

CHEROKEE CONSTITUTION.

We stated in one of our last numbers, that the Principal Chiefs of this Nation were to meet the United State's Agent, at his residence, for the purpose of hearing a communication from the President in relation to the newly formed Cherokee Constitution. As many influential men of the adjoining States and *elsewhere*, particularly members of Congress, either from misapprehension, or settled determination to oppose every Indian Improvement, have raised the cry, that an "Indian tribe in the heart of the Union has assumed an attitude of independence, by forming a constitution and ought to be opposed," we were fearful that the Executive would make serious exceptions to some of the principles of our infant government. We are, however, happily disappointed. The words of the President contain no intimation that the Cherokees ought to be prohibited from forming a Constitution, but on the contrary, that this Constitution can be recognized by the General Government, if its provisions do not interfere with the relation existing between the United States and the Cherokees. It was never the intention of the framers of this Constitution, or their Constituents, to alter that connection. We believe the Cherokees are aware of the importance, particularly at this interesting crisis, when enemies abound, of holding the President's hand, or in other words the General Government, and paying a suitable regard to the existing treaties. But without multiplying our own remarks, we present to our readers the letter of the United State's Agent on this subject, and the reply of the two Principal Chiefs. We publish them *verbatim, ad litteram*.

COMMUNICATION TO THE CHIEFS OF THE CHEROKEE NATION 16 APRIL, 1828.

Friends & Brothers

It was in obedience to Instructions from your Great Father, the President of the United States, That I sent for you—you have done well that you have come;—I thank you for it—

I have but little to Say to you, and what I have to say are his words—not mine

The subject of your having formed a Constitution, and Constitutional Government, has Raised a Considerable Clamour particularly in the adjoining States—