Thomas Loraine McKenney to William Ward

Department of War, Office Indian Affairs, 8th. December, 1829.

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 20th. Ulto, also that to which you refer of the 1st. September. In regard to the subject of your accounts, I have no manner of control over their settlement. They are with the 2nd. Auditor.

I had heard of the revival of religion among the Choctaws. But if the motive be such as you ascribe to it, it will be ephemeral in its duration, and worthless in its effects.

In regard to any movement towards promoting emigration, it will be deferr'd I presume until the Congress shall act upon the subject generally.

Let the information you send as referr'd to in your letter of the 20th. Ulto., be authentic. Very Respectfully &c, &c,

Thos. L. Mc'Kenney.

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