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Sir

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Mariposa, Cal.

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Thine own letter dated the 15th January last has safely reach to hand. I am truly glad to receive, being a long time expecting from an uncle's letter, and I do rejoice to hear of no death among our relatives, excepting one, - who I am very sorry to learned of her death.

Your letter is quite lengthy, and gives much information, afflu in the Nation. - And among the rest, you mention something about your self; yet standing in the same old shoe; and playing some old time, when I saw you last. I think Uncle Peter ought not complain of Cousin Martin, being a foolish, infert do I no wish to blame, but have just come to conclusion, that your Nephew will have a job, whenever he returned from hunting, - your Nephew never was found to talk to the girls.

I hope you both may raise a courage enough, and come to a trial. It is not known how far a "frog" can make a jump, until it is made. So my advice to you both, - is to go a head, like that good old horse, has no eyes for to see, - On the 3^d page of yours, - I found that you had the pleasure of taking a Christmas dinner, with Miss, M. C. I think old Uncle is some what in "coming order" and at the same time, saying - there are danger in getting such thing, - but I suppose the word about is nearly for a blind. A gain, I say go a head - as your Nephew will grant you all his right and titles, if any.

I am sorry to hear of Chikasans, becoming dissatisfied with their connection with the Choctaws. - Hope your Commissioned - may come to a term, be satisfactorily to both parties, - and would advise them to come to California. I am surprisid to hear of you giving up a - supliw life, an exchange for a labourer, but I no doubt that you had become satisfied with the life, and it is more surprisid that you would travel back Eastwardly.

You request me, to write you some thing about myself, - I will write - but I no not hardy how to commence, as a little I do no about my self, - I can only say, have again recovered my health, sound now and yet holding an infant's beauty, I hope to hold the same until I have the pleasure of seeing those pretty - old maids of yours, - after I came to this country I have had more bad luck, than any other poor fellow - I have spend over thousand dollars during my last sickness.

(And Now Commencing New. I only ask is a good health.

I left the Mining regions January last. And got employment to work on a farm. — My health has improved much since. I was employed by the U. State Supt Indian Agent — Who ~~was~~ Appointed by U. S. Government, — to open a farm for the benefit, the Indians — here in California — or rather a Mission. It is to show the Indians — how to work and to plant the different kind of seeds.

The U. S. Government, had appropriated One hundred thousand dollars. And ~~again~~ by the last session Congress, has again appropriated — two hundred and fifty thousand dollars more, for the same purpose, And authorizing Supt. to have four more Indian Missions to be built, at a different places — in this State.

I have had the Management and in charge of plowing and planting — having twenty five to thirty Indian boys. — I have had a fine time with them, being all green, — both ~~immature~~ ^{young} boys. but now they can plow without any trouble. We have planted about two hundred and fifty acres in wheat, about same in corn, and ten acres in Irish Potatoes, and many other small plants such as Melon, Pumpkin &c all together about fifty acres. — And another party of hands in digging a road the farm.

As there are ^{not} timber to make a rail, with the Indians ~~they~~ have dug a ditch, between three to four miles long. — we had only about one hundred & fifty Indians at work at one time. — but we expect to have thousand hands by next year. — It is very ~~likely~~ ^{probable}

I will remain here, until I am ready to returned back to the Country. I would not think of going back; If I had one of your over grown maid. but as it is; I must ~~go~~ and ~~to~~ get on. — that If I could find one, that is smart and very pretty. — I am receiving but little wages at this time. Seventy five dollars per month. — after this month expect to received twenty five dollars more.

You may wish to hear — some thing about the Indians here in this Country. The Indians here are much darker, then our full tubbers. their forehead are some what gone back, their eyebrows cross remains half inch — about the eye brows. women wear their hair very short, — the women do all the works, they can carry on their head & back, three hundred pounds, & can travel thirty miles a day, without grouching. — they are the people care for nothing. — and have nothing, — but to let every day provide it self.

Their main dish is ~~acorn~~ acorn pudding. And many other different kind roots, they use for their subsistence, and raise dogs to eat. — they prepare a horse & mule meat, to a beef or Venison. I have seen them eating red worms, the worm we generally fish with, they are very destitute in way of clothing — in the cold winter, they ^{hang} Rabbits skins knit together for a blanket. — but in the summer they see a fine time, the men have nothing on except their own skin, and no nothing about bashful. (The Martins) but the ladies generally have small bunch of coarse gyps around them, and the younger ones have nothing but those and here, ^{are} in a little better condition, they are improving, though in a small number. & they much delighted of becoming to light. ~~The~~ Indians, there are here, not exceeding a thousand, and I am sorry to say — that are ugly as dogs as long.

I ought not to write such news, to old Uncle, ~~and if you~~, & may not believe it, I hope he may not, but it is just so. —

3 We are now preparing to meet the harvesting as all our be looks quite fine. — 21st May — I have not had a chance to finish or to send to the post office since noted above, but now may have a chance to forward an, as Mariposa P.O. is about fifty miles from here, — the season ^{here} is changing. — we have had two good shower rain last ten days, and likelihood of having more, — the season heretofore been quite different, if this ^{country} could be a seasonable, like on our side mountain, would be one of the best country in the world. — the ~~land~~ in California ^{land} ~~is~~ ^{are} about as good as any part of the United State, — the River water in summer, like ^{the} ice water, — the miners are not doing much at this time, as for my part I am perfectly satisfied, — though a good hard working men can make a good wages, ^{at} ~~at~~ Brown. And brother King — is yet working in the mine, though I have not seen — either of them for some time, so I can not give you any information about them, I hear nothing of Mr Schrack as yet. — Mr J. J. Bell is doing well. —

— The last winter some time ago — a young man by the name William Turner, killed the men, & now sentence to be hung on the 19th June next, — this Turner was a brother-in-law of,

Dr. Nat. Sutherland of Southville, who was well known & Oct
in that place the time I left. - though some likelihood of getting
rewards from the governor, Bighu - -

3 An extract taken from Choctaw paper, stating that there
are a gold mine found, ^{in the nation,} and reported to be rich.

If such thing ^{is} truth, I wish you would let know, or
give ^{me} some information, if it so - or truth. You ^{will} see me soon.
I should be glad to hear from ^{you} ^{again,} as your nephew has not yet
forgotten these circumstances.

Manly
May 1

J. P. Robinson

Baggy

Choctaw Nation

Arks.

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Let Mr Robinson - have just look over my list of names
found that I have written five times - but none in return.
I am looking for Thomas letter, or will look of this month.
I received Cousin Levina, letter. Same time ago.

Give my best respect to all, and also give my
best Compliment to Miss M. C. and ^{other} pretty girls living
round your vicinity. - I have forgotten to inform you
that I do not remember the person - ^{name,} you mention in letter,
who are living near Baggy. - your nephew J. P. Robinson.