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Umoshi ma.

Tiokchanga moma he tuk achina,
nana ksa kamohmo hosh, achuk ma kot bnilit
anupfa iklaw ka pit isht chi atoklummi
la ma, Kamohmi ish ahuvikke. Umoshi ma.

On last week, your esteemed favor
of 10th ultimate came to hand. — It being preg-
nant with important news, believe me, that I
perused its pregnancy over & over for several
hours. With regard to the Eastern Cheotaw & Chick-
asaw Boundary line to be surveyed in pursuance
of the Treaty of June, 22^d 1833, — I have treated
the matter as its importance demanded.
I have written to each of the Governors of the
Cheotaw and Chickasaw Nations respecting it —
I have urged them to an early action in the
matter and to commission some competent per-
son to proceed without delay to Fort Smith and
see that the Surveyor starts from the right point
as the Treaty directs. — Have endeavored to impress
upon the minds of the two "His Excellencies" in my

of the State of Arkansas notified the Hon. Secretary of the Interior that he will have his Commissioner on the spot to contend for the right initial point in favor of his Sovereign State. What course the two Governments of our Nation will pursue I am not able to (even) conjecture. — They both being of the non-committal school of politicians.

By the bye, speaking of Governors and politicians, I am under the belief that you are yet somewhat behind the true time of the ways & doings — sayings, and Ups & downs of this Nation, since August election under the new Constitution. — Allow me to give you an insight of the present, & leave you to judge the future for yourself. I say, "I am under the belief that you are behind the true time," from the fact, that you are keeping an official Correspondence with the former Chief elected under the old Constitution, when you should have reported yourself to the newly elected Governor of the Choctaw Nation Mr Alfred Wade. — Hon Garland, (Saml) I think has — whether he has acted for the Delegation generally or simply for himself I am unable to give you a correct statement. However, if this shall have reached you, you will have seen him and learn all about it. — The present state of affairs in the Choctaw Nation are tremblingly whittled down to its lowest ebb of existence. — Choctaw Nationally is almost gone out

of right never to regain its former vigor and health,
 & standing, among the nations of the Earth. - It's sad to announce
 the approaching death of a hoary Sage - but it's awful
 grievous to describe the falling down of a Nation. -

Why, ~~are~~ ^{does} the Choctaws are yielding up their nationality?
 "Because, they will not submit to the powers
 that be." - They authorized a Convention to form
 a Constitution - Convention met & duly organized; -
 it forms a new Constitution - sets aside oligarchical
 system as provided for in the old Constitution, and pro-
 vides for one general head to be styled a Governor. -
 it also encouraged the introduction of Slavery
 into the Nation. - For these, & this only cause, con-
 fusion has arisen among them. - Confusion! you, worse
 than Confusion! is strife and contention for Power!
 Only one of the oligarchical Chief (Peter Adson) boldly
 walks up to the Chalk line & humbly bows to the
 new Constitution & votes for a Governor
 under it. - his braves, & warriors, follow him
 to the plain line of duty as good Citizens. -
 The other two remaining Chiefs, with their braves & Joshtias,
 chose to hold on to their old Constitution & laws. they
 complain of the unfairness of the new Constitution -
 the way it was formed - they do not want a Governor.
 want for Chief - one to be styled Principal: & call
 for a new Convention - petitioners, by thousands
 send their prayer to the "General Council" for a new
 Convention to form ^{a new} or amend the "new Constitution";

The "Council" receives & reads the petitions - Cries
 of fraud resounded the Council hall - Charge
 of forgery &c - The members of the "New Council"
 under the new Constitution, lays the petitions aforesaid
 under the table, and proceeds to pass an act
 authorizing or providing for an election to be held
 in each & every County of the nation on the
 2^d day of December A.D. 1857^{for County officers} - it did pass -
 the election day rolled around & came to hand -
 Cries of no election - no County officers -
 what must be done? - what next? ~~now~~ - what
 will Governor wade say now? - He say -
 same to day, he say yesterday - ~~two~~ a fight
 - ~~try~~ - such and similar expressions are to be
 heard in every nook & corner of the nation -
 Murder, man slaughter, stealing, lying, drinking
 whiskey (not put) assault & battery are now
 an every day occurrence - Person & property
 is considered to be without protection - those
 who think for themselves say, Sectionize the Country,
 & come under a territorial form of government
 at once - & let Uncle Sam take charge of
 the person & property - Kia, illoppak osh
 itcaiahli; Iohni kot ilaria sha a kin li kia, it pi
 - laworake - Iohni atuke, Kana kot itachukma

Sena chi kot ik hopa ko ho, ilaia sha aho boshke.
 Hotok vi itilichikot pek, ~~off~~ Ofi vbi cha
 tok ak kia ik ilawwo kit int ca aho boshke. —
 Such being the fact in this nation — so, piece
 ye, the future destiny of the once favored
 hope of its political Fathers.

I endeavored to bring about a new general
 election for Governor — which it was quite
 apparent in September last, that if it could be
 done, it would give general satisfaction.
 I insisted upon this at the Council at Bigg's report
 but failed! — Gov. Wade was more than willing
 to do so if it could be done — his friends would
 not submit to any such measure — knowing
 the fact that Col. Horkin would not be satisfied
 without of firm Chiefs & he being a Principal —
 But enough of this. —

The Chickasaws are now doing
 well although I say it myself — for the first
 time they have taken the right view of their
 nationality — they never understood the extent
 of their power before — they understand it
 now — & the surrounding Nations must be on the
 alert of their proceedings. Laws are
 rigidly executed — Peace & quiet now prevails
 within that Nation. I spent some busy weeks during
 the sitting of their Legis. lecture, drafting laws for them.

I am glad that you suggested to the clerk who has
 in charge the Lehigh business, to wait ^{reporting} until we
 "reached Washington." — It is quite evident that we
 will make many exceptions to the accounts you
 made out & it better made out right at the
 start. — Please say to the clerk whom you mentioned
 in your letter, that I am much obliged for his
 attention to your suggestion respecting the reporting
 of the Lehigh accounts.

I hardly know when I will be able to leave home for Washington. I have many "burns in the fire" and some of them are burning for want of due attention — and I am compelled to see to them before I can turn my face towards the talismanic Washington city.

The Nation do not pay my expenses as formerly; hence, the necessity of my staying at home and attending to my private business awhile longer.

At all events write to me how much you think I can do for the Lehigh business if I were there. — What does the clerk (Bapishilli) think of the whole matter, or does he know any thing at all about the matter?

Col Pickens was very anxious to ~~offer~~ to Washington once more if Gamble would give up his place to him. The old man was in good health last month. Companion Gamble was married to Miss Gay last month.

and he is just now in the felicitous region of the
honey-moon ^{of amuse, would} ~~left to~~ be left to be excused from
any physical exercises other than what are actually
required & in consonance with the laws of Honey & Moon.

I received a letter from Cousin
Purshmatka, Surgeon, last week & he mentions
that your family were well at the time the
letter was written. They were about to buy a
hundred head of Pork hogs.

Great many persons have died
from Cold plauge within the last two months. None
of your relatives have died from the plauge that
I know of. - Richard Hartins lost a child
some few weeks ago I understand from Cre-
ible source.

How are you getting along with
your business? The people are extremely
anxious to know what ^{you} are doing or long in
Washington. If Congress fails to appropriate
short of two millions of Dollars for the
Chetawos under the treaty of 1855, you are
going to have no little censure.

About the "New State" or Territory
to be carved out of our country, I would remark that
too much has been said in the North & South
(news papers) for our uttermost good at present.
If the North or South are anxious for us to come
in ~~as~~ a state or Territorial, they must not make

P.S. I forgot to mention at the close of this letter, that our first brood was abundant
was, by fire. - Accidently occurred on a very windy day.
There were 66 seen in the one nest as before.

our country a nother Kansas hobby of it. For we the Indians, have but little confidence to spare for either Northern or Southern policy. Whichever the question of African Slavery and Indian title to Land are in vogue North or South wants Land-bad.

It is more than likely that Congress will try to pass some bill paving a way for a territorial form of Government over us during the recess of the ensuing Congress. If they do, you know the policy to pursue. I know the Chiokasaw will pursue a policy which will end rather unfavorable to the general plan or line of operation. Above all, try to settle up old business of long standing with the Government of the United States, before taking up new questions & new issues.

Please say to "Lish" & Gilbert I am still on the top of mother Earth - how long I will remain so - time will tell - remember me kindly to them - I hope to see them at no distant day -

Love to all inquiring friends, specially, the Ladies.

Chie Baiye

Seapren Wilson

Cal P. P. Pritchard
 Martin, Tenn

1855.
 We are all well. Little ones & all -
 Isaac & his two sisters are at school
 in Meigs Tennessee - S.F.

P.S. You must excuse me for writing so long without much good sense. I don't believe I write fast & make many mis takes since the horrid epidemic.