

Grand River Jan^y 27th 1799.

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I take the opportunity to acquaint
Your Honor that those two men I sent for Intelligence
to the Western Country have return^d, they went no farther
than at the Union Village where they met the differ-
ent Chiefs of the Different Tribes particular the
Delawares from the White River which I intended they
should go as far — there found it was needless for
them to go any farther for they learnt of those
Chiefs every thing, which Transactions was going on
at present — There is a party sent out to the
Mississippi that will return in the Spring Early, where
they suppose the French are.

Those Delawares and others think in reality
there is a number of the French now among the
Southern Indians, which by the best Information we
can get from them is, their design is Certainly
to advance to this Quarter.

Likewise the Shawnee Chiefs think it highly necessary
for us (the five nations) to attend a council with them in
the Spring, at the Union Village to renew our Confederacy.
They are apprehensive of the French Impiuation