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Dear Col  
Sir

Council is in full blast members all present The Chief Mesage Comes in tomorrow he gives the old contracts gets over and recommends them to be all killed off - also recommends persons to be appointed to assist in passing the Territorial Bill also recommends the Chickasaw swamp to be left aside - also the Eastern boundary question to be settled & the Old Chief is very plain and very tight Our business appears to be doing very well so far all I have explained it to are in favour of Resinding all old Contracts and make a clear thing of Davie Harbins Still talks about pay for his friends but I think his friends are old heel horses that was in the song before himself I think he will be all right when he receives Pikes letter that he is expecting Robuck is here so is P<sup>r</sup> Falson and will go into the Senate tomorrow

I have not received nothing from Gen Shanks. Get  
no Cherokee law pertaining to the Repealing of  
Old Contracts & The last letter I received from you  
was the one you spoke of the certain gentleman  
you saw - & Myself and family all well  
Malina is getting along very well now Malina  
received a letter from Rhoda she was well but her  
Cotton and Lin was burnt down Suspicion  
rested on Silas Bohannon and he was cutting  
up over at Rhoda's and Ed Howell killed him  
in Rhoda's house him and Molly was about  
to run off and Mary and the Girls toted tails  
to Silas - & I will tell you more when I see you  
Mary married a low flying white man that had  
four children he was picking Cotton for Ed Howell  
and she bundled up and moved down in Ark  
and they was picking Cotton and the old man  
Mary's husband died after Mary married she  
packed up and left the children and Rhoda  
sent for them and she cannot manage them and she  
wrote I expect send them up to Malina but Malina  
is not able to take care and control them unless I  
was at home" Mary's infernal tongue is the cause of

all this trouble - no doubt she had a hand in  
the whole of the mischief and I regret that  
going on Rhoda saw heard times with them  
The better she treats them the worse she is treated  
by them that's Mary and the Girls Molly and Susan  
Frank Green and Emma are here with us I sent for  
them they had nothing and Emma was in bad health  
and was bound to suffer and I have him as a farmer  
but I am afraid he is a bad chance I will try him  
this spring - and after this trial I shall be done with  
these Nabolles murthering in the family  
Times being hard no money no corn people are  
bound to suffer unless relieved by the Government  
in the way of an annuity I hope to write in a  
few days something good in the way of  
business - No Cooper yet where is the old Stead  
I expect he will come picking up before many  
days - Nothing more

Respectfully yours  
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