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Nauvoo Ia., 14th. 1843.

Dear Sir:

Having been requested by a friend to obtain something like a historical sketch of the Choctaws, and knowing now no one so well qualified as your self to give it, I have taken the liberty to ask of you to give me a concise account of the following things. To wit,

- 1st Form of Choctaw and Chickasaw Government, What Choctaw Council composed of, and who presides over it. How Council elected - if of two Houses - their term of service
- 2^d How many Chiefs and how elected - what their term of service
- 3^d What other Officers of state & justice, describe the Courts and Justices of the peace and proceedings at law
- 4th. Mode of putting to death and what crimes are thus punished - What punishment for other Offences - Ancient customs in this respect
- 5th. Ancient traditions - Origin - Migrations - Religion - Tradition of separation of Choctaws & Chickasaws

Burials and mournings

- 6th. Peculiarities of manners & customs - marriage ceremonies - Burials and mournings - Ball plays and other plays or games
- 7th. The probable number of souls at this time, as well as of the Chickasaws
- 8th What is the system of public schools as well as the number now in existence
- 9 Is the Choctaw language reduced to rules - have they a dictionary

I hope you ~~you~~ will attend to have the goodness to attend to the above requests as soon as convenient, and send by mail to this place. You need not be prolix, unless some of the heads furnish such an amount of matter as to require it.

Give my respects to Mrs. Pytahlyum and your family, and please receive my highest regard for yourself - Your friend

John Gregg

Col. P. R. Pytahlyum

6th. ~~present and prospective~~
possibilities of marine ~~and~~
economies - Building and mounting
Balloons and other lighter than air
machines - ~~the~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~

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