

*To John Milledge*

Creek Agency, August 4, 1805

I have just received your Excellency's favour of the 26 ult. Enclosing Mr. Gilbert's report of the transaction said to have taken place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of that month. I have seen some Indians of six of the nearest towns to Fort Wilkinson and the last and present months is the season of their Boosketah when all attend and I have heard of no occurrence like the one detailed by you.

Some Indians passing here the first of this month who had been hunting between Ocmulgee and Oconee, below the path to Fort Wilkinson, informed me that they saw white people stealing cattle repeatedly as in two or three instances they saw them leave the skins and one or the other said they have killed wild cattle. This practice requires the serious attention of the people of property on your frontiers; it is not doubted here but that many of the cattle which stray over on this side are gathered up and sold by white people who have no claim to them, and this has been most prevalent in some people in the neighborhood of Fort Wilkinson.

Finding that intrusions had commenced on the Creek lands and were increasing between Oconee and Ocmulgee orders have been given to remove them with a military force, and which will be carried into effect in the course of this month.<sup>1</sup>

A deputation of Indians are appointed and probably will set out to the seat of Government some time early in the next month. As soon as I can know the time that they will pass thro' Georgia I will apprise your Excellency of it and endeavor to have an interview with you on the way, most likely at August if convenient for you. Where will you be about the 10<sup>th</sup>?

We are progressing slowly but regularly in the plan of civilization. Our prospects for a crop are greater than we've ever known in this country as we have more planted and better cultivated and all doing as good as we could desire.

[GAH]

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<sup>1</sup> Hawkins was authorized to use, if necessary, military force to remove white settlers from Creek lands (Dearborn to Hawkins, June 28, 1805, BIA-SW).

**Citation:**