

William Ward to John Henry Eaton

Choctaw Agency Nov. 4th 1829.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 31st of July, requesting me to make known to the Choctaws the views of the president, has been fully explained to the nation in general Council, and a Copy of your letter furnished to each of the three Acting Chiefs.

At a council the 18th of September the chiefs said to me they would give me an answer in writing in one month as to their wish to see a confidential friend with a propositions for a treaty

I have requested an answer as promised me but have not been able to get it. I presume no answer will be received as I have understood that Greenwood Leflour the northwest District Chief has gone to the Cherokee nation and it is uncertain when he will return. There is two Chiefs that has been acknowledged by Treaty and one other has been paid \$150 a year and a Medal Given him. If there was proper enducements held out to these three Displaced Chiefs and a nother One made by giving him a Medal and salary of \$150 pr. year, It is believed by Majr. Pitchlynn (Interpreter) that a considerable number could be started next spring, by employing half breeds to provide the means and conduct them to their place of destination. say beyond the Arkansas Territory on the Choctaw lands with an Agent at their head from here to settle with them and other enducements held out to the four chiefs when settled there. The three half Breed Chiefs now in power have shewn every disposition to prevent any emigration beyond the Mississippi river and it would be unnessary to make any terms to them that would be reasonable. The Indian suggested as a 4th chief is by the name of Nit,tu,che,gee who was one of the late delegation to washington in 1824 & 25, The man removed who has recived a Medal and \$150 pr. year is by name Tep,he,ne,ho,moo both of the southern district commanded by John Garland a half breed. I have the honor to be very Respectfully your Obdt. Servt.

W Ward Agt. C N.

P.S. you will please to Honor Col. David Folsom's Bill for \$100 as advised you, and have it charged to the school funds and not in my a/c, as I only lent the money for Expenses of six Boys to the choctaw Academy and sold the same to Bank. W. W.

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