War Department
Columbia D. 23d Nov. 1836

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Gentlemen,

You will proceed ~~to the~~ along and report to Genl Felix Huston, and from thence to the town of San Antonio, and endeavour to conclude a treaty of peace with the tribe of Comanchee Indians, or do far create an understanding with them as to suspend all operations of a hostile character — If necessary you will endeavour to get some of their Chiefs to meet you at San Antonio.

You will at the same time assure them that they will be furnished with every article which they may wish to purchase. You will also present them presents of Tobacco and other things. — ~~Merchandise exchange~~ for such articles as they need, receive Buffalo Robes, Horses, Mules and such other articles of ~~barter~~ they may wish to barter with us. — Trading houses will be placed in such situations as may be suitable, and when they come to them they shall be treated as friends and brothers.

You will endeavour to persuade them to keep on friendly terms with other tribes of Indians and to prevent them from stealing our Horses or otherwise injuring us. —

Genl Huston will if possible procure at Dimmitts or elsewhere, such articles as would be suitable to present to the Indians to their

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