

~~Am. B. Bell~~ Choctaw Station March 25¹⁹ 1830

To The Hon John H. Eaton Secretary
of War.

Friend and Brother,

The subject on which we would wish to address you, is one of the utmost importance to the welfare, and happiness of the Choctaw Nation. At no period with the Choctaws has there been so much distress and dejection existing among the people as there are evidently felt at this time with at least more than two thirds of the Community and we know not to whom we could better pour forth our grievances than to our Great Father the President, the fountain head of power, where all his red children can if they speak be heard and listened to. Friend and Brother, we would wish you to open to us your ears, and attentively listen to what we shall say in behalf of our afflicted and distressed Country, we are sorry, we are distressed, and this is owing to the late proceedings of some of our head men in the nation at a council held in the upper Savans. The result of this council was made known to us but three weeks ago, and which is, that a proposition has been made to the Government for the sale of all of our Country east of the Mississippi river. We have no objection to sell our Country east of the Mississippi river, for there we

You know we can live unmolested as long as
we are a nation, and when we shall be
out of the jurisdiction of all the States in
the Union, and when we know our Great
Father the President can, and will protect
us. This you have told us, and we believe
it to be true, but we have a serious
objection to any Treaty being made when
it does not meet ^{the} full approbation of at
least one half of the Nation, and more
particularly when it is done entirely unknown
and to the people, and understood only
by a few individuals and when it will be
made to give to those same individuals ten
Sections of land ^{to each}, who have done more injury
to the Nation than good. The persons to whom
we allude is Gohorn and Sefton and other
disgracing half breeds who have got themselves
into office by Management and intrigue.
Why should Gohorn and Sefton receive ten
Sections of land each, and our beloved
ellingo Muckolattubby who served his Nation
more than sixteen years, and who at all times
was the true friend of the Americans, in time of
peace as well as in war, should not receive
no more than a common warrior of the land
which he alone can say as his Father the
Beloved Mingo said, this land is mine, all
this country is mine, and why is it that the
half breeds alone are to be benefited more
by a Treaty than the real pure who stave. If
it be said we are ignorant, and be said we
are poor that we should be neglected. If
any people in the world that can call any
portion of the land of this world their own
we the real who stave can truly say that

that this is our own land, this is our own ²⁰³
country. Therefore if this country is to
be treated away, who but the ^{real} Choctaws
should have the honor of selling it. Our
right to this soil and line and is paramount
to all others. Let then the Government treat with
us your children, who are the true inheritors
of all this country, and who alone have
the right of selling or disposing with it as
they may think proper. We say we are
your children. You have acknowledged
us as such. It was a full blooded Choctaw
that first gave this land to the Great and Good
Washington and called him Leather. It was no
proud and conceited half breed. As children
we have been dutiful towards you, we have
not been unreasonably fractious at no time as many
of your other red children have been and
done you injury, nor we have at no time
ever done you any injury, but we have
done you good whenever we had it in our
power so to do. We ask of our Great
Leather the War Chief Jackson who was it that
fought by his side in the late war. Was
not it our Pushmataha and Mitholatchity
and their brave warriors? Let him remember
the good deeds we have rendered for the
United States and for our great Leather.
Let him remember our unchangeable friendship
and alone all remember us as a poor helpless
and distressed people. If there is a treaty
made between the Government and the
Choctaws let all, the full blooded, as well
as the half breeds, be equals in the profits
arising from the treaty. This will be

The only way to give satisfaction to all
We say and willing to sell our country,
but never under any conditions where
it will make a few very rich; 6 sections
seems has been allowed Garland, two for
Jed B. Stail and the same to J. L. McKe and
Israel Holson and George Hawkins. Here you
see in this proposition which has no credit
been presented to you by David W. Haley
a being from the whole nation and which
if it is agreed to will make only the half
breeds rich. Israel Holson and Stail have
never done anything for the nation in no
way whatever, but there are many others
who have spent the whole of their time in
the service of their country, and men the
means of doing a great deal of good
and yet they are no more benefitted by
this treaty than a common warrior and
the reason is they are no relations to the
chiefs who have made this proposition, and
they are not half-breeds is another cause of
this. You have no doubt been also informed
that Greenwood Leflore ^{has been made} the principal chief
of the whole nation in consequence of the resigna-
tion of Holson of this district (North East) and
Garland of the Southern district. But we
will inform you that Holson had no
office to resign, he had lost it some time
since at an election, and it was through
disappointed ambition that made him act
as he has in this respect. Muckahatubly is
the only chief in this district who was
re-elected by a large majority of the people

and is now considered as in full Office. The² The⁵
reason why Garland of the Six towns resigned
at the said Council in Council (as Solomon
did also) that his warriors were all forsaking
him. Solomon and Garland in this situation gave
themselves up to Sefton with a few of their warriors
and relations and acknowledged him as the
principal chief of the whole Nation, but
Sefton can not be the principal chief unless
he is elected by a Majority of the people
in the whole Nation. The people in this
District and also in the other Districts
that ever had the privilege of selecting and
making who they please as their Chief, and
removing them from Office whenever it suited
them, but never have there been as yet a
single instance where the Chief had the
power of transferring his warriors into the
hands of any other Chief or Mingo at
their own option, but whenever Solomon
and Garland have assumed a privilege and
a power that never was placed in the hands
of any Chief in the Choctaw Nation. and
we therefore warn you in time not to
agree to the proposition which was made
at the late Council by Sefton and his
party, for we assure you it is not a general
understanding among us, and we are
fully determined to never agree ^{to it} ~~to it~~ the
consequence ^{be} as it may. Some of us
were at the Council when the proposition
for the sale of our Country was made

It was formed by Solomon and Sefton in
a secret apartment without the consideration
of any other individual, except two or
three proxies, and when they had finished
it, the people were called together at a late
hour of the night, when it was read to them.
We were displeas'd with it, and we found
others to be also even those who signed their names
to the talk to be sent to our Great Father,
but what was more displeas'ing to us, and
truly disgusting, was when we saw those
Individuals (Solomon and Sefton) so uncommon-
ly anxious for the people to sign this talk,
every thing was urged and done in a
hurry, and not even a minutes time
was allowed for deliberation. If you
have a mind to do justice by us I
know you will not agree to any treaty
made with our Nation unless it is with
the whole Nation and when it will give
satisfaction at least to all the full blood
Chickaws, There fore in order that this
may be the case we would be glad
if it is the wish of your Government to
send for our lands that you would
send Commissioners to the Nation and
we will show them that we have the
power and will sell our Country, but
we will make a fair and an honest
treaty with them, and not under such
considerations as that which is proposed
by Sefton and Solomon. When we
make a treaty we do not want the

the Impersonaries to be present, Let them
attend to their proper vocations, and
meddle not with the concerns of the
Nation. The Impersonaries are and sorry
to inform you that they are a meddling
set and have not done much good
among us, No, but they have been the
cause of a great ^{deal} of injury to the Nation
and also to the Government, For they
are the very set that has ever operated
against the policy of your Government
towards the Choctaws and thereby
deprived us of those advantages and
those blessings which it has been the wish
of your Government to bestow on us.

We have always been confident that
your Government would not wrong
our people, nor recommend us to nothing
but what would tend to our happiness
and prosperity, but nevertheless your
policy at respects for the removal of
our nation to the west, have therefore
disappointed by Impersonary counsel and
intrigue. I wish our father the President
knew these people as well as we do.

We would not wish you to think
because we do not the Impersonaries
that we do not wish to encourage
among our people the habits of civilized
life - that we do not wish our youths
to be educated, and brought up as white

Supposed to the records of this, we will
 present to you as an instance of it our
 Church institution in Kentucky, The
 Choctaw Academy, Methodically was
 the founder of that Academy, and sent
 his sons there to be educated.

Friends and Brothers

In consequence
 of the unquiet proceedings of the
 scalped chiefs and their party a great
 many of the people from most every
 Section of the Country have met together
 and joined in making you this communica-
 tion. They have at the same time
 appointed a General Council, to take
 place on the 16th of April, where every
 man is to attend with Guns and deadly
 weapons, we are determined to die, or
 have justice done us - and never to consent
 or agree to any treaty that is made
 in the dark by designing and avaricious
 men. Such as Galloway and Gohorn.

We have the Honour of subscribing ourselves
 your friends and brothers.

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| Mingo Mutholatchy + | Levi Pickens + |
| Mingo Kitkaiches + | Charles Lucas + |
| Mingo Bayarhokatchy + | Oklabee + |
| General Talking Horn + | Capt Tishomingo + |
| Captain J. Lincoln + | Shunro + |
| Captain Red Tiger + | Tuscaumoonkauch + |
| Capt. Yalchopiah + | Estambe + |
| Capt. Popalubbe + | Jonah + |
| Chowalahomah + | James Lucas + |
| Mitoglabbetecart + | Syamooblubbe + |
| Capt W Wade + | |

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| James Mackey + | Thomas James + |
| Pesamooblubbe + | Conrabbe + |
| Opolo + | Fallamenche + |
| Teskemastubbe + | Ahooloo + |
| James King | Barney Kelley + |
| Peter King | atonooche + |
| Giles W Patchly | Samuel Garland |

We Do Certify that the above is a true Interpretation
 John Patchly
 Mr Mackey resident