

**William H. Underwood to Andrew Jackson, May 25, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

**WILLIAM A. UNDERWOOD TO JACKSON.**

Gainesville, Ga., May 25, 1835.

*Dear sir,* I returned last week from the Cherokee nation and saw many of the influential indians. Ross is doing all in his power to induce them to reject the treaty and will perhaps at present prevent its ratification by the majority, but I think it is safe to say that so soon as they are convinced that no other treaty will be offered to them, they will accept this by a large majority, this is the Opinion of John Ridge also. Mr Ross informs them that if this treaty is rejected he can procure a much better one and by this means misleads them. I thought it proper to give you this information knowing as I do the tardy and stubborn disposition of Mr Ross. I fear if the Indians shall be so far mislead by him as to reject the very liberal offer now made them it will be long before the difficulty Can be settled and in the meantime the Common Indians will be ruined.

Respectfully and Sincerely your friend