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Choctaw Agency June 24<sup>th</sup> 1857

Dear friend,

I received yours of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst, asking me to get up a petition for the pardon of your sons. I shall do every thing in my power for them. However no trouble to get the people to sign the petition. I shall stand for Red River in a few days, if no step have been taken to petition the President for their pardon there, I will get them to send me, but petition ought to be near a like as much as possible, if not, it might not make impression on President's mind. I am sorry such unfortunate <sup>not</sup> circumstances has occurred in your family. I did <sup>not</sup> hear this tidel until it was too late. Sue was in Fort Smith did not know it, until too late also. However every thing was done that could have been done for them. Even Judge Kings I am told was very mild every way.

I stated in my last letter that I was nominated by my friends but Harkin wanted me to with draw, but it turn out that I mention <sup>friends</sup> my <sup>friends</sup> are determined to run me through the race for Governor. Harkin, Madril & Falson are out in the field beside me. Harkin says I ought to knock the per simon down. I will write to you again before long.

Yours friend  
Thomson McKenney

Cal. P. P. Pitcher