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1858.

Dear Daniel.

To our great disappointment  
Congress adjourned yesterday evening  
without having made the award  
for the settlement of our claims  
against the United States. This  
has been from the beginning to the end  
one of the most unparliamentary actions  
of Congress I have seen to accomplish  
any thing like a big claim against  
the Government. The Abominable <sup>question</sup>  
the Utah difficulties, and then  
there being no money in the Treasury  
all have operated against us.

The Committee call upon the Com-  
missioner of Indian Affairs to give  
a full statement of all the claims  
we had against the U States. This  
he did in good time - but the Secretary  
had it ~~in his hands~~ <sup>in his hands</sup> before it was sent up to the Committee.



not done till  
which was near the close of the  
Session. Sebastian Havenner wrote  
his report - and made several efforts  
to get the Committee to meet in  
order to have the matter submitted  
to the Senate, but owing to the  
excitements of the time, he failed  
to get a quorum together. I am  
told by a person who has seen <sup>the</sup> report  
~~which~~ he had prepared upon our  
claims, that it is a very able docu-  
ment - in which he takes the ground  
we have ever contended for, that  
of giving <sup>us</sup> the net proceeds as the  
only mode <sup>of settlement</sup> to do the Chertaws justice.

At one time I had high hopes <sup>of success</sup>  
Cep - and we all worked hard, and  
<sup>done</sup> our very best to the last moment.

We believe that we have managed  
prudently and ably in this business -  
and that our present failure has  
not been owing to any fault <sup>on our</sup>



have committed in any particular  
to date. We have all worked most  
agreeably together - and brought every  
influence to bear upon our claims  
which we could manage to control  
in our favor. I will tell you all  
when I see you. Let this suffice for  
the present. Col Peter Holron, and  
myself worked together as agreeably as  
any two persons ever did. He has made  
a good impression in Washington.  
He is looked upon here as an honest &  
good man. Peter is a long minded  
man. He stood at his Post here till  
Congress adjourned. He left for home  
yesterday evening in good health.

I have had a good deal of Sickness  
during the Winter and Spring. I am  
now much better, and hope <sup>the</sup> warm  
weather will restore me to better health.

I have concluded to stay here for  
some two Months before I go home.



I can be usefully employed in preparing my History of the Chactaws, which I am anxious to publish before I die. I have already materials enough to make a large book. It is a book which our people should have; and if I should live to publish it you will say it is <sup>an</sup> interesting & a useful book to the Nation. It is time we should have some history published of our people. I go far back, and have collected here things which the present generation of the Chactaws know nothing of.

I am in hopes the differences in the Nations will soon be settled. Some body has been writing about us to the Department, the Secretary of the Interior caused the Comr Insn Affrs to send for me, and Peter Holron to ask us questions respecting affairs in the Nations. We told him that to let us alone a little while longer and we would settle in a quiet way our differences. Did you receive the Patent I sent you for your Motherland? Jacob has written me about it.

Yr affectionate Nephew  
P. P. Pitcher,