

CORRESPONDENCE,

Between Gens. Gray, Davidson and Coker, late Commissioners of the United States, and Messrs. John Ross and Ridge, on the part of the Cherokee Nation.

[CONTINUED.]

CHEROKEE AGENCY,

SEPT. 24, 1827.

MESSRS. JOHN ROSS & MAJOR RIDGE.

GENTLEMEN:—The enclosed letter has just been handed me, with a request that I would forward it to you with as little delay as practicable.—Mr. William Cowan is therefore despatched with instructions to do so.

I again request your prompt attention to their call, and hope it will be treated with that respect and attention which is due to it.

Very Respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. MONTGOMERY.

CHEROKEE AGENCY,

SEPT. 23, 1827.

MESSRS. JOHN ROSS AND MAJOR RIDGE.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Commissioners of the United States acknowledge the receipt of your joint letter, bearing date the 15th instant, which reached them late on yesterday. We avail ourselves of the earliest moment to reply, and despatch a special messenger that no delay may occur in communicating to you our astonishment and regret at the contents of your letter. You speak of our invitation for a General Council of the Cherokee Nation as "sudden and unexpected, and that the time and place was appointed without consulting the convenience of the members of the Committee and Council." In reply to that part of your letter we take leave to