleep in the wigwam. He was watch faithful at his post and make good when the time came. You could call the movement for separate statehood bosh, or fiasco, or sentiment, and names like that if you want to, but I call it a ~~d~~eclaration a independence that was had its foundation on every hearthstone in Injin Territory."

Tookpafka Micco and Wolf Warrior and Kono Harjo give a big grunt and spit in the jimson weeds.

And Hotgun he go on and say, "The Injin was kicked out a his swaddling clothes a red tape and was ready to follow the flag and constitution without Oklahoma to give him encouragement with stimulants. The United States was bound by treaty and Christian duty to back the Injin up in the struggle for his rights."

Then Hotgun he light his stone pipe and give Tookpafka Micco and Wolf Warrior account a the big powwow at Muskogee. He say, "Well, so, according to arrangements, Chief Lodges, a the Cherokee he knocked on the table with his trusty tomahawk and tell the delegates from the Creek Nation and Choctaw Nation

and Chickasaw Nation and Seminole Nation and Quapaw Agency and Wyandotte reservation to pull off they hats and behave themselves, so the Lord could hear the invocation a the preacher.

"Then Mayor Fight, a Muskogee, he pull out his speech and say, 'Well, so I was glad to welcome you all to the magnificent city a the southwest and turn over the key to you. You could had the Hyde Park for full measure and one fare for the round trip on the street car; and you could stay in the primeval forest till the owl car come after you. I never did see such a big powwow like this before, and I was hope you all was had good luck and hitch your band wagon to the lone star a statehood. That was a better ambition than to be a tail for Oklahoma to wag and brush the flies off. So I thank you all for your attention.'

"Then William Merry, a the Chickasaws, he get up and make a response off hand. He say, 'Well, so we was thankful for the pass key to Muskogee and Hyde Park attractions. If we come in late it was all right and no questions asked. Now, I was for separate statehood. I was for anything to promote happiness. They aint no rhyme nor reason in giving Injin Territory in

marriage to Oklahoma. It was like marrying a duke or prince of a run-down royal family to the daughter of a rich trust magnate, so he could repair his ancestral home and roll in luxury. The two countries didn't had nothing in common, unless, maybe so, it was a weakness for firewater. So if you put the two together you was had a drunken brawl. When the Quakers was want statehood congress was give 'em Pennsylvania; when the Dutchman was want statehood congress was give 'em New York; when the Pilgrim fathers was want statehood congress was give 'em Massachusetts; when the Yankees was want statehood congress was give 'em Connecticut; when the gentlemen was want statehood congress was give 'em Virginia; when the Populists was want statehood congress was give 'em Kansas; when the Mossbacks was want statehood congress was give 'em Arkansasaw. That's the way United States was founded. It was called the fundamental law. So when the Injins was want statehood congress ought to give 'em Sequoyah.'

Chief Lodges he pay close attention and spit behind the stage scenery; Chief Makecertain he fan himself with the palm leaf instead of a turkey wing and look stoical; Chief Porter he look pleasant, and Chief Brown he look like a celebrated Japanese states-

man with whiskers.)

"Then the convention was made Chief Porter permanent chairman at the powwow and he was equal to the occasion. He say, 'Well, so the full-blood Injin was about to die and go the Happy Hunting Grounds. So he was called you all together to hear his will. He want you to take his sofky patch and make a big farm out of it, and raise wheat and oats and prunes and things like that instead a flint corn and gourds. He want you to tear down his log hut and build a big white farm house with green window blinds. He want you to take his three hundred pound filly with the pestle tail and raise Kentucky thoroughbreds. He want you to round up his mass-fed razor-back hogs and raise Berkshires and Poland Chinas. He want you to make bulldogs and lap poodles out a his sofky curs. He want you to had no understanding with Oklahoma.'

("C. N. Haskell he pay close attention and let his cigar go out; U. S. Russell he put near bust open with oratory; Editor Smith, a Atoka, he look like he was regenerated and the angels in Heaven was rejoicing over his repentance for past trangressions; and they was lots a women present and the air was smell like cologne.")