

CLINTON B. FISK TO SAML. CHECOTE

Saratoga Springs N.Y.

Aug. 25th 1883

Hon. Saml. Checote

Principal Chief

Muskogee Nation

Okmulgee I.T.

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 16th inst meets me here on my way homeward from a tour to the "Thousand Islands" river St. Lawrence Montreal, Lake Champlain and Lake George, whither I have been with my family, and to speak at the great International Temperance Camp meeting at "Thousand Island Park".

I will give immediate attention to the important matter, to which you invite my attention. The Interior Department should promptly come to your relief by driving out the intruders, and I shall be only too glad in aiding you in securing their early expulsion. Bad white men have had much to do in creating and continuing the unhappy condition of things that has afflicted the Muskogee Nation. The Government of the United States has made solemn covenants with your people and should be diligent in keeping them, and every one of them. The "Country" is yours and all yours by most sacred obligation and I will do my utmost to help maintain that covenant.