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To the Members of the Legislative Council & of the House of Representatives, comprising the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas.

Sirs:

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 the lands now and lately in their possession within this Territory and desired 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 Loveley, render it indispensable that you should be summoned to an extra session. The western boundary of our Territory is by the above-mentioned Treaty so altered as to leave the Cherokee & Cherokee settlements entirely out of our limits. It is probable that in a few months the white population now in Loveley County will, under the liberal provisions 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 the Constitution of the United States cannot be maintained. A new arrangement 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.

Ark. Territory, Little Rock, October 7th, 1820.

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