A Tale delivered by George Martin at Savannah 23rd October 1782. To the Tallies' King and the Head Men and Warriors of the upper and lower Creek Nations.

Friends and Brothers,

I am happy to see you all here upon our own land face to face, and treating the same ground together, I have received your talk which I find to be good, it speaks nothing but peace and friendship, and may it continue so to the end of time.

I have nothing very particular to mention to you more than what I have already said in the Tale I sent up to you by our good friend Brother the Factor, in which we demanded our horses, cattle, and negroes, together with the fowls, fowlers and Brown's lying people that are among you making mischief, and which have been the means of so much blood being spilled between the Red people and the Virginians. Had it not been for them, their trifling presents and lies, we should have been at peace long ago. Therefore these are the people your vengeance ought to fall upon.

I now refer them to the same talk, which they all remember perfectly well. This is what I sold them before, and this is what I now tell them again. I have no faked tongue, nor double mouth, I speak truth and not lies. You are all men of force, and know well how to judge between right and wrong — pray, let me ask you seriously, is there any man among you, whose views extends no further than to day, or to tomorrow, and thinks of nothing but his present ease and convenience? Is there any among you who would for the sake of a fine coat, shirt, or a few other trifling notions...
Presents, so far forget himself, as to sacrifice his happiness, the happiness of his wives and children, and bring future misery upon his Country.—No, God forbid. I hope your people (alas, many of them have been foolishly deceived) yet still will be wise, and give the satisfaction we ask, and not oblige us to do that which we would not wish to do, by taking our own satisfaction.

For the English are now obdurate all of them to leave this great country, then where will they get goods but from us—see what the Cherokees are now reduced to, by their folly and pride, had they been wise and disposed the fine cloths and gaying talks of the English that was sent amongst them, they might have been a happy people unto this day, and now they are almost brought to nothing.

Friends & Brothers. Remember that I have told you these things before, and that my good friend and Brother the Tallassee King has also imparted these things upon your minds. So that you all know it perfectly well, and cannot plead ignorance, when perhaps it may be too late.

It is our enemy we threaten and not our friends, you must all be sensible that my friend and Brother the Tallassee King, and myself are striving for the happiness of you and our women and children, and the peace and welfare of our country—For let what will happen, let there be either peace or war, he and I can fare as well as any of you—what is it to us as individuals, nothing. But it is the peace and happiness of the whole, that
That we are striving for, that we may live together as Friends & Brothers, as long as the waters run, and the sun doth shine, and until this world (shall at the last day be burnt up like a scroll of parchments when time shall be no more) I call the great Spirit to witness the sincerity of my intentions, and this smoke now ascending to the Heavens will appear as an evidence of what I now tell you to be true. I hope the master of the Breath will make us Instruments in bringing about this great work. We lost all our riches when this country fell into the hands of the British, we have now returned, but we have returned poor but still have good hearts, we have just been able to raise provisions for our present support, and have got some cloths to cover us from the inclemency of the weather. But soon raise plenty of Rice, Indigo, and other produce. The ships from all nations will flow in upon us, and we shall be able to supply you with goods of all kinds; and take your skins in return— at present, I will endeavor to supply you with such small matters as our present situation can afford, as a mark of my friendship to you and your women and children.

I have nothing further to say to you at present. But hope you will remember all I have told you, and deliver this to all your head men and Warriors in your great square—I soon expect that we and the English will