

Hamilton, Monroe County, Mississippi
14th March 1829

Dear Sir

During the recent session of the Genl Assembly of this State, a committee was raised (of which I was chairman) with directions to enquire into the Constitutional right and power which this State possessed, to extend her legal process into, and to exercise jurisdiction over that portion of territory now occupied by the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes of Indians embraced within her chartered limits. Without entering into a detail of the reasons by which the committee was actuated, they reported a bill which passed into a law declarative of the right and the committee with a view, that no collision of power, policy or interest, as respects the powers of the Genl Government, contrasted with States' sovereignty should take place - and knowing that the present policy of the Government, is, to remove, at as early period as possible, those tribes west of the Mississippi river, requested me to address you on the subject of their removal, which, I trust, will be a sufficient apology for this communication -

It was believed by the committee, and is the general opinion of those best acquainted with the present feelings and condition of those tribes, that a delegation of their Chiefs and some of their principal head men, were called, by your Excellency.

to the City of Washington, during the ensuing
Summer, that a treaty or cession of their Country
may be made with them, favorably to the interest
of the Government. A few designing individuals
among them (that class of people called Missionaries
not being the least conspicuous) operate most
powerfully in thwarting the policy of the Gov^t
relative to their removal.

It is believed, that even at this time,
if a suitable person were empowered, and sent
among the Choctaws, who was authorized to give
a reasonable price for their improvements and
surplus cattle, two thousand of them, (at least)
could be induced to remove before the first
of December next.

There is another subject, to which I would
respectfully call your attention, to wit, the im-
portance of establishing a Port of entry at the
Pascagotta Bay in this State, for the purpose
of protecting the revenue Laws of the United
States. I have recently heard, that the Gov^t
contemplates appointing a revenue Officer to
be stationed at that place; If the appointment
of such an Officer become necessary or effe-
dient, I take the liberty of presenting to the
favorable consideration of your Excellency, an
application (through me) by Col^l William
Howsing

of this County. His qualifications are adequate
to the discharge of the duties of the Office.
As an evidence of the high estimate ⁱⁿ which
citizens of this State hold Col. Bowring, I
refer you to the vote of our last electors,
electors of President and Vice President
United States, by which you will see
that he ^{was} one of the successful candidates
also refer your Excellency to our Senators
representative in Congress for further par-
ticulars relative to the respectability and qualifications
of the Col. I will remark however, that
the Office is an object to him; he has a
narrow family of children, and his views
settling in that section of the State would
be greatly promoted by the appointment.

I hope Sir, you will pardon the liberty I
have taken, in addressing to you the foregoing
in regard to the pretensions of Col. Bowring, as
my acquaintance with you was, at a period of
life when my years were so few, that I expect
you scarcely recollect me.

I am Sir, with sentiments of the highest
respect, and friendly considerations, your Excellency's
most

Ob^t Serv^t

D. W. Wright

Monroe Co. Miss. 4. March 1829

D. W. Thright of
Mississippi - on the sub-
ject of the removal of
the Chickasaw & Choctaw
Tribes of Indians & the
propriety of erecting a
port of Entry at the Pass
Angola bay & near
Col. William Dawson to
superintend it -

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Excellency

Andrew Jackson

President of the United States

referred to
The Sec. of War

Wm. D. Dawson
26th Aug 1829

Parish

D. W. Thright of Mississippi