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Bro. Peter. - I thank you for writing often to me. Your last came to hand yesterday dated 25th of Feb. I am very anxious to be with you. I will try to be with you before the 1st of May. My health is like yours. I feel better. I am glad you are better. We look for Col. Cooper here this month. A great stir now among the people of all parties about the subject of sectionizing the land - some bitterly opposed to it & some for it - but I am surprised to find so great a number of the people in favour of it than I thought they would. This is a great topic to talk about these times, more so than the New Constitution. I think it will be adopted - they do not believe that New Constitution is going to be of much force any way - they think there will be something worse or better than that ^{coming just after it} - a great false hood is afloat too of course - ^{they say} you & I have long ago fixed up the preliminaries for turning over the land into white men hands, & this sectionizing is only one step towards it. But I see that both enemies & friends are satisfied with my course of retiring into private life - I of course feel better myself every way & am sure. The present politicians of both parties are running themselves into favouring the project of surveying the land out, at the same time, some would feign to oppose it. The minds of the people are now like as they were just before the treaty of 1830 - it is confidently asserted that B. Sefton will resign - what changes - fast &

without a stop. Rapidly do men of all classes seem
to be losing confidence in each other - It seems
men & things are changing fast - The Missionary
preachers are actually taking sides in the great
Indian political topics of the day some openly &
some in dark under the punchy floor - Surely
as you say the whites will eat up & consume the
Red men wherever they come in contact with
them. Our people now actually believe that nothing
but a day of doom awaits them - The fanaticism
of the north has truly injured the well being of the
Red man in this country, but so few are aware
of that fact. I learn from H. J. Brown that a
great error & heresy - a New Gospel are now openly
taught in the New England Churches - We looked
for this a long time - the public minds have been so
much debauched by fanaticisms in New England
that now the dye is cast - a worse state of things will
yet appear - I pray to God that no more Missionary
would come to this country from there - What a blessed thing
it is that the Chertow Mission was dropped by the north -
But after all there is one thing sure - that God reigns in heaven & will
reign forever - men & things must change & severe trials if not, hell
& damnation will be the reward of their rebellion - I bow to
his scepter & will crown him Lord of all - Loving is mov-
ing - it was pleased with his move - the nation in general it
quits & turning attention to joining - No one will - farewell
C. Johnson