

to abandon former, and adopt new measures. You will therefore use your utmost exertions, to engage them in a war. You will insist upon their striking a blow upon some of our enemies as a proof of the sincerity of any promises or professions they may make. In pressing this step upon them, you will shew the necessity for it in consequence of their repeated breaches of their promises. To induce them to comply, you will endeavor to convince them of the justice of the Views of the Government in regard to them, remove all their jealousies about our cupidity for their lands, state that I alone have a right to purchase them, remind them of my declarations to them on that subject, of my conduct in this particular since the Administration of the Government has been in my hands, and of my private and deliberate opinions about that subject, which you will know, and by the aid of these circumstances and other suggestions that will naturally present themselves to your mind, you will endeavor to impress them with an opinion that a change of policy, in this particular, is to be expected.

You will endeavor to shew them how much more they risk than other Indians by continuing the war with us. This you will do by shewing them that they are personally more exposed in consequence of being nearer to us, and that their country suiting us better than any other would be the first to be taken.

You can press upon them the late overture of the British for peace with us, the probability of that event, and the consequences of their being left to contend with us without British support.

You will try and convince them of the force and resources of our country, shew how dreadful the conflicts with the Creeks have proved to them, and remind them of the second article of the armistice, which obliged them to take up the tomahawk on our side, of the situation of the hostages and the necessity of redeeming them by an act that could not be considered equivocal.

There would certainly be no disposition to keep those hostages, if the Potawatomes would join us in the war, and upon the exhibition of proof that they had struck a blow,