

August the 22 AD 1817

Cor Peachlan send drops you a few lines to see
if you see any thing about my Mother and Father I
was a son of William Bottom my Mother was a doctor of
Mashula taba my Mother had a brother name Elacha
he was bit by a snake and died in the old nation
and sh had a brother name ~~yo~~ yacanas taba her
name was ann I came to the Choctaw nation with
David Fulson and staid with him untill the year
1837 and we had bought some guns from the Choctaws
and hired me to go with ^{him} to the Cherokee nation to sell
them and i staid there and married a Cherokee woman and
staid there untill this summer too of my sons was
killed there they got in a drectly about the war my
sons was seses and they was pins and i was thertin that
they would kill me and i left and came to redover near
Soak looses the Chickasaw said that i would have
to pay twenty five dollars to live there i thant that
i would go and see some of my oal friends so i went
down to dawkell and saw my oal friends was dead
but Brazziel Flore he toal me see Jerry Waid and
he could tell me about my wife in the Choctaw
Brazziel said to write to you all so Jerry waid said

that he know my mother and her brothers he new
when elocka was snake but he say that Mashulataho
was there father but there mother a mother
woman that she was not Mashulataho wife my
mother was a half choctaw i have seen you
a great many time when i lived at david
fulgore i new Issie fulgore when he was
Chief of the Choctaw and i new aul the
oal people a boat doxwell i was a 11 year
oal when i come from the oal nation you
please look over my scribble and if you
can ade me enny in get in me may write
in the nation please write to me as soon as you
get this ~~see~~ please write dire your letter to
Dactor Cook County Texas Zach Bottan
i doo not want to liv in texas if i can help
and i will not liv with the Cherokee enny
more so remanue your Friend in till

Dith

Zach Bottan