

Comy Haul Subsistances

Cherokee Agency, Sept 27, 1834

Sir

From the best information
to be had, with the limited examination which it was in
my power to take of the Golconda route, the distance
might be estimated at Eight hundred miles from
this Agency to the Western Agency. While that via
Memphis may be put down at Seven hundred and
thirty

During the greater part of the year the latter
route would be impossible for land Carriages, while
the former would present no obstacles to prevent
travelling at any season.

In passing on the Memphis route the Emigrants
would have to travel through a Cotton growing Country
part of the way, where Supplies would neither be
so plentiful or so cheap as they would on the North
ern route

The Cherokees have an unconquerable aversion
to water transportation, any part of the way, which
would be absolutely necessary on the Memphis route
at most seasons of the year. All their partialities are
fixed in favour of the Northern or Golconda road.

and most of them would prefer settling on the lands designated in A Rep^d Treaty West of Mo & East of the Osage Reservation which would make the distance to be travelled about equal on each route.

Waggons and teams could be had cheaper to go the whole distance than they could by engaging them for the Mississippi river subject there to be dismantled or continued at pleasure. Should they be continued through, it might be well to say whether the whole disbursements for transportation should not be made by the Agent East where the contracts are concluded.

It is believed no considerable number would wish ^{to} emigrate during this season, as such as do will mostly take the Commutation money or prefer to be removed by persons selected by themselves who would take this allowance as compensation for transporting and subsisting them on the way.

Where this is allowed responsible Contractors with good and sufficient security will be required.

Before any general removal takes place it would be proper for an Agent to pass along the road selected, and fix stands at convenient distances, from which to furnish the necessary supplies to emigrants on their way to the west.

Kept exhibiting all the transactions Connected with
removals &c &c To this end the services of H. W. Currey
have been employed - his salary or pay has not
yet been fixed, but will be regulated by the du-
ties performed.

A copy of this Communication will be fur-
nished Lieut Harris with a request that he make
out an estimate and forward it to your Department
early

I Have the Honor to be
Most Respectfully

Your Very Obl Servt

Genl Currey

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In conducting an extensive public business it is all
important that a regular set of Books should be