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July the 15th 1857

Souttæ County
Chickasaw Nation

Dear Brothers

I received yours dated May the 31st and June the 5th which gave me ample pleasure to here from you here from Tina and welcome letters yours us all enjoying good health at present and the people in Grand Bear and which I hope that these few lines may find you enjoying the same state of blessing after along and cold winter and backward spring our corn crops looks well and I believe that most of our people will make enough corn to do them if the drouth does not set in tho we have had a dry time here for four weeks and now we had rain very much

Further more I will state to you that we had no ~~ann~~ annamnation at the Wanpunnarra institution on the count of so much sickness one of the teachers Escahiff Greenleaf which we regret the loss of here but that is the way we must all go sooner or later since you left here there has been several deaths here caused by old Whiskey John Brown and Gilbert Allen the Brothers of G. W. Allen the two first name persons were found in a brook in glasses creek but it is supposed that they were murdered and thrown in there one of their horses found in the creek near them dead the horse was stolen they were murdered by Johnson Pickens and James McLaughlin and man to Hogan the wife one the old wife of John Brown Johnson Pickens killed one of them and the woman killed the other they were all drinking coming from the Five

also Robinson Brown was killed by Bucken, James
James receiving a shot from Brown entering
one shot through one side of his jaw and lodged in
his neck also Bucken, James. Steba, David Alb-
-erson three dangerous wounds At
Brown is very much hearted by losing
his two Brothers and Cousin Jundon
stana that he is hiding around with his
gun At Brown has return with out
any laws Henry Long could not be
found no place and now the Govern has
called a legislature which will be on the
third of August for the purpose of passing
a few laws so as to answer until the
regular term in October if we hold
out as we the you our government is bound
to fall through with out there is grate change
takes place I believe that all the officers are
about to resign the County Judges and
Sheriffs and Constables has resigned

The Choctaws are giving Col. Harkins
troubles on all sides about this fund that was paid
out last winter Adam Nail came very near
or rather Nail and Col. Harkins came very
near fighting about that ~~Age Money~~
Nail says that he was great bribed &
there is grate excitement here among the
people they say all they want is to have
suffisiant proof and they will break
their new Constitution and the Treaty
between the Chickasaws and Choctaws
The Choctaws has picket a law in their new
constitution and Col. Harkins & Jacob Tolson
and Gerry Tolson has with drawn their
names from being as Govern and
still remain under the old constitution

I will let you know all about
the hole matter of the Choctaws after their
Election which will be the first wednesday
in August & Cpt. John Anolenson is aiming
to fill your shoes as Senitan at our present call
session. The general opinion off our Chickasaw
people is to draw all off their money and be
done with it and then write Logan off
the Nation

Those off your friends I have seen
send their best respects to you both
Let me here from you both how you
are progressing with your business and how
the Choctaws are getting along
Nothing more
at Present

Remain your most sincere
Friend and Brother
James, Patterson

My kind and
best respects
to your wife
give my best
respects to Mr
Samuel Johnson
I hope you both
good luck
in your
business
Jas. D. Harris

Mr James, Gambel

Dear Sir often my best respects
to you I have no news to relate to you no more
than what this letter contains only the U.S.
Marshals are in here now and I understand
that they are after Thom Colbert Thom was
here at Thom Sitchburns some time
ago and he was at Boggy short time
ago they have taken Mr. Wanda of to Danbury
and he is jail I will favor me a favor and I will
take it as a grate favor you to bring me a music box
and a pair of silver spurs } yours Respectfully
Jas. D. Harris