

Boggy Depot  
March 1st 1867.

Cot Pritchym.

Dear Friend,

Eli Perry came up yesterday and reported the sad intelligence of the death of your son Loyourgus P. Pritchym. Of which you <sup>may</sup> have been apprised of it before this, but thinking that you may not hear of it, so I thought I would repeat it to you - so you would surely hear. Surely, life is but a vapor and this makes it necessary for us to prepare for death - for that is certainly to come on the young as well as well the old. But as to other friends in your old neighborhood I do not know how they are getting along. But I have been informed that Howell boys and John Pritchym lost all their horses but about four some three weeks since near Fort Arbuckle by, it is supposed, Comanches. They have made frequent raids lately on the frontier settlements. And I am fearful that they will do great deal of mischief to Chickasaws in the Spring and Summer unless some measures are adopted to prevent.



You are hereby requested to inquire of the Indian Department about that funds which were promised to be forwarded to us last October. I wrote to Mr Commissioner Boggs about it at the request of the National Treasurer last January, but nothing has been heard from there since.

And I would make another request of you and Charley as a Special Favor.

You will please procure "the great Seal of the Choctaw Nation", ~~or~~ have one made and let Mr J. Folsom bring it to me when he comes home. It could be made at the same place where the Chickasaws had theirs made - that is - on Penn Avenue near the Corner of the 9<sup>th</sup> St. Inquire of Mr Holmes Colbert.

I wish to have one made as the law requires, and it must be in accordance with the Law, as follows, namely,

"The Principal Chief shall procure at an early day, at the cost of the Nation, a great seal of the Nation, with the words, "The great seal of the Choctaw Nation" around the edge, and a design of an unstrung bow, with three arrows and a pipe hatchet blended together, engraven in the centre, which shall be the proper seal of this Nation, until altered by the General Council, with the concurrence



of both Houses thereof," &c. &c.

I will refund the cost &c. when it comes. I think Charley can attend to it with perfect satisfaction.

Schools in this part of the Nation have gone into operation, but I am fearful too many incompetent teachers will be employed in some schools. Some have as many as 40 to 50 scholars, and doing well. There are more children in the Nation than I had any idea.

The laws are very well executed in most of the Counties, but in some few in which the Courts are not yet fully organized. But the people are urged to industry, and temperance. And in order to secure peace and harmony an order was issued requiring all persons who have no permits to obtain them or leave the Nation. Requiring refugees Indians to obtain temporary permits also. And it is to be hoped the property of our fellow citizens will be more secure in future.

We are very anxious to hear from you and your family. And how is the business progressing?

Present my kind regards to yours & Mr. Eckloff & family. We are all well as usual.

Tell Mr J. Folsom that his family  
were well last Sunday - I stayed  
with them over-night. Dr & Mrs Bond  
are now living here - moved here  
last week.

Truly yours,  
Allen Wright.

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