

April

Dear Friend— Doaksville Nov 16. 1857

I have just this moment received your kind and interesting letter informing me that you had succeeded in getting responsible men to run the line between the Chicksaw and Arkansas State— You are the only delegate that have stood up manfully to your post. You have ever studied the interest of your people— No man regrets more than I do the pieces that have been published in the news papers about our little difference— There was nothing serious about it— The amount of it was this just before the Election came off for Governor there was certain objections raised to some points in the new Constitution— and requested that the objectionable parts be fixed up and the Constitution adopted by the people and then go into an Election— Wade and myself agreed to withdraw until things were fixed up— but McKinney said he was determined to run the race through— this caused the people of Arkansas District to insist on Wade's running the race against McKinney— The result was Wade got elected— Very few

votes was given in Spruill or Pushmataha
to have districts - all the voting was done
in Arkansas district - A majority of the
people was not pleased in the way the
election was pushed through - I did not
like it myself - and I had backers
strong enough to have finally carried
my point - But upon reflection
I concluded to yield as we had
a good deal at stake before Congress
and a division among us might
have a tendency to effect our claims

The new Government is going ahead
and there will be no obstacles thrown
in the way - The new Constitutional party
want to make the impression that
the abolitionist was at the bottom
of it all - But I do not think so -
It is useless to try to tell you on this
paper all the ups and downs I have
had since I seen you last - all from
sustaining the late Treaty - as I am
out of office now I suppose I will
be thrown aside and promises
that has been made me will be forgotten

The Council appropriated Eight thousand
Dollars to the Christian delegation -
Your money is still in the hands of the
Treasurer and upon a warrant being

issued by the Auditor, you can draw your
Money the two thousand - Sam Garland as
he attended the Council, has drawn his
Two thousand, but never once said
pleas to me about it - I real and Dickson
Levs. amounts I consider gone from me,
for to tell you the truth ~~I had~~ never had
much faith in I real - My whole depend
ance is in you as I have always stated
to see me righted - but enough of this - Let
me tell you what I done with some of your
orphan money last year - Sam Garland
Came to me and told me he needed some
money very much, and that he had loaned
you \$240. and would be glad if I would
let him have that amount of your money
I told him I had no right to do so, but
as he pledged himself to return it, if
you was not pleased, I would let him
have it - so if you say it is not right,
I will make him return the money -
He talks of leaving for Washington by the
first of December - I have been busily
engaged for the last week past in col-
lecting our percentage - one payment was
made at Lousin on the 9th and the other
payment will come off on the 18 of this
month at Skullenille - I have got Col
McCurran to collect for us, as I cannot

leave home on account of sickness - only
a part of the land warrants was paid
on Red River - Agent Cooper is coming
back after the payment at Skulleville land
will then make & finish up it - I begin
to want to see you very much - I have
much to tell you when I see you - I am
glad to say to you that your boys are
doing well - Push has become quite
steady and conducts himself like
a gentleman - I am grieved to think
that our Council will give a white
man two thousand dollars to do a
little writing that Push could have
done just as well as little Dutton
could have done it - Had I been
Governor things would have been conducted
very different - What encouragement
is there for our young men when jobs
are given to white men - When you come
to learn all the facts you will not
blame me for taking sides with the
people - but on accounts of our claims
before Congress, I have thought it best
to keep quiet - Please let me hear
from you as often as possible - Can't
you send me some garden seeds
this spring -

I am your friend

Geo. W. Harkins

P.S. I have just heard that John Pitchlyne is in Danburien
Jail charged with being accessory to a murder
committed on a white man by Mr. Garveys son -