

Dear Peter
Copies

Chickadeew Station
November 28th 1883

I have read the letters which you had written to your father. And believe it to be my duty to write you again for the third time. I suppose you have visited & explored the Red River country and pleased with it as long as you are going to move to it. I hope when you move there you will be as contented as I am since I have returned to this country. I see no alteration or no difficulties why that a man should not live contented or satisfied in this civilized country as well as in that wild region. Though I had best give no insinuation one way or the other. For I believe there is nothing bitter than a contented mind and if you are contented there it is there you ought to stay. As for my part, Peter what other people may do I never expect to go to that country and I never intend to be advised or to be persuaded to move by no person in the world: as long as I can raise an ear corn, here; I live, here I die.

The Choctaw purchase has been in market now for several days and the lands are selling much lower than we expected mostly of it for government-price and generally those with an ever good quality of land

And our prices here will go extremely low
and so I am in hopes we will get our land
over here quite cheap. we and all; That is the old
man myself & Thomas have put our hands together
to farm it. we shall put in something like 200
or 250 acres in cotton we go in strong for it
we have a first-rate overseer. The family is all
Howels & the old mans both. Thomas Pitchlym was
married on the 3^d Octr. and had the misfortune
the other day to get his leg bone broke. Horse
fell down and fell on him and broke his shank
but it is now healing. Do. I have nothing more

your brother
Saml. Garland

P.S. I had a son born on the 22^d of this inst
J. Garland.

Colo Peter J. Ficklym

Little River Lick

(Arkansas Ter)



1853.