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Department of War,  
6<sup>th</sup> March, 1823.

Sir,

The arrangement proposed by the receiving Dept., which is referred to in the enclosed papers, for the disposition of a portion of the goods at the several factories, has been acceded to by this Department. You will accordingly give the necessary instructions to the Indian agent for the Cherokees, or the Arkansas, to carry the same into effect; restricting his purchases to such goods only as are of a suitable kind and quality for Indian purposes and which can be had at the factory nearest to or advantageously to be had, and to an amount not exceeding in any event that which, according to the most moderate and economical annual allowance at his agency for this purpose, will be sufficient for the years 1823 & 1824. The amount of the purchases made by the agent will be considered as constituting a part of the sum that may be allotted to him for his expenses in each of these years, and will be deducted therefrom in due proportion.

To enable the Department to retain

Mr. J. C. Calhoun  
6<sup>th</sup> March 1823

Sufficient amount out of the sum apportioned for the expenses  
of your superintendency, to meet the drafts which may  
be drawn on it by the agent, in pursuance of this arrange-  
ment, you will furnish as soon as practicable an  
estimate of the probable amount of goods that will  
be purchased of the factory by the agent for distribution  
at his agency.

The Department has no objection to the arrangement which  
it is proposed to make with the Indian agents for the  
collection of the debts that may be due to the factory;  
and should the Cherokee agent find it convenient to  
undertake that duty, he is at liberty to do so, on the terms and  
in the mode which he and the factory <sup>agent</sup> may agree upon;  
with this understanding, however, that he is ~~not~~ to look to the  
Treasury Dept only for any additional compensation to what  
he may receive himself entitled for the performance of  
that duty.

I have the honor to be  
Dear Sir, Yours  
J. B. Calhoun

Yours Exactly  
James Miller,  
Arkansas 79.