

To the Comanchie chiefs

Brothers

You as well as the Americans have always been free and never conquered. Your enemies and ours are the same. I send you my friends to talk to you – to give presents and to make peace with you and your people.

You have many things to trade and swap with us. You need many things that we can let you have cheaper than you have ever been able to get them from the Mexicans. You can let us have Horses, Mules, Buffalo Robes in change for our Paints, Tobacco, Blankets and other things which will make you happy.

I wish to have a smooth path, that shall lead from your camp to my House, that we can meet each other and that it shall never become bloody. I do not wish that your women and children should be scared or unhappy. You may believe the words, which my friends may speak to you for me.

When the Grass rises in the Spring, you must come with your chiefs to see me and I will make you and them presents. I am the chief who sent the Silver Medal to the Great Comanchie chief from San Antonio in 1833.

Given under my hand and private seal at Columbia this
3rd day of December A.D. 1836 of the Independence
Of the Republic of Texas the First

Sam Houston