

William Ward to John Henry Eaton

Choctaw Agency Octbr. 15th 1829

Sir

I had the Honor to receive your letter of the 31st July directing me at some convenient time at the Choctaw Councils to know If they would receive a confidential friend and agree on a Treaty. A few days after the receipt of your letter there was in Leflours district a Methodist Camp Meeting and council of four or five days, there were about two thousand persons present where I had your letter Interpreted and requested an answer but they declined giving one untill they had longer time

Leflour said he did not wish to move or that his people should be disturbed by the Laws of the States, but If the Prest. said he would have their lands he must yeald to his power as he had but few people. He said if I would give him a copy of your letter he would in a few weeks given an answer which I did. Folsom & Garland had a Council near this place and they answered about the same; but promised in One Month they would see Leflour and give me an answer in writing, These three Half breed Chiefs are apposed to going beyond the Mississippi But it is thought the three old removed chiefs will go next spring if encouraged by Government. Mingo Mushulatubbee and Mdn. Mackey Inter. has gone to Kentucky to see the Choctaw Academy, I have wrote to Col R. M. Johnson to get all information on the subject of their emegration next year and he will be able to give you a more perfect Idea of their views then I can find out in the nation. and it was an object to Get of Mackey with the Chief as they will converse much freer there then in the nation. I have the Honor to be very Respectfully your Obdt Servt

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