

David Folsom to Richard Mentor Johnson

Choctaw Nation Febr'y 7th. 1830

Friend & Brother.

Your letter of the 6th. ultimo was received—And I am glad you wrote me, and express your views on the most friendly terms, on the matters I wrote you, our little difficulty is at end, same time since among ourselvse. Therefore we have bury it, under our feet, and think of it, no more.

I think the answer, which Mo,sho,la,tu,bbe rec'd, from the Sec. is such one he ought to receive, no doubt you have a good idea about him, and my opinion is he never can be a chief, among those people, because there are hundreds of other men, among us who I hope are better quallefied to be a Ruler then he is.

I will just remark to you here, I have promise the Choctaws in open Council last fall, that I would go and explore the Choctaw Country the west of Riveer Missi—And it has given a general Satisfaction, that I should take a tour as soon as I can—And I should be glad to be aided in fun, by the General Govt. to defray the expences of the Tour. I can be useful, I hope in some measure, cause the Choctaws, in that country, to come and settle on some perticular plase, so that they can be bebenefit it by doing so. And the discription of the country that I would bring to these people here, they would take my warde for the truth. I shall ingadge few of the educ[a]ted Choctaws to go with me, Mr. George Harken for one, I am interely oppose to the Choctaw emigretion, and oppose to the Treaty, as ever for Choctaws to sell and treat their land away here. But Yet give me time to breathe, and let there be little help be extended in fun and I will be able soon to know what to do for the hapiness for my people.

If I had fun, I would go about the last of March. But if there can be no aid be procured I must wait till Oct. next. You can act in that way which you think it best with the war Depart. so that their might be an appropriation be made.

Please to write me, and tell me what can be done. I am dear sir your friend & Brother

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N.B. I would be glad to receive any communication from you, Respecting Red people generally.

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