

War Department.

Office Indian Affairs,

March 13. 1841.

Sir,

You are hereby appointed, by direction of the Secretary of War, Superintendent of the Choctaw Academy, near Great Crossings, Kentucky, at the same annual rate of compensation which is paid to the present incumbent. This appointment is to be considered in the light of an experiment, being the selection of a native Choctaw, at the instance of the Nation, in the hope that, from a better comprehension of the Indian character, he can judiciously manage the pupils at the Academy, give a more beneficial direction to their application to the branches of study they are prosecuting, and a moral tone to their conduct. Should you accept it, you will signify it to this Department, and proceed at once to the institution, and there take possession of the books, records and other property, which will be turned over to you by Mr Henderson. From these and the advice which that gentleman will be requested to give you, coupled with such experience as you may already have had, it is anticipated that you will be able readily to understand and perform the duties of your station, in a manner creditable to yourself and beneficial to your pupils. - If you should at any time desire specific instructions upon any subject connected with the institution, they

shall be promptly given on application to this Office.

You are authorized, if you find it necessary from sickness or other personal inability, to employ a suitable person to take charge of the school until such inability is removed, but it is hoped that you will seldom have occasion to make use of this power, and, then, for very short periods.

You will please to make to this Office, at as early a day as practicable, full returns of the condition of the school, stating the number of pupils, their names, the tribes to which they belong, the course of studies pursued by them, the progress they have made, the number of teachers employed, their names, qualifications and several duties, and generally of all information, which will aid the Department in making a correct estimate of the ability of the school. These returns you will, hereafter, make every quarter.

Very respectfully

Your ms. ob. serv.

Harley Crawford.

Col. P. P. Fitchlynn

Now in Washington.

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