

James Robertson to Andrew Jackson, September 16, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JAMES ROBERTSON TO JACKSON.1

1 General Robertson, now agent to the Chickasaw Indians, was one of two men who led the first settlers to the Cumberland region. He was highly respected in West Tennessee; and this letter shows that he held Jackson in great esteem.

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gentl Jackson from my hart I am sorry for your misfortune as to your person, and as to the loos the publick will sustain for the want of your service in my opinion is uncalculable— what a pitye it is that men who clame some sheare among the brave and honorable that thay should forgit thare creator. Colo Benton had past through Nashville two or three days before I left it and I understood had spoaking very rashley respecting you. my son the Dr. others told me that he had heard you say or was told you should have said that you would not take aney notice of what he might say or write exsept personaly presant—this was very pleasing to me. my son expressed the same and said you had gained much creedit in takeing such a Resulation. I had heard Jessee Benton while lying wounded, make maney unjust and imprudent expressions, but I had not the most distant idia that the Colo would have gon on as I unders[t]ood he did, if thare conduct is such as is Represented, shorley thay can not have maney frends. and from the manner I under[stood] Jessee attempted to assasinate you, he sartainly has forfeited all clame to that of a gentelman. and ought not to be considered as such. I under stand it is your left arm that is broak—if you should git able to write without dificalty which I hope you will plesse to let me heare from you. I am so wonderfully uneasey to heare the plan of the campain against the creeks, and who

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commands I can not harbor the smallest hopes that you will [be ab]le. shorley by this time the trupes are in move[men]t the goverment will not suffer those barbarans, to masacrce at thare wanton pleasure much longer. we consider our selves in a critacal situation heare. and as the Chickasaws have not had no anser to thare offer of service thay now apear much more indepent respecting the ware. and them as well as the chocktaws have doubts wheather the u s will not put up with the conduct of the creeks and give peice if asked for. I conclude with my best wishes for your speedey recovery, while I am your most Humbel Servant