

William Ward to John Henry Eaton

Choctaw Agency July 14th 1829

Sir

I have the Honor herewith to enclose to you a paper from Piere Juzan a half breed choctaw. you will see the object of his letter.

I will suggest to you that if money could be raised out of the contingent funds this fall many Indians would go of Beyond the Arkansas Territory on their own lands, I have been told by Mushulatubbee an old Chief that If Government would pay him for his improvements and stock that he could not move, he would go fourthwith, and I expect Robt. Cole an other displaced Chief would also go. It might be of great benefit to get a party of this year as I do believe others would follow on next year

It is thought the Three acting chiefs (half Breeds) will oppose their going.

It may be proper to observe to the Dept. of war that in this nation the tribe are laid of in three Districts each ruling independently, by three half breed Chiefs, Viz. Folsom, Leflour, & Garland.

At a collection of Leflours District (the Northwest) to pay the Annuities for this year, Col Robt Cole a former chief of this district attend with about one hundred men. It was believed that they were about to try to Brak Leflour the acting Chief, and place Cole in power again. Leflour met him with about four hundred men two hundred armed with Guns and marched round Coles and party's camp took them as prisoners and kept ten or 12 tied all night under a strong guard; next day there was held a kind of Court over them and fourteen were condemned to be whiped on their bare back, Cole was one who recd. sentence But after whiping fore with 25 Strips well lade on, the ballance say ten were reprieved by order of the Chief & council. Col Cole was one of the number who recd. his lenient power.

after this business was over the Chief called on me to know if I had any thing to communicate to them I requested him to assemble the white men and captains, and I would give them a talk. I observed to them that no white man was to come and riside in the District without producing a written certificate of his deportment &c. and If any white man who had taken up his residence in the nation should be known to speak disrespectfully of the General Government policy, or the officers of government that participate in Indian affairs should be removed within twenty days. after I was done the Chief Leflour oberved in Choctaw that my talk was all good, and requested me to say to the President of the U. States that all these things should be observed

and any thing he might request but their land; and that he for one never would yeald that untill compeled.

After he was done, I requested him to tell his people that I was not directed to say any thing to them about their lands. But I would say to them I had no doubt but the People of Mississippi would extend their laws over this nation at its next sitting of the Legislature and the president there Father, would not object to it. I have the Honor to be very Respectfully your Obdt. Servt.

W. Ward Agt. C. N.

P.S. Excuse this hasty scrawl as the mail is weighting. W. W.

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