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Hon. H. W. Corbitt  
Dear Sir - I enclose Dr Whitteworn's letter & Rev. Mr. Spalding's  
I see no remedy for the troubles in that Mission, but to appoint C. H. Walker Agent, & dismiss

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Loway Mission April 1<sup>st</sup> 1810?  
Walter P. Lewis Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Dear Brothers  
In reviewing the scenes of the past year, we have great reason to feel thank-  
ful for the many mercies the Lord has been pleased to confer upon us. Death has taken many from among those around us, but no breach of that kind has been made among us, & for a time his hand has been near, the Lord has heard our prayers, and our lives, which we are constrained to feel are unprofitable, are still preserved. But while we would feel thankful that our souls have

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Of God.  
Wokonta awonihaka. Ejna  
wuhopreka, wokafcheeka, faw-  
patahceka; ejna tamuka; tw-  
kwarakju rkehwtahce awung-  
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