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Chatham Station

Colonel

It is with feelings
of pleasure that I send you a few
moments time in which to receive a few
friendly lines to you and your son Captain
Prest. If I write it in the same style I
would like it if you were near the
corner of my tent I know you will
forgive me if the lines should be full
of blunders and the writing bad -
We arrived within our lines a few days
five & that, after I left you at the

recollection of our mutual family joys
 and of course we were kind and if you will
 allow I will say any other of course we
 soon removed the latter asibility and
 soon we met our friends, and for three
 days and nights we spent our time in
 talking to our friends of our trip to
 the land country - I frequently feel sorry
 for the men up in Texas who have to drink
 that miserable "Lightning Whisky" when it comes
 my time to take a good "Clock Point" -
 (then I will stop and take a walk)
 I frequently regret that Captain ain't come
 down with us - He would have picked up
 a great deal of information that would have
 been of interest to you, what of this month
 I cannot think of - We met with no accidents
 whatever as we intended but there was one
 humbly circumstance that I will mention

You will remember that some Doctors were
 Came to our Camp at Colfours-plantation
 and that he was ordered out of Camp and App.
 and I supposed had gone for good. When we
 had gone down fifty miles into Texas he
 came up and when we had gone ten miles
 further his own came for him - if I am
 I did not care one cent for the reward on
 his Mr. Martin but I did fear it might have
 a tendency to prejudice the people against
 us and would be a poor return for the kindness
 that had everywhere shown us by your people
 that sort of thing always does give me trouble
 I hate insinuation and bad faith above all
 things and I hope if the matter should ever be
 referred to in your journal you will not
 hesitate to correct any wrong impressions
 I send this to you by Capt. Jones of Cooper's Staff
 I have made a similar arrangement with Colbest of
 the Chickasaws that I did with you - send it by him.

I also wrote Paul Cooper a letter & as much as
 this time perhaps it will be possible for me
 to be at the Grand Council in Sept. I have been
 absent from my family already three years
 and the letter owes much of my attention and of
 course I want to be there - While I think
 of it let me say that Albert Pike has
 been pardoned by Post Johnston and I
 think is in Washington - I will be in Wt.
 before the last of next month and if I
 see him will let you know all -
 our work will do justice if you will only
 be patient and give us a little time.
 In my official report to Paul Keown I
 brought before him the question of the
 substance of the Decs. of the Sept Council &
 the approval and recommendation of it. I
 can't say what will be done - I hope our paper
 will not have so much on hand that we
 cannot attend to these matters

It is also announced that our old Commissioner
 or Supt of Indian Affairs Dole has been sent to
 the Territory already and that he will attend the
 General Council. I avail myself of this opportunity
 to renew the assurances of my appreciation of the
 many acts of kindness shown us by you while in
 your country. I shall ever hold them in the
 most grateful remembrance, and if at any
 time in subsequent life I can return to you a
 like favor I hope you will command me
 to leave the kindness to give my regards to Col.
 Thomas Hawkins, of our. Good-bye and my
 and all of our friends that you may chance to
 meet. Remember me also in kindness to your
 family and say to them I would have been pleased to
 have accepted your invitation to visit them and
 have made their acquaintance, but that under the circumstances
 I could not. If you have an opportunity write
 me a letter - Address me at Pittsfield Mass -

With assurance of high regards

I have the honor to be

Beloved
 Yours friend
 Alldreda
 Col. U.S. Vols -