

Head Quarters, 3d Division, 7th Army Corps,

Fort Smith, Ark., August 2^d 1865.

To His Excellency, Governor Patchyn
Doaksville, Choctaw Nation.

Sir:- I am directed, by the Secretary of the Interior, to inform you that Commissioners from Washington will meet the Delegates of all the Indian Tribes in Grand Council at Fort Smith, Ark. on the 1st of September next. At this place the Government have supplies of subsistence, and barracks for the accommodation of the Council, and telegraphic communication with Washington, which is important. Please notify all the Indian Tribes in the Territory as it will be impossible for me to communicate with them. An early reply is requested.

My General Order No. 30, is not construed to prohibit the Indians selling their own cattle; but ~~is~~^{was} designed to protect them from cattle-thieves from Arkansas and elsewhere.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Cyrus Bussey

Brig. Genl. Commandg