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Eagle Town Choctaw
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My Dear Friend,

Jeff Davis has sent Col Deneal here to raise a Regiment of Choctaw Warriors to go to Virginia, and I have concluded to go. The Choctaw name is up high with the Confederate States. They know that we are a straight minded brave people and ready to fight and die for the South. Jeff Davis and many of my friends in Virginia have sent me word, asking me to come, therefore I shall go, and I wish you and your whole company to come and go with me, and let us lift the name of Choctaw still higher than it ever was before. It will be a great thing for the Choctaws hereafter for it to be said of them that they had sent Warriors to Virginia to fight for the South.

Guns, horses and clothing will be furnished us as soon as we reach Virginia. I am authorized to buy clothing & other things and will do every thing I can

for the Comfort of the Warriors
on the journey from here to Rich-
mond. We will leave here early in
the Spring and go to Little Rock, from
there we will go to Memphis either
by Rail Road or by Water, and
from Memphis we will travel
by Rail Road to ~~Richmond~~ Richmond.

Your pay will commence from
the day you take the oath to go to
Virginia to fight for the South, and
so if you go you must swear
your men as soon as possible that
their pay may at once commence.

I send my friend Moses Dyer to
administer to you the oath and
to such of your warriors as he may
see. I also authorize you to adminis-
ter the oath to all who may come with
you. Write their names and the date
of the month of each warrior who
takes the oath. The pay will commence
from the day they take the oath till
and continue till they return home.

Captains pay is 120 dollars a
month. First Lieutenant 94 ^{dollars} and
two Second Lieutenants 90 ^{dollars} each.
and Warriors will get 24 ^{dollars} a
month. Each warrior will

get twenty five dollars for the purchase of clothes and two and a half dollars every month afterwards to buy clothes with, and when the war is ended they will receive as a bounty forty dollars in addition to all they had received.

This is what I am told will be done. Send me the names of your warriors.

And all who wish to come can do so and encamp at once near Eagle County Court House. But as we will not start before the 1st of March you had best come and meet me at Doakville the first Monday in February when the Council will meet to fix up the Treaty. The Chief will be there. If you come there we will talk over every thing and fix every thing right. We want none but healthy men and young men not over 45 years old nor under 18 years.

Be certain to come & meet me at Doakville.

I am your Friend
P. P. Pettigrew

P.S. I know the white people will be glad to see us every where.