

Sir

Choctaw Agency Oct. 29th 1899

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 William Chief Mshulalubba 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 their lands 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 Holson 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 D. Holson Chief for life.

The three Chief bred 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 Miss-
ionaries residing here are apposed 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 fears of their chiefs who are
no doubt encouraged by those who govern
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
Wright Esq. and Geo. S. Gairns, both these gentle-
men live on the line on Tombigbee River the
former in Monroe County Miss. and the latter
in the State Alabama. Col. Wright has had the
management of several Indian law suits and
is very popular with the In^ds as a friend and Law-
yer, and I have no doubt but either or both of
those gentlemen would under any circumstances
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 bred
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. — W. M. Mackey attended Mshkutabbe's coun-
-cil 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 yours
Obdt Servt

W. M. Mackey

Gen John H Eaton
Secy of War

Choctaw Agency,
Decem^r. 29th. 1829.

William Ward.

Mushulatubee a former
Chief has held a council &
declared for removal -
Holson & the other Half breed
Chiefs are opposed. —