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Near Dookville 27<sup>th</sup> July 1854

Dear Peter;

Your two esteemed favours dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> of last month came to hand yesterday, and afforded me much pleasure to learn of your good health and that of the balance of the delegation, and more especially to learn of the flattering prospects of your success relative to your business at Washington -

I have nothing strange or new to communicate that likely interested you - The politics of the Nation seem to be at a low ebb, and very little said about it; however I recd a letter from L S Johnson who informs me that Heskins & Cole are out for Chief of your District, and he gives 3 votes for Cole and fears that he will be elected - I know that your brother Massey is out for Chief in Push District & did learn that Daniel Johnson was to run against him, and again, I should be glad to hear that you will

will ~~be~~ one candidate -

As for Johnsons' Territorial bill  
I have no idea, the Chautaus will  
accept of it, unless ~~is~~ united and framed  
efforts are used by the intelligent and  
influential men of the Nation.

Oh! There are a thousand and one  
supra's, incited I presume by the  
Missourians, that you & Israel Tolson  
are making efforts to break down  
the good Missourians of the Nation  
and to have to take control of the  
school funds H. H. - I have been  
asked by several Chautaus if it were  
so, & told them, I knew nothing  
about it, but supposed it all originated  
because the Council passed a law  
whereby, the Chautaus could have  
some control of their school  
funds in case it was necessary  
that it was like putting a needle  
in their eyes and they did not want  
to wear it. That they wished to have  
the school funds in their own power  
so they can use it as they please,  
whether it does the Chautaus any  
good or not. That they can

preach abolitionism, Do as they please  
with our females at their schools  
and for us to home no say so, about  
their conduct or Central ones  
our school funds. ~~He~~ J. McKenney  
says he is driving a head at the smith  
— a dist. to get the school funds out  
of their hands. He says \$60,000  
have been expended, and there  
have been but 3 or 4 scholars turned  
out, who are capable of doing  
common business. This is paying  
too dear for the article.

I went to Orleans about the first  
of May last, and returned with a renewed  
attack of Dracoch, which has kept me  
pretty low in spirits ever since.  
I feel under many obligations for  
the interest you have taken getting the  
aged, the titles for my land claim. I  
am informed that Senator Brown of  
Miss. has a plantation adjoining the  
Stolly McDonald or Stolly Thacker land  
claim, and wished to purchase it.  
Will you please see what is the  
price he will give for it, and if he  
will give 10 or 12¢ per acre, close a  
trade with him for us, provided we

we get the Patent for it - I fear our lodge  
in Dackville is not doing any good since  
friend Gilliam left. Friend Stuart is master  
and on two occasions took the liberty  
of making some very unbecoming  
remarks about the Indian brethren - again  
there was no regular account kept of  
the funds of the lodge, and I called up  
the articles for the consideration of the  
lodge several times, but found them  
were no disposition to change it.

Again whilst I was gone to Orleans  
I found Bro. Knigley & Stuart took some  
very low & mean underhanded  
advantages of my firm. about some  
was gone hereing - So I concluded  
there were no masonry in our lodge  
that is, with the members that compose  
it at this time, and have not been  
a near them for 3 or 4 regular meetings.

I cannot be a true faced man,  
to meet a man in the lodge as a brother, then  
when I get out, to act the rascal with him.  
This sort of masonry dont do me.

For fear you may not see Charles  
Vans' communication in the Liberator  
Intelligencer, I cut it out and enclose

This man Van is a young Cherokee  
who is studying law at Vanburen

It is strange how simple a man  
of his supposed intelligence, does talk on  
the Territorial subject -

We had a rain that lasted  
from the first of May till the  
middle of June, & since then  
we have had a severe drought  
so much so, the uplands will make  
no crop - Mr. Burkett is wanting  
to take this letter down & I must  
close - The Hickman paper I saw  
Mr. Van's communication in, is  
unpaid, tho. I will enclose it  
when I find it

Very truly your friend

P. M. Jones

Received  
of P. M. Jones  
the sum of \$10.00  
for the above  
mentioned  
paper