

Fort Washita O.C.N.

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1854

Col. P.P. Pitchlynn

Dear Sir

I take the liberty of writing you a few lines this evening, Reverend Isreal Holson informed <sup>me</sup> that you were one of the Trustees for selecting Youths to go on to school in the States Among the white men of which I am very glad to hear and I here inform you that I would be the happiest man under the sun if you will have the kindness to let me have a ticket for to go on to school I hope you will not slight me when you are selecting youths to take among the white men. Revd. Isreal Holson will inform you of all the particulars of my character during the time I have been residing at this little village called Hartsborough Near Fort Washita Choctaw Nation I have been residing in this village just twelve months, I am very anxious to have a good Education if possible yet I am not able myself to pay for my own Schooling neither are my parents able to pay therefore I hope you will take pity on me and give me an opportunity for an education I wish you to write to me by return Mail and inform <sup>me</sup> whether you will select me for one of the number of Youths to go to school

Your Most affectionate  
& truly friend

Eli S. Perry

address your letter thus Fort Washita

Indian Territory  
Choctaw Nation

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