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Good Spring, New Blood
July 24th 1854

Brother Peter,

Yours of June 6th came to hand
and I was glad to hear from you & the Delegation
I went to you after my arrival
Chickasaw Delegation met at Skullyville on
the first Monday in July. Tom Pickett was the
only one on the Choctaw part of the delegation
that met there & nothing was done. I was
told that it was decided in the Secret
Council of the Chickasaws last winter to lay
out \$300,000 to buy their way through in their pursuit
of separations, through their delegation, giving each
of the delegates a good booty, & offering fifty thou-
sand dollars to their agent Smith if he will do
them at most for them to effect separations as fine specu-
lation is done for agent, white man & others. - So
willing as they (the Chickasaws) have money to spend, they
will see no peace. But the doing of the Secret
Council have been made known by one of the
members of that council. So there are feelings
of dissatisfaction among many Chickasaws on
that subject & wish to have their money de-
scribed out among them & see done with the busi-
ness of sending delegates to Washington here

ter, for they began to suspect that some foul
play is going on with their money. The one
who told me is a Chukason himself, & said
that he would not at all be surprised to hear
some of the delegates be killed before
this matter is brought to a close. So you
see that the project of separation is not
altogether a very favorite scheme with
them all. I do pity them. White man
has done all this, just for the sake of
money. But alas when are the Indians that
be found that the white man does not, slide
& dupe them through flattery for their money or land
Indians are gone - gone - gone. Only few of ^{them} will be
saved. You know what I mean. I am now more dis-
couraged than ever. I am sorry I feel so but I can't
help it. From a few acts of feelings I was laboring
under, I went to circuit Court & offered my resigna-
tion as a Senator to my friends, but was not heeded to.
But I would not be surprised if I was missing at
the General Council - but the people do not
generally know my feelings on this subject - It
depends on circumstances as to my going to the Coun-
cil - If our delegates fail entirely of effecting
any thing with the U. S. government, I am done
acting - What little money we have is not enough, & we

not raise us - will not give us no more - Abolition
doctrine is of among some of the people the ~~shorter~~
The advocates of such doctrine know too well how
to manage it & carry it on & yet be perfect
ly harmless - Col. Pillsbury & Israel are
now represented to be the ~~most~~ enemies the
missionaries have - that ~~two~~ two men have
forced at the White House to turn the Missionaries
out so some have reported - The Missionaries have
~~then~~ then followed that they are ^{all} going out next
winter, leaving to themselves to take care of them-
selves the best way they could - of course this
kind of language has a demand of it -
- A great sympathy is felt for them where ever this
is made known - Even Sumner has spoke up for
them - One Wickett Charters, I was informed, promised
to fight for Mr. Sumner. - It seems what passed be-
tween you & Mr. West at Washington is now fully made
known to the Missionaries & through them to their fol-
lowers & an really tried of such excitement I
am sick of it -

Cornman & Daniel Johnson are candidates
for Chief's office in this dist. Rumor say
Cornman will be elected - Hartens
& Coleman are candidates in Pease
dist. Rumor also say that Coleman will be
elected - Not much interest taken as form-
erly about the election of Chief. -

I presume your mother passed up going
towards Thomas the other day -
I presume by that she is well -

Thomas Pettibone is
Senator appointed to act in place
of Col. Fletcher deceased

Be so well - Give my
respects to your associates of
Chicago as I like them

I am yours truly
D. Johnson

If you should come by the way of Memphis
please inquire at Capt. Davis' Wharf
Boat for ~~boxes~~ boxes of books + medicines
+ bring them with you to the mouth of the
to be forwarded to ~~Sut~~ ~~Smith~~ to the care
of Bennett + Walton -

Send that letter of mine from home
containing \$20. ~~to~~ to Washington -
take it out + send it to me or bring it
with you -
Yours truly
D. Johnson