

Report showing the condition the Choctaw
Academy in Scott County Kentucky
on the 1st April 1838.

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The present condition of the
institution and the progress now making
by the students are fully as prosperous as at
any former period — and although during
the past quarter we have had some
difficulties to settle among the students
yet at this time the most perfect submission
and contentment seem to exist.

Our chief difficulty in this institution
has arisen in a good degree from having
young men too far advanced in life
when they first enter the school.

When the Indian character is
formed and the habits, customs and the
roving disposition settled the calculation
of doing much good need not be hoped
for. — when the uncultivated Indians have
passed their 18 or 20th year of age they cannot
stand confinement nor will they readily
submit to rigid government which has
necessarily to be enforced — they too soon
become ~~cold~~ and dissatisfied and before

They are able to appreciate the advantages of an education yet will and want to return home at this time unfortunately the school counts of a poor one of students of that description.

The most rigid discipline has to be enforced in order to maintain that order which has heretofore characterized the institution.

I would therefore respectfully suggest to the Deptt. the propriety of instructing the Indian agents in making future selections of youths for this school not to send any over 15 or 16 years of age.

The most suitable age to become useful is from 10 to 15; beyond that age unless it should be to complete an unfinished education, but little need be hoped for.

The school is now well organized & under good discipline furnished with good teachers who faithfully discharge the duties of their respective stations.

The spring and summer clothing of a neat and good quality has just been given out.

The boarding, lodging, and medical department have been ample & satisfactory.

The shops, though not in as good condition as could be wished; yet, have been

much improved recently, by having each shop
nearly filled with a sufficient number of
boys to be profitably employed.

The general health of the students is good
having at this time but few on the sick list
and they are convalescent and will be able
in a few days to come into school.

all of which is most respectfully subd.

Tho Wm Jackson Asst

Report ending on
the 31st March 1838