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Doctoresse Chissoon Water
October 5th 1868

Dr

Col P. P. Pritchard

Dear Sir,

Your letter accompanying Chissoon warrants, have been received - but the "warrants" came to hand long since to Agent Cooper & issued to proper claimants two weeks ago. - However, your attention to the matter is appreciated.

There is no news calculated to cheer distant friends - who feel an interest in the welfare of the Choctaw people. - Both Federal, ~~and~~ Chissoon Courts are free of Criminal prosecutions, while civil folk are almost running mad for want of bread. The Council is in session, and have taken into consideration, the ways and means to procure Corn - but the great difficulty they find is, when and how to raise money for the purpose. ^{the} "talk-out" is to use the school fund - but that is only a mouthful to a hungry appetite. The Council talk of petitioning to the General Government for bread - but the question is, will the government act, unless we show a disposition to let go some of our choice lands?

Good time to drive a bargain with us, and take advantage of our necessity. -
Not enough of this. - Chisso nakni hotok ok -
poni tok a, himak takea hotkno, nahullo i
yaseui Kanima it'ia chik ok no kashke.
Njatkan' i lapak meli ho abantu tok keia, vhechi
ba Chohnis taha hayo, nana anuk filla he
vehpera kake aho basketke.

I am going over to Van Roven this week to see the proceedings in the Federal Court in the case of "United States v. David Horkin et al for killing Black

and his son. Zeno while in the dis charge of
their duty as officers of the Choctaw Nation.
Great excitement in the Country respecting it. —
What will be the result of the case, I do not know. —
White folks will have but slim show in the benefits
of Choctaw Lands and money, were these officers
convicted of the charge of Murder.

Your folks are all well from recent
reports — Hope you will write often
to an old friend & well-wisher. —

Say to Mr Roache I hope to see him
about the time Bell & Everett take
their seats to look over & manage the
Affairs of the United States.

Very Respectfully
Garrison A. Swan

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