

A Report Showing the condition of the Choct. Academy in
Scott County Ky on the 1st Jan'y 1839

It is with no ordinary satisfaction that we have it in our power to announce to the Dept. the flourishing condition of an institution in the prosperity of which every philanthropist must rejoice

Under the fostering care of the Dept. of War we have the peculiar pleasure of beholding the offspring of a once powerful but degraded race of people, now reaping all the advantages of civilized life. We see the scholar steadily advancing in the path of Science towards the summit of literary perfection; we behold the mechanic on the same march giving evidence that a radical change for the better is rapidly making among the aborigines of our frontiers.

From this institution we humbly trust the first permanent foundation for civilizing and christianizing the Indians is already laid — We look with pleasing anticipation on the sprightly countenances glancing a view at the intelligent eye we imagine to ourselves that we behold the Orator, the mechanic and the profound scholar who are to shed light and knowledge among their ignorant race at some future day; and by whose influence the mist & gloomy darkness which have hung over that devoted people for so many ages past are by the light of science to be dispell'd — I have no recollection of any period of the existence of this institution that the prospects were more flattering than at the present; no time in which we have had better health, more obedience and less vice among the students taking the quarter throughout. Every one seems despoised to do his

duty without murmuring or dissatisfaction. Every teacher
is at his post in due time and performs his duty ~~for~~
promptly and faithfully

The boarding, clothing, lodging and medical
attendance are ample and sufficient. — The fine health
appearance of the boys indicate good treatment and
as the best evidence we have at this time not one
on the sick list

The work shops are in about as prosper-
ous condition as on former occasions

All of which is most respectfully submitted

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