

Washington, Arkansas

13<sup>th</sup> May 1864

My dear old friend & Brother:

I am camped six miles west of Columbus, or 14 from this place. I have been in hopes our troops might re-take Little Rock, and let me go home once more; but I now fear there is no prospect of that, and that I shall have to live in a Camp another year.

I have just been writing to Sampson Folsom and the Chief, and now write to you on the same subject.

I think now, and have thought from the first, Cooper's object to be, to make me unpopular with the Choctaws, so that he may, when peace comes, have the sole management of the Choctaw claim, and finger most of the fee. As you know, he insisted on having \$15,000 out of the first fee, while Cochrane and I received but \$10,000 each; and year before last he got \$15,000 more. I suppose he also wants to manage the Chickasaw claim, and as Sampson would be in his way there, makes war on him.

Now I do not want to wrong General Cooper, nor mean he shall wrong me. He shall receive as much as I do, of any fee hereafter realized, but is entitled to no more.

You are also interested in this matter. It needs few words between you and me. Get your Council to renew the old Contract, with me, and our old bargain stands. I will act fairly to Cochrane and Duke Lea. I only want my own share. So far, my share has not more than paid my expenses. The profit, to me is to come hereafter. There are still three millions and a quarter due your people. The account was stated Army under

