

their "fair proportion" of the burden of the war
are necessary to supply the same amount and then
credit must be given in equal amount to the same

Dear Mr. Secretary
I am, Sir, respectfully
Yours, Sir, respectfully

To
Mr. Secretary
No. 10
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir
I have the honor
to acknowledge the
receipt of your
letter of the 29th
inst.

and in reply to inform you
that the same has been
forwarded to the
proper authorities
for their consideration
and that you will
be kept advised of the
result.

I am, Sir, respectfully
Yours, Sir, respectfully

Head Quarters 2nd Division
Boggy Depot Dec 28th 1864

Col

I have, to acknowledge receipt of a package of your eloquent and patriotic Inaugural Address, delivered before the Choctaw Council at its late session; and, shall take great pleasure in distributing it among the troops of my command.

I hope the Choctaw People, at an early day, will take necessary measures to instruct their Representatives in Council to adopt Laws to give effect to your recommendations in defence of "Southern Liberty and Independence"

It is the Duty of every man to contribute, in the most effective manner, to that end.

The Agriculturist, the Mechanic, the Soldier & the Professional man, each laboring, in just proportion & in his proper sphere, and that labor all directed by wise Legislation, ~~each~~ through channels where most useful and conducive to the grand object! will ensure success.

It may not be inappropriate to allude to a mistaken idea which has obtained among the Choctaw People - that the Confederate States

wish all able bodied men between the ages
of 18 and 45 to be placed in the Field -

It is true, all, capable of bearing arms, as well
as those between 18 and 45 should be enrolled,
and ready for service when called for - but
whatever number may be required in the Agri-
cultural, Mechanical and Professional branches
to supply the wants of the Army, and of the
community, should be detailed for the purpose
and required by Law to devote their energies
in good faith to these ends. Such is the
Policy of the Confederate States embodied in their
Laws.

And while Treaty Stipulations demand of
the Allied Indian Nations, that they should
furnish for the Army, "a fair proportion" of men
(when called upon by the President), according
to population, and which can only be ascertained
by adopting the same rule for arriving at the
numbers, that is adopted by the Confederate States
for ascertaining the number in the several States,
good justice to the patriotic parties of the commu-
-nity, who are ever ready and willing to Volunteer
in the ranks, or labor in any way and at all
times for the Cause, requires that the Legislature

adopt such Laws as will compel those who
are recreant to Duty, to come forward and bear
their "fair proportion" of the burden of the war

I am, Col, Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Douglas H Cooper,

Brig Genl Comdg

Indian Troops West of
Arkansas

Col P R Pitchlynn
Principal Chief of the
Choctaw Nation