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dear Loving.

Your letter of the 1st of this month came to hand yesterday. I am glad Malvina is improving in health, and I am glad Molly and Minie are with you.

What I write you -
Keep to yourself; but there are many things I do not put on paper - So you must not expect me to tell all of what I know. I will tell you that "A Bill to provide for the payment of the award made by the Senate of the United States in favor of the Choctaw Nation of Indians on the 9th day of March 1859, was introduced by

Butler of Tennessee on the
24th of Feb last was
read twice and ordered to be
printed and referred to the
Committee on Appropriations.
This is the N. Proceeds. What
~~will be~~ done with it we shall know
W - hereafter. I dont allow
myself to make any calculation
but we intend to work and
do our very best to get it
passed. Some of my friends
are very hopeful. I know
we are very strong in Congress
but they are cutting down all
appropriations very low and
this is the alarming part of
it. Probably we shall know
our fate about six weeks from
now. Should the Bill pass then
you can come with ^{good} some hope
but if not there will be nothing
for any of us but poverty.

I have no hopes that a correct Register will be furnished by the Depo^t - and if they do and the money is appropriated and taken to the Nation it will ^{not} be paid out rightly. One man said to me not long ago that the only way to do with the money to do justice would be to make one big Annuity of it to the people. This man said that there would be also sorts of rascality played in making out fraudulent claims etc. &c. Say nothing about this at present. I know if any one in the Nation starts this ball it will go like the Prairie on fire. You must not start it. Wait - let us see what Longfellow does.

The Chickasaw ^{Indians} are here -

I saw them yesterday, the
New Delegation of the Choctaws
I see daily. We have been work-
ing together against Seminole
The Chickasaw movement to
have their lands allotted out
in Seminole has been reported
against by Buckingham
Chairman of the Indian
Committee in the Senate.
This is a big back set to them -
they was done before they got ^{Chickasaws}
here. My health is good and
I am going all the time.

Sophia & Lee has been sick
of the Memphis - getting better.

Excuse my short letter, for I
cant write you all I wish to
tell - & you must not expect
it of me. Dont be uneasy about
what others do - perhaps all will
be for the best in the end. I am
not weak for want of friends in
Washington. Love to Mal and
the children. Yrs truly D D S -