

Greensboro, Georgia

Letter regarding Courthouse of Greene County burning by Indians and requesting supplies for war effort against the Creek Indians

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To His Excellency the President of Congress

15 November 1787

Sir,

I do myself the honor to enclose to your excellency a Report of a Committee of the General Assembly of this State respecting the Creek Indians, it so fully informs your excellency of the unavoidable necessity there is of a War with that Nation that little is left for me to say on the subject. In my letter to our Delegates of the 9th of August I informed them of the murders committed by the Indians (and by their it appears the letter was laid before Congress) since which time our frontiers have been the scene of blood and ravages, they have killed 31 of our Citizens, wounded twenty and taken four prisoners, they have burnt the Court house and Town of Greenville (Greensboro) in the County of Greene and a number of other houses in different parts of the Country. The Assembly fully convinced that the State can never have a secure and lasting peace with that perfidious Nation until they have severely felt the effects of war, have ordered 3000 men to be raised and given the executive power to call forth 1500 more should the first number not be adequate, the arming and equipping these Troops will be attended with such expense that the aid of the Union will be required in addition to our own exertions, and I flatter myself the United States will grant such assistance as will enable us to prosecute the War with vigor and establish us in the blessings of peace.

I would also take the liberty of remarking that I have reason to think the Creek Indians are supplied with arms and ammunition from Spanish Government of West Florida, and wheter (sic) it may not be proper for Congress to remonstrate with such supplies being granted them whilst engaged in a War with us---

Signed ---

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