

Memphis, Tennessee

7th Dec. 1865

Dear Sir & Mr. Bro.:

Understanding that you would be in Washington early in this month, with other Delegates from your people, I had desired of remaining there to see you; but it was not possible for me to do so.

I hope you may remain in Washington until the 3rd Monday of February, when the Rep. Council meets there, and I shall propose your re-election to the Honorary S.S. Degree. No other man among the red men is likely to receive it for many years.

I wish I could see you face to face, to say to you what I can not half so effectively write.

Your people possess an immense country, containing in its bosom, incalculable wealth. Will you and others of the present generation make any use of it; or will you cease to be availed of, by development of its resources, not to your children, but to those who will drive your children away, and realize a hundred thousand fortunes from that which you permit to remain undeveloped and unused?

I do not believe that any one can serve your people more effectually than I can. Hundreds of millions of dollars offer themselves in your country to enterprize and capital.

Can you effect this:

A grant to be made, by the Christian and Chickasaw Legislatures of the exclusive privilege of developing the mineral resources of your whole country, including coal and petroleum, for