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To the Members of the Legislative Council and of the House of
Representatives, composing the General Assembly of the Territory of
Arkansas.

Fellow Citizens,

The Act relative to the Organization of our Superior Court
passed at the last Session of Congress, and the Treaty with the
Cherokee Indians, ratified on the 28th of May, by which they cede
the lands now and lately in their possession within this Territory,
and receive in exchange a large tract of country west of our
late Boundary, as well as a considerable portion of the County
laid off at your last Session under the name of Lovely,
rendered it indispensable that you should be summoned
to an Extra Session. The Western Boundary of our Territory
is by the above-mentioned Treaty to be altered, as to leave
the present Cherokee settlements entirely out of our
Limits. It is probable that in a few months the White Popula-
tion now in Lovely County will, under the liberal Pro-
visions made for their Indemnification, have removed into
the newly acquired District, and it has therefore become
necessary to organize the latter in the manner without
which, by the Constitutional Authorities, a new arrange-
ment of the Circuits is also called for by the existing
State of Things. To these two important Subjects I invite
your prompt and earnest Attention.

At the City of Little Rock, October 7th, 1829.
Geo. Ward.