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Hon. Saml. Garland Rocky Comfort, Arkansas

Sir

It is understood that a convention composed of delegates from the several principal Indian Nation friends to the Confederate States will be held at some point in the Indian Country and that the time of its meeting is to be fixed by you. Mr. Scott the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, is now here en route for Richmond but expects to return to this department as soon as the state of his business at the capital will justify him in doing so, as he will upon his return be fully possessed of all the wishes and intentions of the government in regard to the Indians. It would perhaps be advantageous to all parties concerned, should be present at your deliberations I would therefore suggest for your consideration that the convention be not held at an earlier day that 1st Feb. next by which time he will no doubt be able to reach the Indian Country.

I am very respectfully Yr Obt Servt

E. Kirby Smith Lieut. General