

Buffalo Skull

July 31st 1845

Uncle Peter:

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A few minutes ago your letter was handed to me by one of my "neffry" while I ^{was} rattling the loom heavy, the noise was like the cataract. The noise of my loom or rather the music is a perfect "Mesmeriser". I could lull you to sleep in a second. Whoever wants to be mesmerised can just come up, and I have also little "apparatarson" attached to it that phrenologises on the human skulls wonderfully. I tell you it is a perfect Mesmeriser and phrenologiser. Did you ever think I would become a Weaver? I did not think so, but I am these days. I can step it off as prettily as any thing can be, and at the same time, Mesmeriser and phrenologiser. You see I weave my own cloth and wear home-spun, and I feel as independent as ^{man} any can be. If the rest of my countrymen were like us, why, we would not want the merchants in the nation. In our constitution we are all free and equal, but I don't think so, we get in debt of the merchants and we can't pay the debt and we have become perfect slaves. As a free and independent nation we ought to wear our home-spun and not depend on other nation. But my countrymen have been fed and so well greased that they can't rise. I have been well informed of the election in our nation. It seems that ^{the} Choctaw Merchants are quite popular men, Joel got the highest votes in your District, and Jones very popular here. I think these fellows feed and grease their countrymen well. What use it for us to have a Constitution? What use it for us to have chiefs? What use it for us to have election? And what use it for us to have laws, when one

man, Our Great Agent, Armstrong can
just kick ~~it~~ to pieces. These are facts. What
did you all do at the Council? You passed
a resolution to have old Doak whirled out of
the nation. Was this done? no. Who countermanded
your resolution? Why, Armstrong. He has upheld
and supported him, and will always uphold the
old rascal and the others of the ^{same} stamp.
When a gang of law makers to be under the direction
and influence of an Agent, they are not to be
counted as friends and patriots to their country, and
therefore they are unfit and perfect useless ^{and} pass
over about the election. The Captains of this District
were ~~was~~ against, unanimously against for Armstrong
to pay over the annuity to the Captains. Some of them
have said, he was too Lazy or has become la-
zy, and wished it to be paid that way.

You have mentioned something about Sulphur
Springs. I suppose you all need sulphur water and
pure air down there as you ^{all} live in a contami-
nated atmosphere. In this country I need no Sul-
phur water, as for pure air I have it copiously and
abundantly from the Southward and from the west-
ward and that continually. Ask uncle Israel
when he goes back. I have not felt the Summers
heat as yet, these two days have been right cool.
Uncle Israel has visited me several times and
I believe he likes my country pretty well. Now I
dont praise any thing, and I wont praise my
country to you. I might start you although you
said was too old to move. I'll bet you a Shaw
tobacco, that in course of two months, you will
talk about moving up this way, when if our best
neighbors tell you that they are going to move
up.

My country ~~was~~ is just big enough for a few families. and I dont want it crowded.

I believe I am pretty well contented here, and I think I shall end my days here. If I dont go to war to Mexico and get killed. The troops here are mustering every day, I suppose they are preparing for Mexico. I dont regret that I moved up here at all, we are all healthy, and have been very healthy ever since we have been here. I consider this a great thing. My stock is doing very well. The Sweet Grunters have increased right smart. I am getting good drove of them. They are in poorable order, notwithstanding it is so dry here. I have made a perfect failure in raising corn here. My corn is burned up entirely by drought. we have not had good rain in two months. There is good many deer here, if I had light wood and a good shot gun I could slay them. I have slain several, and sometimes I have a real pretty chase. after a wounded one. yesterday evening I had one but did not get it. This is the way I live. I wear my "trousers", work little on the farm, hunt deer, hunt bees, but have not found any, hunt my boys, drink good water, look at the rolling prairies, when I get home I am refreshed, and when I sleep, I sleep a sound sleep. I am a powerful Emperor of this crop timber, and I am going to crowd in a few subjects here from other place. I may get you too. There is very good country, good cane, very large I think, between Blue and Boggy. There could be a large settlement made about Potts, A cademy. good water and good timber. Sumner range inexhaustible. I think it is big enough for all. Uklahapatukla to settle in there. I was well pleased in going through to Boggy election. I wish you would by the first opportunity send those 11 dollars I loaned, or pay it over to Daniel. no more. Your nephew
Tell my cousins kodes. I am the same as Jacob. 3
Jacob Johnson

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