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My Lord

I have the honor to transmit to Your Grace, a Representation which has been made to me, by Col. Mackay who lately commanded the Post at Drummonds Island; in which, he represents, the state, and temper, of the Indian Nations, who, have for the last three years, visited that settlement, and the necessity which appears to him, to exist, for the adoption, with respect to them, of some measure, of Conciliation.

Your Grace will observe, from that letter, that the Indian Nations, to which, Colonel Mackay refers me, are, for the most part, resident, within the limits of the United States; and will see the necessity, of cautioning Colonel Mackay, against any proceedings, with respect to them, which are not strictly consistent with the friendly relations, subsisting between this Country, and the United States.

You will particularly inculcate upon him, the duty, of expressing to them on all occasions, the anxious desire of His Majesty, that they should lay aside every hostile feeling, towards the American Government, & remain quietly upon the lands belonging to them. — You will, however, exercise your own discretion, as to affording them, when they come again to Drummonds

His Grace

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The Duke of Richmond

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