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Rev. P. P. P. Dear old Friends.

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I was truly happy  
When I received your last letter, it reminded up  
old times. it made me look back many years gone  
and passed. When we used to enjoy many pleasures  
in our early days. I ~~was~~ truly sorry to learn in  
your letter the outrageous and Callously act  
Committeed upon Silas Gardiner, and it is a great  
pity that justice has not over taken the offenders  
every civilized man ought to disclaim all such  
acts. done in our Country. and take no active  
part to rescue such characters. I think it is  
time to reflect seriously how our people goes  
on in killing each other. We have more three  
prisoners in jail at the Choctaw Agency. one I  
think two are on an arrow brink, Whistey the  
great man (*nokmi siabotic*) was at the ruling of  
all this. —

Well now I have come  
to reflect some thing ~~to~~ about our Schools in  
general. You apoor hard to paint out what way  
to do to make all our Schools prosper and do  
good. Schools has been in operation many years  
but none is older or younger man now calculate  
to do any business for us in our national affairs  
how ever there may be for it. I could say will in  
time be of use and I hope on banane to our  
Country.

It has been a question with me, why is it -  
Boys never can stay long enough at our schools  
to get a good education. When Boys has stayed 3 or  
4 years, and gets pretty well advanced or about  
to take astout to learn. He is found ~~is~~ charged  
with some bad conduct, and his sure to be let  
filled from School, I have long find obvious  
idea for these things. Now here is a great open  
We seldom yet <sup>on</sup> accomplished Teacher, and when  
those Teachers has brought along up to be just  
about as good scholars as he him self. he can  
not teach him much further. he is then  
himself up, but still wish to hold on as a Teacher  
for the wages. Now as scholars must leave  
by some means. Carelessness is more opened to  
the scholars, and finally, the Boys, being no  
one is kepp over them get into some places.  
and then all the blame is piled upon the boys  
his say so. bears no weight. The Teachers alone  
is listened to. ~~I think~~ that rascally plan has  
been working in our Schools - at our expences

Well now about  
the school fund having been call'd to be  
used in our County. I have thought about  
this, and form of your opinion, and should I  
be ammable to the govt Council, I hope you  
to be one. So that we might fall upon some  
plan again. I wish to see that often do us good  
and to raise up others & men in our Country.

I will do just whatever I think is right  
scoring no man or friend this has been  
the course I have always aim to do.  
Well old friend, I want us to keep up our  
corrisponance. If we have nothing but  
(Shucks hanapa) to tell each other.

I have been sickly since I saw you at  
Docksville last. Patison was here since  
that time and I just plainly <sup>told him</sup> what had  
been our intention if our Brethren  
the Chickasaws was going to put us in  
trouble. The money we could give it up  
and tell them to you and hunt a new you & home  
Patison was some what surprised he had  
heard you make this remark but he had  
not believed what you said, I suppose he  
thought you had been fishing and said  
that would be a big loss money themselves  
whether to take the money back —

Thomson has not returned as yet &  
we have no definite news ~~what~~ is our  
Agent. Thomson say Henry & Morton has been  
fishing to become our Agent, but no go —  
We might here I will remain your  
ever well wished & friend

Edwinus A. Kennedy

P. S. I ought to say to you how glad I am to receive your kind letter. I have been thinking a great deal about the plan you propose mentioning in every way my approval of it. I will also the plan with the one he has. I think it is the best. He says he would write to you himself. But it is necessary to you that he can't do it. and make this proposal on me to say to you in a short way that that you will understand him. His feelings & opinions of me

James McHenry