

and the Choctaw school
houses, may not go to destruc-
tion so that the hopes of
the Christianization & civili-
zation ^{of our people} may not be lost forever
ever.

It is a singular fact in
the history of our people, that
there is but ^{one} light-horse man
in all these five Counties
& besides him there is ^{not} any
other ^{officers of any kind} & every thing seems
to have come to a dead
stand. I wish you were
here to take hold with us
the wheel and make it
go.

There is good deal of
sickness in the County ^{now}
cold & good many deaths
but no one that you know

Elijah & Eunity's have been
very sick but are now better

Remain Yours aff
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Dear friend

Just a week
ago to day was the day appointed
for the election of County officers
but it proved an entire failure
from what I can learn it was
so, with the other Counties viz-
Red River, Eagle, Bok Tucklo,
and Washoba Counties. There
is not a single officer of no
kind in all of the above Coun-
ties and the prospect of our
people gloomy enough. There
were a considerable turn out
on the day of election, would
have voted no doubt, but there were
no candidate for any of the of-
fices offering not a vote was
cast on that day, and no one
could be prevailed upon to offer

could not give the required bond & security; I am inclined to think that the council did not fully consider the actual wants of our people, for instance there were to be five justices elected in our county; each one of whom should give fifteen hundred dollar bond with good securities. It is out of the question that this ^{provision} can be carried out. There is another thing which has disaffected them; they were opposed to the New Const. in its present form and drew up a petition to the Council to be held at Doggy, for a new convention, to give every ^{thing} a new start, but the Council thinking if there should be a new convention the government business, would be no where, declined granting the petition. This rejection of the people's petition has as much to do as any thing else

I presume. The best interest of the Choctaws are suffering and I consider both parties are much to blame, the New Constitution party for being so unjust in requiring of the people what they are not really able to do and the old Constitution party for their retaliating spirit and not falling in with the party and trying to carry out the laws for the sake of the Nation. It appears to me we are on the eve of anarchy and God alone who has hitherto carried us through afflictions & trials can bring us out of our present difficulties; it is my hearts desire & prayer to God that he would interpose in our behalf; that the Choctaw meeting houses