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Peter Pitchlyn Esq.

Sir: It is stated to me, that the languages of the Chickasaws & Choctaws are so nearly alike, that the former use the translations of the scriptures made in the latter, that in consequence of this close affinity, no translations have ever been made in the Chickasaw.

Your intimate knowledge of the subject, and enlarged experience & observation, will impart a conclusive weight to your opinion on this point in American philology, and I beg leave to repeat that you will favour me with a reply thereon.

Very respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt

Henry R. Schoolcraft