

Department of War,
19th February, 1820
(Circular)

Sir,

The practice of Indian Chiefs in visiting the seat of government, is attended with great inconvenience, as it is impossible to spare any time to devote to their affairs, from the more important and pressing business of the nation. In future the Chiefs of the Several Indian tribes must not be permitted to visit the seat of government, unless this Department is first notified, thro' their agent, of their desire to do so, and its sanction is obtained to the measure.

You will inform the chiefs of the nation to which you are agent, of this order on the subject, and that, if they visit the seat of government without complying with it, they will have to bear their own expenses.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedt. Servt.

J. C. Calhoun

Superintendents and
Agents for Indian Affairs