

Thomas Loraine McKenney to David Folsom

Department of War,
Office Indian Affairs,
22nd. March, 1830.

Friend & Brother,

I have received your two letters of the 3rd. and 4th. of this month. I am very glad you are going to see the Country in the west. I know well your people can be happy and prosperous only there; and you will be entitled to the lasting gratitude of the Choctaws, and of all the friends of Humanity all over the world, if you shall be the instrument of leading them across the great river, and setting them down in their home in the west.

I have written to Col: Ward saying that the Secretary of War has agreed to help you in this great work. Colo. Ward has before this, I have no doubt made it known to you.

In regard to a further supply of means for the Education of your children, from the Choctaw fund, I cannot now decide. I should think, however, it could not be granted except on a request of the Choctaw's in Council. Wishing you every blessing, I am Your Friend & Brother.

Thos. L. Mc'Kenney.

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