were a party to the treaty, and as our right to this territory, was dis=
=puted by hints and intimations of a dissatisfactory nature under the
latter administration, and as I ~~find~~ still find among the people of
that place, a disinclination to admit the truth, as to the character of the
document, — choosing rather to call it a treaty of friendship, than a regular
deed of cession, I think a few remarks in your next despatch on the Sub=
=ject, might save difficulties which would be any thing but pleasant. —

Very Respectfully and Truly, Yours

W. A. Prout

P.S. In furnishing the design for the State Seal, Mr Latrobe need
not be governed in all respects by the suggestion on a slip of paper
which I enclose to you. The Motto is "Hope", and with that
exception, any change or alteration that might improve the Seal, will
be thankfully acknowledged.

Yours

W. A. Prout

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