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Dear Uncle.

This will be handed you by our mutual friend Mr King who visits the Federal City on a business connected with the case of N. S. versus David Hartman, Galatah et al. — He will freely consult with you respecting the case, and if by any means you can aid him in order to effect the purpose he is sent for, you will confer a very great favor on the defendants in the case or will as their friends.

The Cherokee Nation has appropriated some funds to defray the expenses of the suit, in behalf of the defendants, not that the Nation feel itself aggrieved by such movements, yet, they confidently hope that the grounds advanced by them is no more than what you and I understand respecting the 7<sup>th</sup> Article of the Treaty of June 22 - 1850, with reference to white citizens, and if the Government of the United States did not surrender their rights to jurisdiction over white men married in the nation, as

the trouble they have done in lead of faith towards us,  
if it is "desire<sup>d</sup> against us" You know that it is  
the general under standing after the statement  
and discussions, as people that a white  
man marrying a Choctaw woman is consider-  
ed a citizen of the Nation, and is  
entitled to all the rights, privileges and  
immunities of an Indian belonging to  
the two tribes — I wish you to see  
John T. Cochrane & Neal Lee on  
this subject, and if their understand-  
ing were different from that of ours,  
at the time of signing the Treaty referred  
to, I wish to be informed of it. — It was  
my understanding that we obtained ju-  
risdiction over all white, or any other adopted  
citizens by that Treaty. — We also got  
an Amnesty in the same treaty by which  
some of our friends were liberated from  
the operation of Inter Cours Law.  
This being done the people without  
any hesitation ratified the Treaty.  
Now Sir, I hope you will put your  
Shoulder to the wheel and get a  
favorable opinion from George Black  
(the Attorney General) and forward

be by next Tuesday Court to be  
held next month at San Fran  
to be used in behalf of the defendant  
in the case above alluded to.  
do what you can & write to me  
soon —

Your friend  
Stephen  
Samuel Johnson