War Department
City of Houston 14th Feby. 1839

To Martin Lacy Esq.

Sir

Reposing special trust and confidence in your patriotism and ability the President has been pleased to appoint you agent to act as the organ of communication between this government and the Cherokees Shawanees and other tribes. You will therefore diligently discharge the duties which may devolve on you as such, which will be required from time to time as the public good may ~~require~~ demand.

The special object of your appointment at this time is to cultivate & preserve the friendly relations existing between the frontier inhabitants & the tribes above mentioned, which have emigrated from the United States to Texas but whose claim to territory or even to occupancy has not yet been recognized and is now a subject of grave deliberation on the part of the Texan government.

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