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Madison Tuesday Aug
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Col^r Forster

My Dear Sir

This will be handed you by

Col^r R. P. Petetlynn, who is direct from the Choctaw Country. He came to the camp today, and at the request of Col^r Douglass & myself gave the Indians present, a talk of nearly a half hour. They appeared well pleased, and listened to him with great attention. He spoke of the situation of their friends with, and that their duty & interest was greatly in favor of their going, and, all in their power to help along & induce their friends to go also.

Col^r Petetlynn came here ^{from} ^{Choctaw} Caytoa for the purpose of seeing you, and is anxious of having a conversation with you, I hope you will give him as much time as you can & as your health will permit. He is going directly on to Washington & may be of service there, besides he will be enabled to give a favourable account of our proceedings. I am happy to say all is quiet at the camp except some of the Indians get whisky & shall use due diligence to prevent any from being obtained! They are all satisfied having a superabundance of all they require - we shall be in readiness for your party and all are anxious to proceed on to the west -

Col Pitchlynn told the Cherokees not to believe
any of the thousand reports going about, that they
were all false, that they were at peace with all nations
and that all would be glad & happy to welcome
them in their own Country

With my best wishes &c I remain
Yours A. N. Baileys.

I wish it were convenient for Genl Anderson to
go on to Washington with Col Pitchlynn, at any
rate I think ^{he} you had better write to the Secretary
by him - Col P. rides the horse that I rode over
you will give directions about him - B

H. H. Banks

W^l John B. Knott

Ex R. R. Patterson