the desire to the second of the Mea I Zuculio both re Din da Shrewfort La June 5# /800.

Cold athers

Commissioner

ley Drdin with as little Delay as frofrible to Fact Towson and from that from to be comice from the forming the forming the forming the forming the forming that from the forming is znow being held at which the defound Tribes of Indians in The Torritory and Western Toxas are represented and will freent to have Throughouten and Col Reagan the commission of the confederate States, the official to Them. There every fishers will gove you every afastaine in their form in accomplishing the object of you mis - con, which is to make a temporary treaty or alliance with the Indians on behalf of the limited States. your

Can State to the council that the was between the confederate Stoles and Zunted States is at an end the entire confederate army having Surrendered and timed over all and furthe further to the agents of the munted States, that hereofter the Evverment of Washing - for will control the entire county as formerly; that it is the desire of the hinted States to be on lives of freedst - for with all the Indian Tribes, that this object can be accomplished by their retirming to their homes and remaining frietly not interfering in any way with the while or with the Indians who have been in the in S. Levere, that of they will do so the w States will not interfere with their, That they can freque an address to the Everement of washington and hand it to you for hammital or sand a bear whom you and wich to the flace to be forwarded to Hashington. You will also anggest that

another know Council be held about The pt of august of Some fromt in the Tomotory at Which council commissioners Incel from beelington vile much with the Council and anxange a full and com - fileto Treaty. There are the main frints and gone will me overy exertion un with the Tribes for frace and quick. The cavalry force now being fresponed for operations in the Indian county will not be land of the council vile agree that the various Sziles Shall keep guid, before completing this triftion, you will relie to this fromt and The follows My Buse Official copy Aft 47 Pand Doles

Headquarters Northern Division
Louisiana
Shrevesport, Louisiana June 9, 1865

Col A.C. Mathews, Commissioner

My Order

You will proceed with as little delay as possible to Fort Towson and from that point to Council Grove, where a grand council is now being held at which the different tribes of Indians in the Territory and Western Texas are represented and will present to General Throckmorton and Col. Reagan the commissioners of the Confederate States, the official documents in your possession addressed to them. There commissioners will give you every assistance in their power in accomplishing the object of your mission, which is to make a temporary treaty or alliance with the Indians on behalf of the United States. You can state to the council that the war between the Confederate States and the United States is at an end, the entire Confederate Army having surrendered and turned over all arms and public property to the agents of the United States, that hereafter the Government at Washington ton will control the entire country as formerly; that it is the desire of the United States to be on terms of friendship with all the Indian tribes; that this object can be accomplished by their returning to their homes and remaining quietly, not interfering in any way with the whites or with the Indians who have been in the U.S.

(See next page)

service, that if they will do so the U. States will not interfere with them; that they can prepare an address to the Government at Washington and hand it to you for transmittal, or send a bearer whom you \_\_\_\_ to this place to be forwarded to Washington. You will also suggest that another grand council be held about the 1st of August at some point in the Territory, at which council commissioners \_\_\_\_ from Washington will meet with the Council and arrange a full and complete treaty. These are the main points and you will use every exertion in making an agreement with the tribes for peace and quiet. The cavalry force now being prepared for operations in the Indian country will not be sent if the council will agree that the various tribes shall keep quiet. Upon completing this mission, you will return to this point and report--

Respectly
Your Obedient Servant

Francis C.J. Herron

Official copy