

## William Ward to John Henry Eaton

Choctaw Agency Decr. 29th 1829

Sir

In making this communication to you I deem It my duty from the station I fill, and will not make any apology for it. Some time since Mingo Chief Mushulatubbee a former chief recognized by treaty called a Council as I have understood; and made known to that council the views of the President of the United States respecting the Choctaws removing beyond the Mississippi.

It appeared that the council agreed with this Chief that the Indians had better move off then be subject to such Laws as they did not understand. To meet that object the council appointed him chief by 20 captains Out of 31 Total in the district.

About two weeks afterwards David Folsom the Acting chief of the district called a council and turned out five captains that were against him and appointed others friendly to himself and It is said they made sd. Folsom chief for life.

The three half breed chiefs are opposed to any Indians going over the River or that the laws of the states should be extended over their nation. It no longer remains a doubt with me, that the Missionaries residing here are opposed to the Indians removing to the west or the states extending their Laws over the tribes within the Chartered limits of the states. There was a strong party that would have removed but for four of their chiefs who are no doubt encouraged by those who Government and humane societies are supporting.

Should it be deemed expedient to make a trial to remove any of this nation either by Treaty or otherwise, I would recommend to the aid of such a desirable object the assistance of Daniel W. Wright Esqr. and Geo. S. Gains, both these Gentlemen live on the line on Tombigbee River the former in Monroe County Mis. and the latter in the state Alabama. Colo Wright has had the management of several Indian lawsuits and is very popular with the Inds. as a friend and Lawyer, and I have no doubt but either or both of those Gentlemen would render any service their Government might call for. I have no personal difficulties with the Missionaries or either of the chiefs, It may be that some of the half breed *self made chiefs* might prefer some other Agent of their friends who are solicitous for business in the nation or are anxious to have something to do with Indians. Mr. Mittn. Mackey attended Mushulatubbee's council and did interpret your letter as I understood and for that, Folsom wrote to me a letter which I gave to Mackey to use as he might

think proper. I have understood he enclosed it to you. I have the Honor to be very Respectfully your Obdt Servt.

W. Ward Agt. C N.

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