

Choctaw Nation. December 1842.

Col James Hatcher
Chief.

Dear Sir.

By the last Will & Testament of my departed Father I became Executor to his Estate, - all the property and ~~undivided~~ business was placed in my hands; It imposed upon me the duty to pay ~~up~~ settle up all accounts, debts and demands against the Estate, after which, it would have been my duty to have made a division of the property left by my Father, among the heirs; But at their request, (wishing to please them) I agreed upon certain conditions, to make a division of the property, and called upon several disinterested persons to make the division, that justice might be done to each heir. The condition upon which this was done, was that each heir should become Responsible for their proportion of ~~the~~ all just and legal debts or demands which might be brought against

the Estate of my deceased Father, and that should
it occur that any of the heirs failed to comply
with this obligation it should then become my
duty as Executor to call upon the Chief of
any District in the Choctaw Nation to order
the light horse to take any property belonging
to said heir or heirs - And now I have to
state that all the heirs have punctually paid
up their proportion of the debts which have
been brought against the Estate ^{of my deceased father,} and complied
with the written Agreement which they entered
into with me, Except Elizabeth Perry, who I
am sorry to say has not complied in any manner
whatsoever with the Agreement. Therefore the
property which she got by the decision ^{made} ~~of the~~
~~(a portion of it)~~ subject to of the Estate - is (a
portion of it) subject to be returned into my
possession, that the Last Will and Testament
of my deceased Father may be carried out -
that portion which I now claim from her
as Executor, comes also under the head of
disputed property, as I gave up the property
to her on conditions that I might later

it back if she failed to comply with the pay
her proposition of the debts that ~~may~~
~~had~~ ^{may} ~~been~~ brought against the Estate
of my deceased Father. And now as
Executor of the Last Will & Testament of
my deceased Father, and in accordance to
the written agreement entered into between
the several heirs and myself I hereby most
Respectfully ^{petition} request of you as the Chief of
this District to order the Sheriff to
go into the District where Mrs Perry has
remained to & settled and demand of the Chief
in that District to have the following
^{named} Negroes taken & sent to one (viz) Joshua and
his wife, Katty and her son Blunkin, which
said Negroes belonged to ~~the~~ Estate of my deceased
Father, and in duty bound your petitioner
will ever pray.

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