

Private

Hort Smith June 17th 1861

Dear Capt-

Say to the Indians that
 sits between two stools comes to the ground,
 are only with them to assist in defending
 their own rights & territories. They will not be
 marched out of their into any white mans
 country to make war, we want them to join
 us in driving their enemy & ours from their
 soil if he dares to invade it, they want their
 country, it is our interest to maintain them
 as they are in all their rights, thus to take
 their lands & free them - Negroes, our to keep
 them in full possession of both.

Let them judge & choose between us, Nations
 like individuals are apt to be governed by
 their own interest, if they remain neutral, can
 they expect us to fight their battles, whilst they sit
 idly by, & ingloriously refuse their aid, & then ask
 us be bound to pay them all that is due them
 from the old Government, They can help or not
 as they think best, as for my Government, she

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