

Sunday. 7 Feb. 1841. (Copy)
2 friend & Brother City of Washington

See Peter P. Peltzlynn.

As soon as I receive
your letter to the present Secy of
War, & which of course will come into
the hands of the next on ⁷ March. I will
resent to the present Secretary of War the
authority for you to come on to this City
to send you the means of coming or
allow you to draw on the War Deptt
& enough to bring you on & which
I can do as you go through Washington
if you can come or not & decline
but you had better come on your
account, on my account, on account
nation & the School & you will see
the state of people at the inauguration

If the government will pay your expenses
coming, remaining till I return & going
back I enclose to think it will be
much to our mutual advantage
we can see exactly upon what policy the
School can be fixed upon what terms
you can be provided for provided
you stay at the School, what can
be done for some friend from the nation
if you can not remain at the School
what can be done for you as Cheekasaw
agent & every other possible case can be
watered by us. but at last if you do not
come I shall neglect nothing & I can
tell you ^{on my return} all by the 10, or 15th at latest
of March I have delayed saying anything
to the President & Secy of war as to your
coming till they got your letter of which
they would see officially your visit to
the academy last evening so

daily expected. I regret that he is not
already here - but we doubt he will
be here as he asked leave to come and
settle up his account. They have
granted leave for him to come - This
letter is written to keep you awake &
ready to come, if you think with
me as soon as you are authorized &
furnished with money to come you need
not care for Clothing till you get here
as I will furnish you with what you
may want if my Store can furnish
you any article that you want take
it - It will not take you more than
6 days to get here perhaps 7 & we can
return in 5 days & I want to leave
here by the 6th March - Genl Milroy
the agent at Logansport Indiana left here
yesterday for home with instruction to send

4 Miamies & 5 Pottawattomies which he desire
can & will do — May Pilcher Superintendent
of Indian affairs at St Louis is under orders
now to send about 20 Boys & he is now
writing to the Lab. agents to get the Boys
Send them on as soon as possible and
if Capt Armstrong, Young & Mr. Wall do not
can send all the Boys from your
quarter which I before mentioned
to you the School will go up to
170 Boys — Then prosperity will crown
all concerned — If you can not live
at the School or stay more than half
your time or you will undertake
to come once a year to bring
I carry back Boys; in any position
you shall get exactly what your
own judgement shall demand & also I
should prefer you to stay with us all the time
yet as I shall now be at home for several years
most of my time you shall do exactly as duty you
best — & that you agree to help keep up the School —

you shall not be forgotten or
 neglected - I have a positive notion
 that the Boys from the creeks
 Chickasaws, Seminoles & the
 Creek has shall continue to
 be sent & the Cherokees recom-
 mended to lend & bear have
 our friend Mr. Wall employed
 to get the Cherokees & we will be
 able to feed & clothe well, by getting
 most of the Clothing made
 at Philadelphia. I will search
 for & procure the portrait of your
 Father & if possible I pray you
 to give advice to Mr. Vanderveer
 he is the best of men & will take
 it kind. I will not fail to give
 him advice as suggested & refer
 him to you for advice & without
 saying there any hint from you

I have been very much hurried
had no idea of writing so much
as the mail soon closes for this day
write again & again & now rest
satisfied that nothing shall be
neglected to serve you or your
nation & as to the School will
sacrifice ease I comfort to make
it vulnerable — you must go home after
~~I get home as soon as you can~~^{home after} soon as you please & return
~~as soon as you can~~ I will go to
Arkansas you can go in
return of you will in the fall
provided I do not get you
the check as an agency
your devoted friend

M. M. Johnson
Dr. P. P. Plaskett

The Tribes in Indiana. Missouri
Forth will also be sent with
your influence & union
I should not be surprised
if the School had 200 Boys
by 1st of May next

Rand

If you can go home as soon as I
return & you can get back
by 1st May. Rand