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Executive Office
Tishomingo Co
October 15th 1865

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Dr Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the
Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation convened
on the 2nd inst and adjourned on the 7th.

The Treaty of Peace concluded on the
18th ult at Fort Smith was ratified by the Legi-
-slature on the 7th inst. The Legislature dis-
-cussing on the subject of Slavery, the
Constitution forbidding the abolition of same
without the Nation first compensating
Owners in money.

An act was passed authorizing the
Executive to issuing his Proclamation
-ising the Owners of Slaves to
such arrangements with their Slaves
will be conducive to the benefit both of our
and slave. a copy of my Proclamation is
herewith enclosed for your information.

You will please inform me of the
action of the Choctaw Legislature the
-tions before them and of vital interest to
Country, the action of both Nations in
my Opinion on these questions should be
concord as the interests of both are identical.

You will please send me a copy of
the Treaty of Peace ^{as signed} if you have it.
The Secy of your Commission promised
to furnish our Secy with a copy, but
failed in doing so, our Legislature had to
depend on the memory of our Commissioners
in their action on that instrument.

An early reply is respectfully asked

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your friend & Obedient

Winchester Colbert

God Bless Nations