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Native Americans in Georgia's Ratification

George Washington to Samuel Powel Mount Vernon, Fairfax Co., Va., 18 January 1788 (excerpt)

. . . that Georgia has accompanied her act of appointment with powers to alter, amend, and whatnot. But, if a weak state, with powerful tribes of Indians in its rear and the Spaniards on its flank, do not incline to embrace a strong *general* government, there must, I should think, be either wickedness or insanity in their conduct.

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