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Cherokee County

March 10th 1833

Dear son - I am glad to say that we are all well at this time

This is the first good Day that we have had since March come in. It came in with snows & sleets and cold lanes we have lost many Horses and Cattel. The base were stock holes is a mourning the number -

I am sorry that I can not receive any letters from you I have wrote you often but received none since some sons return to this Country

Sam and Mary write to me that they will return back to this Country next fall which give me much discontent as wished to live neare to all my children. as Howell and Rhoda would have followed use in the course of two years and then we should have been all together in a Country of our own. Therefore I don not know what to do at this time I must hear more from you all before I start to new country

The Chickasaw Treaty is Ratified by the United States but the Chipp have not returned to their homes, yet

I am told that the agent has ordered Samuel from the Place that he settled and all that lived in one mile of the agency if this be the truth he is the greatest agent that ever the black laws have had. and I suppose my hands are ordered off <sup>too</sup> if that be so I will not live in one hundred miles of no such a man I would rather be under the laws of the Stat then under the laws of one man there fore if he has ordered my hands from this work I say god help the poor Indians if this Report is true we may safely say that his agency will end in four years.

I want you to write me the truth about all these Reports. I all so wish you to write me if that is a Cotton Country or not if it be not a cotton got Country I donot wish to go there <sup>with</sup> so many Negroes if I can not make cotton I had better stay here and by land in the Chickasaw Country. But we have time enought. Please let me know all these things. David Folsom and me are very friendly he tells me that it is a fine cotton Country <sup>where</sup> he lives.

This is the first day that turned out

to hunt Stock -

give my love to your wife and  
all the children I am your loving father

J.P. Pitchlynn

John Pitchlynn  
me

P.S. David Johnson told that ~~Elizabeth~~

Trunk of close was at his house and  
send for it

J.P.



Mail

John  
Peter A. Ditchlym

W  
out - Smith  
Arkansas -  
young boy

John Ditchlym  
10 March 1833

JD