

Executive office
Choctaw Nation This 22 July 1873

To Hon. Wm Robuck

Dear friend

I will take the liberty of writing to you again to inform you of the news I received from Washington to day although it may not be important to some, but I consider it to be of some importance to the citizens of the Nation at large, in the first instant I will give you _ of an interview that Col Pitchlynn had with the commissioner of Indian affairs, to talk over the questions affecting the rights of the choctaws, and say he had went over the survey and Territorial questions- and gave the Commissioner his views on these points - and explained to him the dangers and difficulties that would result from the adoption of those measures, also he say to him- That it is plain to be seen that the purpose of these new measures was not for the good of the Indians, but the sole object was to open the way by which the country could be settled up by the white,- The commissioner replied that the government wished to retain the Indian Territory for the indians and as an assurance of its sincerity it had ordered out intruders and had sent the military to enforce such orders, and Col PPP further say, From all the commissioner said I am led to believe he is our Friend and well disposed to do us justice, and further says that they had got on the freedman question, I understood him to say that the Department had decided and sent out instruction to the agent that Freedman should be subject to the jurisdiction of the nation, it is more than likely you have already have seen the decision of the Department of the Interior published in the vindicator, but I have not seen it but from the substance of P P P expressions it gives ous full jurisdiction over them but not citizenship, but I suppose it was intended for all,

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Now hear come the stinging liek at the Bull ring in Boggy Depot, I will give you a few words of Col P P P on the matter, I sent you yesterday ,, Evening Star ,, from which you will see that Cooper, Latrobe & Co. are debarred from practising before the indian Departments, notwithstanding these parties are attempting to make light of Shanks recommendation, it seems the Government is in earnest in the matter, now hear is a copy I have from the , evening star, a paper printed in Washington----- Debeared from practice before the Indian Bureau----- The commissioner of Indian affairs, has informed Douglas H. Cooper, of the firm of Chas E. Mix & Co, Indian claim agents, of this city, that he is hereafter debarred from practicing as claim agent before the indian office, and from visiting or conferring with its clerks. The order also includes the other members of the firm, viz, Chas E. Mix, late chief clerk of the indian office, and, I. H. B. Latrobe, of Baltimore, this order grows out of a charge preferred against Cooper in the settlements of his accounts as agent for the Choctaw Indians. In this settlement Cooper puts in a receipt dated May, 4, 1866 for \$146,322.52 moneys alleged to have been paid to the representative of the Choctaw Nation, but who at that time, it is stated, had no authority to receive the money, their authority was repudiated by that nation, and remains a claim against the Government, -it is plainly to be seen what our delegates of 1866 had done in regards to the corm money, all the Cooper ring can do now is to keep up a confusinn here at home, provided if the above statements are true, the United States agent has requested me to visit him at an early day as practable, to talk upon several subjects of importance to the nation so he say, I think I will be at the agency about Wensday or Thursday week, I will start from here on Monday and if it could be convenient for you I should like for you to meet me their, Also it is understood that the

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Commissioner of indian affairs, some time in agust is to visit the agent, I have noticed in the paper that he is to meet the Kiowas at fort sill on the 8th of august, then he is to come on to the agency, I suppose though we will be apprised of his comming, then I shall want you and George Folsom Nicholus Cochranauer Joseph P. Folsom to meet him with me at that time; it is not stated what his visit is for, but it is presumed that he wants to find out the feelings of the people, and the four of you can express the feelings of the people better than any one else - their are others would do as well, but they would rather smother it down then let the real feelings of the people been known in order to gain their ends.

Sir I remain you_ obt servant I will close

William Bryant

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N.B.

You will please try and circulate the information I have given you in regard D.H. Cooper been debarred from appearing before the indian bereau at Washington through your District and Apushunubbi.

William Bryant

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