

Choctaw Agency

Hon. John H. Eaton

Nov 20. 1829

Secretary of War.

Friend & Brother,

We the undersigned headmen of the South East District of the Choctaw Nation, humbly petition our great Father the President of the U. S. States that money may be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a party of our people to explore the Choctaw country west of the Mississippi it is our wish to send eight men with a leader & Interpreter, we suppose that it will ^{take} between three & four months to look at the country well & return. we are poor, therefore, would wish to have an outfit sufficient to make us comfortable such as gun & ammunition & a few articles of clothing for each man, if our great Father the President will grant his red children their humble petition, they will so soon as they return make known their wishes & intentions to their great Father. it is our wish that our white friend & Brother Mr John Bone may be

appointed our leader & our countryman
Pierre Lujan be appointed Interpreter
we would wish to start as soon as the
means can be furnished,

we remain your dutiful
children looking up
to you as our great
Father & guardian

Natuckyah ^{his}
X
mark

Yach Hopia ^{his}
+
mark

Hopia Tubbee ^{his}
X

Loater Homer ^{his}
mark

Loa Homer ^{his}
X
mark

mark

Pierre Lujan

Ona Tubbee ^{his}
mark

Sheshemataha ^{his}
+
mark

Hopia Horna ^{his}
mark

Hopia Anokahubbee ^{his}
+
mark

Test. —

Mr. Mackey US Interpreter

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want means to pay
the expenses of a party
to explore the country
West of the Mississippi.