

Mineral Bayou, Sept. 26. 1847

Col. P.P.P.

Bro. Peter

I am requested <sup>by Mrs. Love</sup> to write to you and ask you, if it is in your power, to prosecute suit against the Murderers of her husband. She is anxious to employ Geo. Haskin Geo. Needson to act <sup>with you</sup> as your partners, to whom letters have also been addressed on this subject. Fee offered by her is four hundred dollars. Should you think best to undertake the suit for her, please write to me soon or inform George James of the same, whom you will see at the the Council. There is something curious about the case of this Murder - The Chief, though an honest, good man, seem too weak to act out his part as might be expected of him agreeably to law - Judges also are afraid to act. It seems even the whole district is too weak, or have not courage & energy enough to bring the Murderers to justice. Now, I will relate another singular affair. A Shawnee is in chain now in Fort Washita, ~~he~~ who hideth not, but openly declares himself to be the one who shot Ben Love, being hired to do so. & tells James Porter is one of the three who employed him. And from his description which he gives, the other two are known who they are. After all these facts, the Chickasaws are trying to lay the charge of Munda on

on our friend Posha, a Chortaw, & two Qua-  
pas — Robt. Jones is a Counsellor for  
the Shawnee & I Sirspon for the other  
murders. also — Should you wish to take  
the suit, & come up, call at my house  
— In haste your brother Samuel Folsom

Col. J. P. Pritchard  
Dakarville  
Choctaw Nat  
March 31 1845

Col. John P. Pritchard  
General Council