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Mr Bro

Your lengthy letter dated 24 November came to hand a few days since, your complaint of not getting any letters from me, I have not written to any person in a long time. My mind was all rocked to pieces, owing to the sickness I had in my family, and at that time receiving news of the Marshal was to have him after me, if any person ever was tormented. I was, the Chickasaw Anvity is now on hand, and I shall go to it tomorrow on some business, as tho I am told that a Deputy Marshal is there my friends are to let me know whether there is any danger. I am tired of doing a bout when I am in any one country. I had rather suffer death than always a dog. If I am attacked I intend to shoot cut and slash my way through. I am told that Jones will not serve as one of the Commissions. If I had of known it I would have offered my services to my Chief. I have not heard who he has appointed in Jones' place. The Chickasaws are determined to hold their distrust and if the Choctaws do not agree to their propositions they will declare

their Independance; and receive
the same fate I see the Hong
arions did this I heard today
from a good authority a certain
old man that lives down there
made this assertion a few days
since, they have moved their Coun
cil house ten miles west on Peniston
Creek and appropriated one hundred
thousand dollars to build a nation
al house, Chiefs house &c

This was done a few days since
and many other bills past I am
told, as for the district line I do
not care a cent where it runs
if it throw me in their district
it will make my place more
valuable and then I would have
a chance to see out at a good
price, I could say much, but
will not hoping to see you
at Looksville soon, I cant
write I have bin at hard
work, and it is late at night

Susan is still minding all
the rest are well, there
is much sickness at
Mr Robinsons his oldest son
is laying very low and sever
al scholars are not expected
to live, winter fever is the disease

I say your

Frs
J. J. Pettigrew

P.S. If you can make the
Chickasaws to give those
characters that only he is distinct
Anxiety do so.

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