

Joseph Clay to John Pierce, Savannah, 17 October 1787 (excerpt)

We have too much reason to apprehend we are involved in a general Indian war. Many have been killed on both sides. Should it continue it must be attended with the most ruinous consequences to this state. How it can be avoided I know not unless Congress could interfere, and which way they can, I know not. The new plan of government for the Union I think will be adopted with us readily; the powers are great, but of two evils we must choose the least. Under such a government we should have avoided this great evil, an Indian war.

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