

Dear Col.

Doukerville April 19. 1858

Your kind and interesting letter dated the 18 March was received about one week ago. For which you will please accept my best wishes and thanks for the information therein contained. I have every confidence in what you say, as regards protecting my interest. Therefore I shall content myself, and leave every thing into your hands to manage. And as life is uncertain should either of us not live to see this matter brought to a final close, the one that is living, must protect and see that justice is done to our children. You will ever find me your true friend. What you have already done for me will ever be held in grateful remembrance. Your course since you have been at Washington has been a straight forward course. Your whole aim and study has been to promote the interest of your people and Country. You have been at your post all the time, guarding and protecting the rights of your people - this is more than the other delegates can say. Sam Garland has got back home and all the emigrants he has brought is his wife and daughter. I hope by the time this reaches you, the Senate will have acted on our claims. I want to see you very much I have much to say to you. Be certain and bring those two fine boys and their mother home with you. The children are your own flesh and blood. and it is nothing but right you should take them under your protection.

all good men will give you Credit for it. Be
Certain and Marry the woman lawfully before you.
Come home with her if you have not already done
it. When you get home with them I will come down
and see the little boy that talks German, Chortan, and
English. Dear Col I am truly sorry to say to you that
the affairs of the Nation is in a most wretched
Condition - all brought on by a few hot headed
men, such as Daniel and Jacob, and Adam Nail,
and Peter Helson perhaps more to blame than all of
them - this way of trying to force a Constitution
down the throats of a majority, will not do in a
free Country - One Chortan has as much right as another.
The New Constitution should have been submitted
to the people - and let the majority rule - There is
some things in that Constitution that the people
will never submit to - In consequence of Cooper
taking sides with the Minority makes them very Stubborn
and will not yield - if they were carrying on the Govt
and there was some protection over our persons and
property it would perhaps be not so bad - But Walker
cant start the great wheel of the Government - He cant
get along in his own District - yet will not resign or
agree to leave the Constitution to a vote of the
people - Notwithstanding the majority has been badly
treated they keep perfectly cool and have gone
to no rash measures - 18 hundred votes from
Sprink and Pish districts petitioned the Council
last October for a new Convention but they only

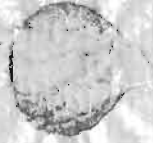
laughed and made fun of the people - I have
been trying to restore peace and good order, but
Walker, Dotson, and Company - are charging me
with 'Treason' and every thing else that is bad -
We are constantly threatened with the United States
troops - just merely for contending for our
rights as free men - I reckon Cooper thinks
we are all a set of dam fools - I have
made a move for a convention, if I can
get a majority to come into the arrangements
we will frame a Constitution of our own
to be presented to the people for their approval
or rejection - I have stood it as long as I intend.
I shall go peaceably about this Convention
But Cooper or any body else must not tell
me that I have not the same rights and
privileges as the Minority Party - Cooper should
recollect that it was through his earnest request
that the Council ratified the late Treaty, and the
consequence has been it has deranged our Constitution
and he should have advised the Minority to submit
the Constitution to the people - But instead of that
he tells the Minority they are right and to hold on,
and why? Because there is men holding office under
this new Constitution - that are perfect tools to him - if
Cooper interferes with our matters any more, I shall
report him to the Department - It is unfortunate thing
for the Chertaws he was reappointed Agent -

When you read this throw it in the fire

Your friend
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