

Boggy Depot C. A.  
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The more I think of it, the more I regret that the commissioners, by their address, placed the Choctaws in a wrong position as regards their action in joining the South - You know that the vote for Dukes was considered by many as an index of the feelings of the people, and that it was only by informality that he was defeated - Also there was a preponderance of conservative elements in the Choctaw Council, but it was overruled by outside pressure - There were Texas agitators at the meeting at the Boggy Depot, as well as at the Council - It was argued that the withdrawal of the U. S. Troops was an evidence of weakness on the part of the U. S., that if the C. A. did not go with the South, Texans & Arkansians would overrun the Nation, and that before any resistance could be made, there would be slaughter and destruction - These arguments overcame the wishes of the conservatives.

While I think it providential that thus the unity of the Nation was preserved, I think also that Government ought to give some weight to these facts -

I hope you will be able to make a better treaty than we feared -

I have a suggestion to make in relation to the attention of Govt to Tex - & let Govt buy of Texas the country west of the leased land and north of the big or little Wichita or Washita, for the little remnant of the Kansas tribes, & not insist on any from the

Choctaws & Chickasaws, as they will need all they have for stock purposes.

In case you are bound to sell, and it is agreed to sell the Eastern portion, I hope you will remember the missionaries settled therein - viz; Mr. B. Mr. C. Mr. L. & Mr. Libby -

They were overlooked in the old nation -

If that portion is ceded for the purpose of settling Kansas & other Indians, get a sum of money named for their improvements &c. - If it is sold outright to be settled by white men, get reservations - 80 acres of which they may be required to lay with their improvements the balance let them have the privilege of laying elsewhere - as you know

Mr B. & father have poor places

~~All this can be done without detriment to the Choctaws - in~~  
case the cession is made, and you will be held in grateful remembrance -

Matters I believe are all quiet -

I have not time to lengthen out my epistle -

I make these suggestions on my own hook - I hope you will not have to cede any land - but if you do bear them in mind -

Very Respectfully  
Your friend  
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