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Letter from James Harrison to James A. Seddon, December 23, 1864.

James Harrison
Confederate States Army

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Richmond Decr the 29th 1864

Genl James A Seddon
Secy of War,
Sir

I desire to call your attention to the importance of conciliating, and trading with the Comanche Indians, - Powerful in numbers, and war like in disposition, - occupying the position they do, in the mountainous region adjacent to the route of ~~trade~~ united states trade to Santa Fe & Mexico; They might be made formidable auxiliaries in this time of pressure, by breaking up the great trains of the united states, - while it would prevent Texas of the deserting parties from that tribe so troublesome on our frontiers, if this could be effected, it would enable the state of Texas to throw two or three fine Regts into the service of the Confederate states, now employed in frontier defence. This I suppose could be accomplished, by a delegation from the Comchs, now allied to us, & many of whom are in the service of the Confederate States, I would respectfully suggest Col D. W. McIntosh, ^(of the Comch Nation) as a Commissioner suitable and competent to negotiate such a treaty, under the auspices of the Commander of the Trans Ms Department,

Very Respectfully your obt Servt
J. E. Harrison
Col, C. S. A.