Copied

Cherokee Nation
Saline District
Spring Creek
20th February 1846

To
Mr. P. P. Pitchlyn

Dear Sir

I take this oppertunity to inform you that I have arrive home safe on the 22nd Janu. last after a very pleasant trip. With loss eight days on failure of Car. and Boats I found my family all tolerable, as to health the late extement in the Country principally subsided. tho their are great many families still within the State of Arkansas I have understood tho I have never travled through the Country I have been confine principally to my own business about home as to the news of the Country I have not any at this time of any importance. if any should occur I shall let you know. and I shall depend on you to give me any information you may have or can obtain relative to the Cherokee business there. and what you consider will be the final result when the business commences and when all the different Parties gets there and Capt. Wm. Armstrong. I should like for you to let me know your opinion whether I can or not. send my son who is about fourteen years of age to one of the schools in your Nation he only is the only son I have. my reason for preferring sending him in your Nation are these that your People are a united People. in the adjoining States there is such a prejudice exists that I should not like to send him there. if there is any other alternative. in my own Country there is a continual extement that it is a great check to education and if you think that I can get him in one of your schools I shall come and see you on your return

I Wish to send him next fall. On 13th. of the present Inst. we had a snow storm which fell to the depth of 10 or 12 Inches deep so soon as it Thaws I am a going to take a trip on the Verdigris and Arkansas Rivers to purchase some pork as I have found my family without provision as pork is very scarce in the Country I Wish you to give my respects to the Wyandott Delegation and particular to my Mutual friend Mr. Armstrong and tell him that I have not forgot the great enjoyments and pleasure We all had together in our smokes and it would afford me great pleasure if an opportunity should ever present to renew our smokes. and give my respects to all the Other Cherokee Delegations there. and particular to my Old friends Capt. Rogers and Dutch and tell Dutch that I have not forgot the many Walks We have had and still hope we will live to see each Other to have some more Walks and to the Principal Chief J. Ross and family and to all my friends you may see that should make any enquiry about me.

and for yourself I Wish you to receive my respects for prosperity happiness through life

I have the Honor
to be very Respectfully
your Friend
J. W. M.

To
Mr. P. P. Pitchlyn