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Hamilton, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1830 27

Dear Judge. This morning I received a communication from Major Pritchard of the Choctaw Nation, requesting me in behalf of himself <sup>Mushulatabba</sup> ~~Mushulatabba~~ <sup>Mushulatabba</sup> and the ~~head man~~ <sup>head man</sup> and Captain of the Northern and South Eastern districts of the Nation, to address the President on the subject of what they call their ~~unhappy~~ <sup>unhappy</sup> situation. As my acquaintance with the President was at a period of my life when my years were few in number it is possible that he may not more recollect me, and as I have heretofore written to you the subject of Indian affairs, in our State I am it most prudent to address you, and make this communication to you, and if you in your discretion may think it worth presenting to the President you can do so

you will recollect that Messrs. Petchell & Co  
has been Interpreter for the United States  
in the Choctaw Nation of Indians, for forty  
years, and that although he is a white  
man servant among them with an  
Indian family he has ever both in and  
out of the Nation, sustained a fair &  
reputable Character.

I will give you their Communication  
verbatim, with the exception, of adding  
a word or two to make it more intelligi-  
=ble

They request me to say to the President,  
that they are a distressed People and  
want the help of their Great Father the  
President, who has never told them a lie

That a few half Breed Chiefs, and the  
Supremaries, have robbed them of their  
rights and happiness, that they are  
all (except the Messrs) full Blooded Indians

That they understand, Greenwood  
Salpou, David Folson and John Garton  
the half Breed Chiefs, has sent on by  
Messrs. Hanley, propositions to the President  
to treat away their Country without their

Consent or knowledge and without 28  
hardly any of the Indians knowing any  
thing about it, and as they have heard  
upon such terms as will not benefit the  
Common Indians and give them justice

That they have always had Chiefs of their  
own until now and have never been  
compelled to serve a Chief without their  
own consent, and that they are now  
determined not to do it, for they main-  
= stand. Fulcrum & Garland the former  
Chiefs of their Districts have resigned in  
favor of Sapsour who is to be the only  
Chief for life. This they say they can not  
bear

They say they the persons before named are  
the head men of the Northern & South  
Eastern Districts and their <sup>Captains &</sup> warriors, speak  
as they do. That they are ready if the  
President will send Commissioners on  
to treat with them for their two districts  
that they will give the Government a  
better treaty than the half Breeds and  
disfranchises have offered them and that  
they will go west of the Mississippi near

or any where the Bureau may think  
best for them to go to.

I set out by stating that I would give  
the communication, verbatim but when  
I came to transcribe it I found that  
I had best give it in substance as it  
is made in the true Indian style of  
communicating ideas

Thus you see the Convention of the Choctaws  
and it is now in the power of the  
United States to make a favorable treaty  
with <sup>them</sup> which will enable the Govt  
to display its magnanimity towards  
these persons, for they are at this time  
entirely at the mercy of the Govt their  
own internal dissensions producing the  
effect

I have no doubt those two districts  
on maps will conform to the policy of  
the Govt and the other will be compelled  
to come into the measure

you will pardon me, when I give it to  
you as my opinion, that the earliest  
action on the part of the Govt in this  
respect will be most sure to effect the

object of the Govt. & the interest of the 29  
Indians, as also it may prevent the  
effusion of blood by those poor deluded  
and misguided people, for from what  
I can learn there is every probability  
that the 16th Inst will declare the Commence-  
ment of a civil war among them.

This fact I believe I mentioned to you  
in my last letter

I shall sit out on Wednesday next for  
Madison Court and shall stay on the  
night of the 17th in the neighbourhood  
of the Council as soon as I hear the  
result of their meeting I will inform  
you

I am with sentiments of great  
respect your friend

D. W. Wright

As Col. Pruet who passed through the  
Nation the other day, says he understood  
the Talking Warrior had beat his war  
Drum <sup>way</sup> performing the Indian  
Ceremonies, usual preceding war &c.

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J.F.



~~Sanction only~~  
June 13 1853 — The

Mr. John P. Ellis

Sanction Sec'ds Senator

Washington City

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