

Friday morning
November 27th 1857

Dear father

Being to ^{the} inclemency of the weather and a protracted cold ^{but} little progress if any has been made towards meeting the surveyors mentioned in your last communication. It is a sickly time with us as well as a busy one. I have to present at the Depot shortly also Doakville for the purpose of attending to Bounty Land claimants. There are many that were never taken - some you I know were suspended or rejected for informality or some other latent defect. We were up there (I mean Doakville) a short time since and many Morians from a distance were present and ready to receive their just dues or have their claims attended to but were greatly disappointed and not a little wifed at the strange conduct of the Superintendent Rector. You Cooper requested it very much but Rector said he was bound to be at Schuylersville on Monday if he did not - the people would be greatly disappointed why not disappoint them over there as well as there over here. who were present and ready on the ground. He had already disappointed the people at Mayhew and requested them to come down to Doakville - they did so but he

disappointed us all. Many Indians
had come from a distance of a
hundred and fifty miles and were
all ready to receive their rights but
owing to his gross negligence and
Jackson's stubbornness he disowned
us all without assigning any reason
whatever save that he must go
and must be at Schuylkill on
Monday. His conduct has called
forth the indignation & contempt
of the whole Nation. He is a
low life trifling rascal and drunk
all the time. and a notorious
blackguard & gambler. wholly
incompetent to fill any office
of trust and honor. The Creeks
and Chickasaws were getting
up strong petitions to the Government
for his removal. You have seen
~~these~~ ^{petition} ~~disturbances~~. I presume they
have reached Washington by this
time. Pictou in consequence of his
meanings and low intrigues has unwe-
-ed himself decidedly unpopular
with all the Indians, unwe-
-ed his superintendency. Such a man
reflects but little credit upon the
administration.

ed Fort Towson is
burnt to ashes. It caught a fire
accidentally from the carelessness &
negligence of some one occupying

these old buildings. It is a great loss
to the nation. a day or two after
the fire many persons were there
standing around come doubtless
out of curiosity. and among the
crowd was David Hartins
who it is said without any just
cause or excuse whatever wilfully
shot down a white man. The party
shot died instantly. I was personally
acquainted with the man who
was killed. He was from Mississippi
recently came to this County. He
has the character and reputation
of being a harmless innocent
inoffensive man. He was one
of your good honest hard
working men. He came to this
Nation in the Capacity of a shoe
maker. and he was a number one
workman at his trade. Our friends
and distant relations in Mississippi
represented him as a straight forward
good honest hard working man.
He stopped at the plantation some
weeks since in purpose to see
you. He was requested to do so at
by your old friends and acquaintances
in Mississippi among which
was Dibley. Hancock & he had
letters of introduction from them
to you. poor fellow is dead now.
The only reason alleged for this -

