

To Geo. Thos. L. McHenry.

Choctaw Nation March
4th 1830

Friend & Brother

In the exertion which I have made for the promotion of education among the Choctaws, I have discharged a duty which I thought incumbent on me as a ruler among them. As the father of a family, also I have endeavored to discharge my duty by giving ^{my} children, such opportunities of education & such moral & Religious instruction, as my Situation and abilities would allow. It has occurred to me, in reflecting on this subject, that it would not be improper for me, to apply to the War Department, to allow, out of the Choctaw School fund, a sum, sufficient to enable two other of my children to attend School Six months or one year with the view of finishing their education. I have just placed two of my Daughters who are nearly grown up, at school, at Columbus, in Mississippi, but with a large family, depending on me for support with the expences which I am necessarily put to as a ruler among my people, and without any salary I find I cannot in justice to my other children, keep them at school, on my own expences, so long as I could wish. I find I shall be obliged to withdraw them, at the end of the first quarter.

Will the State of the Choctaw

Choctaw

School fund admitt of a small appropri-
ation being made to me, in their behalf? I do
not want it exceeding one year, I even for
six months I should be thankful. I am
now paying for the board of each of my
Children Eight dollars, per month. & ~~from~~
four dollars a quarter for their tuition.
Their tuition for subsequent quarters would
probably be something higher. But for their
boarding, nothing, tuition & c. I should be well
satisfied with \$150 a year for each. Can this be
allotted me for one year or six months. If so
I shall be gratified, for I think it no more than
justice; but if not I shall endeavour to bear
my disappointment with patience.

I would remark that no females have as
yet derived any benefit from the School fund
set apart in our last treaty, and I hope, you
will not deem it altogether a father por-
teality. When I say that my Daughters are already
sufficiently advanced to appreciate and
profit by an appropriation in ^{their} favour.

I should be glad to receive an early
reply from you.

Respectfully Yrs friend & Brother
David Tolson

Choctaw Nation,
March 4, 1830.

David Folsom -

Wants his allowance from
the Choctaw funds for
the education of his
daughters &c. &c

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125
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625

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