

Headquarters Northern Division

Shreveport La June 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Bluffs, 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 Genl Throckmorton and Col Reagan the Commissioner of the Confederate States, the official documents in your possession and refer to them. These 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 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 Washing-  
-ton will control the entire country  
as formerly; that it is the desire of  
the United States to be on terms of friendsh-  
-ip 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.  
-Service, that if they will do so the U.  
States will not interfere with them;  
that they can prepare an address to the  
Government of Washington and hand it to  
you for transmittal, or send a bearer whom  
you consider 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  
direct from Washington will meet with  
the Council and arrange a full and com-  
-plete Treaty. There 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 -

Respectfully  
Your Obedient  
Servant  
J. C. Brown  
Major Genl

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Headquarters Northern Division  
Louisiana

Shreveport, 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. These 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 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.

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Respectly  
Your Obedient Servant

Francis C.J. Herron

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