

To, Peter Folsom

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Choctaw Agency

March 29th 1858

As I shall start to the next session of the General Council in a few days I thought this morning best to drop you a few lines. I am little afraid we will not get numbers enough to hold Council. Col Harkins is still opposing the new Constitution and is now wishing to get up a Convention to frame an other Constitution he got the County together that he lives in and made Ahhook La tubbe Chairman of the meeting and passed some resolutions to elect delegates to a Convention, saying the General Council ^{of 1853} had no rite to pass resolutions calling a convention but his County had I suppose more power than the Gen Council.

L. S. W. Folsom write me saying the motto over there with Harkins is Rule or Ruin which I think Ruin will be the end. Col Harkins says in his letter to McKimney ^{that} he will try to stop all the members from going to the Council that he can and McKimney must do the same. I am verry sorry Col Harkins takes such steps in national affairs. The Choctaws all say it is the verry steps Greenwood Leflore taken in the old nation I am willing to submit to all that is just and rite but I cant submit to the doing of Col Harkins, that is in the course he is now pursuing the people in this part of the nation are all quiet and opposed to the course and doing of Col Harkins. as he says in his letter he dont want any office for it

would be glory enough for him to just
put down the Constitution I can't see
what can be his motive for this.

My Brother Elisha was drowned in
Sankey Creek last Sunday three weeks ago
Mrs ~~Hatt~~'s Susan Hall is dead she
died last Wednesday week ago old
uncle Mishutiah got drunk and froze
to death his ~~own~~ bones were found in Watson
Lucas field Your family are all
well so far as I know, we have had
so much rain I expect your people are
getting on slow farming as well as the rest
of us I have not planted the first hill of
corn yet, I would write you more about matters
and things, but I have not time this morning
let me P.P. Pitchlym what Harkins is at
I would write to him too and will write soon
to him I am doing all I can and will do
all I can to keep peace

I will stop as I have a matter to investi-
gate today between Watson Lucas and the Cherokee
nation there was a horse ^{a Cherokee} thief taken up and
turned over to Watson for safe keeping the man
got away from Watson and river was found
dead in Cocher Bottom the Cherokee Chief
has requested something officially from the Cherokee
nation seems to think the man was killed or
^{rather,} wishes some showing so as to passify the connection
of the man that was found dead

My family are all well
and hope you are still in good health
Your friend Truly
Tandy, Walker