

Little Rock, Arkansas

29<sup>th</sup> January 1862

Sir,

Mr. John J. Cochrane, with whom I have been associated for several years, with an equal interest, as the attorney of the Choctaw Nation, and with whom the contract under which we have acted was made, having by full power of attorney authorized me to make settlement of our fees with the authorities of the Nation, I have received for him and Associates, by arrangement with Mr. F. E. Williams, the sum of \$40,075<sup>00</sup> represented by his draft on the house of Heald & Co, at Little Rock.

This leaves still due to us about \$25,000.

Your Council has stated the whole amount due us as  
something over \$67,000. This should be corrected by deduc-  
ting an appropriation of the cost and expense of bringing  
from New York part of the money. The balance will  
then be not far from \$60,000, leaving still due, as I  
said, about \$25,000.

Your Delegates have taken in coin all  
the money heretofore received over and above those  
intended to purchase coin, and have not offered  
any part of that coin to the attorneys, leaving them  
to get their pay out of money in New York and  
Saint Louis. The \$40,075<sup>00</sup> will be principally  
paid us in Confederate notes.

You are now about to receive your  
money from the Confederate Government and the State of

Virginia, and can with difficulty pay what is  
yet due your Attorney. Your Delegates are overpaid  
already.

In the hope and expectation that the  
balance due us may now be paid, and as I can  
not now visit your Country, we prefer my private  
interest to the demands of the public Service, I have  
requested Mr. Edward Hanrick, also one of your Attor-  
neys, to visit your Country and receive what is  
still due us. He is fully empowered to receive for  
the same in the name of Mr. Coburn, of  
whose power of Attorney to me, and of the Contract  
I will send you Copies as soon as I see Colonel  
Cope, in whose possession the originals now are.

I hope that your authorities will not delay a settlement of this balance. My interest in it is of importance to me, as I have hitherto received a very small part of the fees paid, and am not yet reimbursed my actual expenses. Mr. Colgrave has little or no interest in the balance, as he owes me more than his share.

I am very truly yours

Albert Pike

His Excellency

The Principal Chief

of the Cherokee Nation.