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Roggy Depot Choctaw Nation
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Col Peter P. Pitchlynn

Dear friend

I am still holding
forth at this old & well known Trading
point, dealing out Medicine to the Indian
Tribe generally. I find that they believe very
strongly in the effects of Medicine and
it is amusing to find that in the great
majority of Cases among the full Bloods, that
they always complain of their belly being
out of give or that there is something wrong
about their belly - a great many of them
are troubled with, what they call, the "Mefoka
Malili" - I have a tolerable large practice
consequently am kept busily engaged -
have to ride day & night. Sometimes I
have to go as far as thirty Miles to see
patients. I would do very well if they
would pay me for my trouble, but I find
it a very hard matter to collect, more especially
as there is no law in this Country to compel
a man to pay his debts.

Public excitement in regard to our
Government has quieted down - hardly ever
hear a word spoken in regard to either party.

I saw Robert Hail on yesterday, he
Spoke of the Bill of 500⁰⁰ which was appropriated
by the general Council for my benefit
or in other words to go towards paying
for the first year I attended lectures in
Louisville. he said that he had written
on to you to draw that amount - & for you
to return to me or him a check or draft for
the same - said that he had not received
any word from you in regard to the matter.

Please attend to it as soon as you conve-
niently can, & send a draft or check -
for I am anxious to make a settlement.

Did you succeed in getting a Patent
for my Land Claim in Alabama?

I must stop as there is a patient
waiting on me, I judge from his looks
that he has the "African Malia".

My regards to Col. Holmes & one Garland

Your friend
J. F. Bond