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Dear Sir,

I had the honor to receive this morning yours of the 16th of last month, and have to say in reply to your request to select schools for our people to send their sons and daughters to, that I will do so as far as it will be in my power, and at as little expense as possible.

I can not visit but a few of the Academies and schools and only such as will be on or near my route for home. Having previously as a ^{matter} part of my duty made myself acquainted with the character of many of the institutions of learning in the States, I could if I had the time make such selections and such arrangements as would I think prove beneficial and satisfactorily to our people. I know I could; and besides, I believe I could by preparing myself ^{with} one or two lectures and going ~~delivered~~ ^{delivering} them in the towns & cities, ~~get a great deal~~ ^{get a great deal} of help from the good people for the Education of our daughters in the States. Nothing would please me better than to spend six months next year after Congress adjourns on such a mission. I could throw my whole

into the cause. But we will talk
this matter over when we see each
other, and School Subjects in general.
But one word more, "Now is the day
and now is the hour," for the Chetaws
"to be up and doing" in the cause
of Education & Civilization, to meet
the coming events, for soon, very
soon they will come and powerfully
will be their effects upon us all.

We have been too slow as Indians
generally are in all things concerning
their future welfare. For the last twenty
years my people have been accusing
me of being too fast for them. I was
not too fast but they understood me
not, and did not see the plain &
simple policy I wished to adopt for
their good. There is nothing that tends
to the prosperity & happiness of man
but is plain & simple, far more
so, than that which brings ruin
and destruction upon him.

In regard to Choctaw difficulties
I have not up to this time taken
part with either side - but have
advocated the cause of compromise
in order to restore unity, peace
law & order to our people; and

had hoped that Peter Holmes on his
return to the Nation would have
effected these ends as I am sure
from what you tell me that both
Harkins and the opposers to the Staley
Vile Constitution are anxious for an
amicable settlement of all the differ-
ences of opinion, ^{in regard to that Constitution} which has caused
the distraction and schism in the
Nation. I shall not allow myself to
be a partisan in the quarrel going
on in the Nation. but will do my
best to restore unity to my people on
my return home, which will ^{be} ~~for~~ the
formation of a Constitution by both
parties respecting of any Constitution
formed heretofore. The question of
the choicest differences has been
up in the Interior Office for many
weeks, and reports are coming in
almost daily from both parties
and also from outsiders - all of
which go to prove that serious differ-
ences are pending in the Nation.

The Secretary has made his decision -
but such a one as will not in my
opinion if carried out result in
any good to the Nation. I have therefore
proposed another plan which I think I can

San Holman has agreed upon heartily
and we are preparing a talk on
paper to submit to the Department.
Which if the Secretary agrees to will
soon I am confident effect the
object desired by all good men in
the Nation. Supt Rector was ~~to be~~ the
man the Secretary ^{had} selected to settle
the difficulties with certain specific
instructions - but my plan is for the
Department to send a Peace Comor. and
Supt Rector is supporting it with all his
might. ~~and~~ the Secretary told him a while
ago that he is willing to adopt the
plan if he can be satisfied it would
end in restoring peace & order among
the Cherokees, and that is what we are
now working at. We shall know his deci-
sion in the course of a few days. We have
already recommended that John T. Cochrane
be appointed the Peace Comor. in
which Supt Rector joins unconditionally
and has said so to the Secretary. This
is what I am trying to do for my
people at this time.

~~For a long~~ a letter which I received last
evening from Dr Wilson it will not
be necessary for Jane Austin to go
home. She will write to Col Perkins &
others. The moment the Secretary makes
his decision upon my proposition
I will take Mary home. Love to yr family
and to all friends. Affectionately P. P. Pitcher