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LETTER OF J. S. MORROW TO EDITOR STAR VINDICATOR

Editors Vindicator,

I have recently returned from a trip to the Seminole Nation to aid in the dedication of a new Baptist house of worship at O-e-ki-wa Ta-lo-fa, which Rev. John Jumper, one of the chiefs of the Seminoles, aided by his people, has built. It is a good frame house 25 feet wide by 35 feet in length, two stories in height, and built of lumber hauled from Atoka. The lower story will be used for day-school and Sunday-school purposes; the upper is an audience room, and will seat two hundred and fifty Indians. There is a good heating stove for both rooms, and a nice church bell. The cost of the house will be about \$1,000. Rev. G. J. Johnson, D. D., of St. Louis, and Rev. H. F. Buckner, D. D., from Eufaula, Creek Nation, were present, and their preaching, conversation and influence all tended to the exaltation of

Jesus and His word. The meeting was an excellent one, and will long be felt for good.

The Seminoles are not suffering for breadstuffs, as are the Choctaws and Chickasaws in many parts of their country. There is yet considerable corn among the Seminoles, and they are doing very well. Col. Jumper and Major Factor had just returned from Washington City in time for our meeting. They succeeded in getting \$10,000 from the General Government as an act of equity for the shameful manner in which they were speculated upon by the treaty of 1866 in requiring them to pay fifty cents per acre for the land which the Government had just bought from the Creeks at thirty cents per acre.

I wish one of you, Messrs. Editors, would ere long visit the Seminole Nation in the interest of your paper. I am sure you would meet with a cordial welcome, and I think would make it mutually profitable to yourselves and the Seminoles.

Yours truly,

J. S. MURROW.