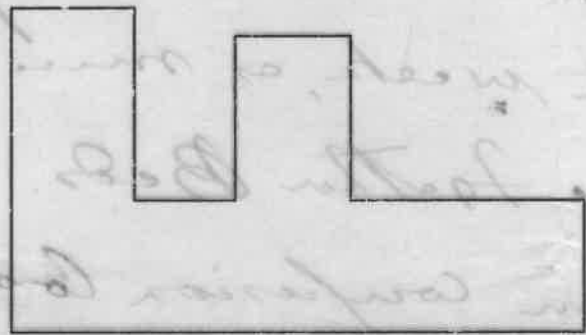
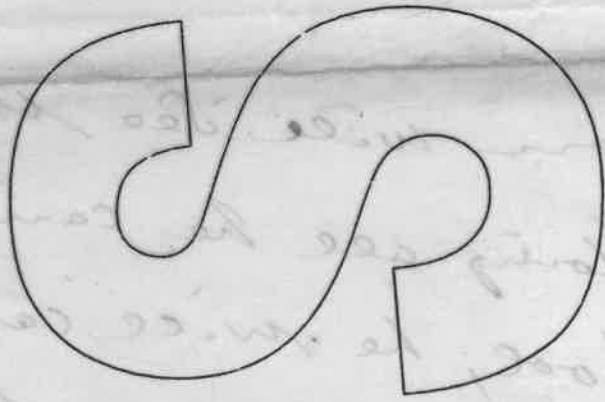


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H947 Letters from Richard M. Johnson and others re:
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you will see Mess. Davis
is doing all he can for the
School; he will carry at least
12 Boys last of this month
april keep all
things in order. The Boys
ought to be made to make
up their beds every morning
of the week, as much as if they
were feather Beds. a Straw Bed
all in confusion looks horrible
a reg'd Superintendence on this
Subject by the Teachers is proper

Cal. R. M. L.



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H497 I know your disposition to do what
is right & correct - and if I ever had a
deep friendship for any man it is
for you self & I write you to keep
your eyes open: no person could
keep the school together except myself
& yet I have so many political
enemies that if they could remove the school
or rout & break it up you know they
would do it and no matter what deficiency
or disorder happens in my absence it
would of course be at your door as you
have the sole responsibility. I have read
your letter on these subjects and this
morning I am much pleased with
it and I have no complaints to make.
It is your duty to take an interest in
every thing in my absence. To enquire
of Julia who acts well & who acts ill of
my ^{higher} school all know that your eyes are
open to the whole concern. When I
return you know I relieve you
of all this. I hope to be at home in April

We ought to have a Sunday School
& Bible Society at the academy. In this
way we could have a deposit of Books
from both institutions & you could
make something in this way. The
Sunday School takes up about 2
hours in the morning before meeting
time & the whole trouble of Teaching
would be thrown upon those who
composed the Class. Till we are
out of debt we should be always on
the alert - but otherwise you could
merely superintend others if you
thought proper to lighten your
burthen of Teaching. I am in reason-
able health & I trust you may be
healthy & strong to enable you to
go through all this drudgery - I
want every person at the School & my house
to respect & fear you. That is necessary.
your friend

Thos. W. Johnson

O. M. Johnson

Rev. Norman Henderson.

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The best way is to make out the
different receipts for each year
or a general receipt for all the
years & let your son sign
it & there ends the whole matter

do it immediately let me

have it ~~closed~~ either of your

sons will do - it will be

between you & him - do it

without delay if they will bel. the

account otherwise they may

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your
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Col. Johnson
on the P. O.

n.s.

Col. Johnson
Rev. & Mrs. Henderson
White Sulphur
Scott County
Ky.

Rev. Thomas Henderson,

City of Washington

Dear Sir,

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your first report I altered so as to
make the school commence the 1st of Nov, so
that we may have no fractions of a month
for pay and for our troubles & expense began
before that period & the boys arrived about the
1st in your subsequent reports whenever you

Speak of the Commencement conform to
this date. In all of your communications
when you describe the school, speak of two
rooms at least. If you should stand in need

of 50 \$ to help your family I will send it as
soon as you let me know & I can wait
for that sum till last of April (or the end of
the 2^d quarter) I gave the Sec of war & Col

McC. Kinney the letter of Doct Emmons to read
today in which the Doct spoke of the school
its rules & your character & conduct & in

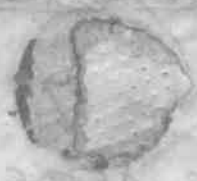
proper eulogy - I confirmed the sentiments. I
discovered great pleasure beam in the
face of both. They begin to have great
confidence in the school. Col McKenney is
losing his opposition first to the school &
if properly managed will be its great
patron - as there will be a contingent
fund I think the Sec of War will
send Col McKenney, the Revd O. B
Brown or some distinguished person
next summer to see us & report upon
personal examination - Find the Choctaw
nation have sent on a request to the
Sec of War to sell 54 sections land lying
in Mississippi which belongs to them by treaty
to raise a fund to help them send on
more Boys to us. This land will bring
12 or 15,000 \$ which would help the cause
very much.

I have written much on this subject to Mr
Ward & have no doubt but what in less
than 12 months our school will be
greatly augmented & I think it is probable
it will rise up to 60 scholars. I can take
as good care & provide as well for 60 as
for one. & you can teach them with some
little assistance & no doubt that would
increase your pay. I wish you would
make some of the boys write short
sensible letters to Gov. Barlow & to Col
McKinney ^{during the session} ~~during the session~~ has agreed to
sell the 54 sections of land during the coming
year so as to have an increase of boys
at my house 1st of next Nov. Do not fail
to attend as regular as you can to hear
Frederic & the girls & believe me yours
Sincere friend

Chas. W. Johnson

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Ph. H. Johnson
Rev. J. Thomas Henderson
Blue Spring, Great Smoky Mts.
Tenn.



Col. A. M. Johnson

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Washington 17 March

Have no your announcing the
arrival of the Seminolies of
will announce it to the War
department I want you to read
the within that you may see my view
in answer to Mr. Gardner who complains

of the drafts of my overseers upon the
School for Boys to work. He

thinks that the drafts are so great as
to injury the education of the Boys but

pro duces disaffection & dissatisfaction

I know Mr Gardner tells the truth. you
can give your views to Gardner & to

Dr. al & have an interview with
Mr Pence & Mr Johnson & they will

know how to control their calls. I
they are never to call for a boy bigger
little than the most inferior necessity

2dly whenever they do call let them have
a few good hands, who are willing to work
for pay—

3dly If this course can not be pursued I
had rather you would put a total
stop to all calls— you will see the
necessity of this from the complaints from
the Cherokees of Arkansas— We are on a
delicate foundation, & there must be
a very great change in many things
to keep the school from ruin— I know
it has been done for my benefit, but
I give up the little benefit for the great
benefit. On Saturday they can live as
many as they please. at other times
in case of need you can let them have
a few as above— never to exceed ten,
seldom over six & generally not more
than 2 or 4— your prompt atten-
tion is requested to this matter

I approve of your plan as to the
houses at the Thomson place. If
necessary some 4 or 10 of the larger
Boys can live in the old log
house adjoining the Priests house
while Mr Johnson lives in —

we must all work
together let out
the Big limbs

Yours

Ph. Johnson

It would it be good policy to give
the six cherokees a room to themselves
at Thomson place. P. J.

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keep

Greg Hudson
W. M. Johnson



Rev. Thomas Henderson
Christian Academy
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W. M. Johnson

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Dear Sir,

I have rec'd your favours. I had
previously caused the mail contracts
to which you allude transferred to
your Brother - this was necessary before
I could establish the Post office at the
Great Graving. But the P.M. Genl will
transfer one of them to Tom Johnson
if it is still your wish & if it will
be important your report is most satisfac-
tory & I have forwarded it to the Secy
war. It is impossible for you to be too
rigid as to the rules of the School & to
keep the students on in their education
right day. your friend

(over)

Wm. M. Johnson

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Having received your report I can
now draw your pay for the present
quarter for Tom Johnson which I
will do sometime this week.

Yours
J. P. Johnson

Col. P. M. Johnson
Chas. of rep.

Free Johnson
Ch. W. Johnson



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Good Morning as per Johnson
Choctaw Academy
H. H. H.

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Geo M Henderson To the War Dept Dr

To cash of Sept of the Academy to pay the
expenses of six Seminole students from
the school in Ky. to Florida 200.00

To cash of Mr. Thompson to bear the
expenses of eight Seminole youths
from Florida to Kentucky over at 50
cents 437.37

To a horse belonging to Gov. which
one of the students had been from
Kentucky 50.00 987.37

By services in Florida in collecting
lysts to be sent to the school 20.00

By Saddle & Bridle furnished 15.00

By 60 days service in conducting
the boys from Ky. to Florida & from
Florida to Ky. via New Orleans 100.00

By cash paid for the expenses of six
youths from Ky. to Florida 185.00

By cash paid for expenses of eight
youths from Florida to Ky. 357.00 677.00

in Ky. Ballam Due Dept of War 310.37

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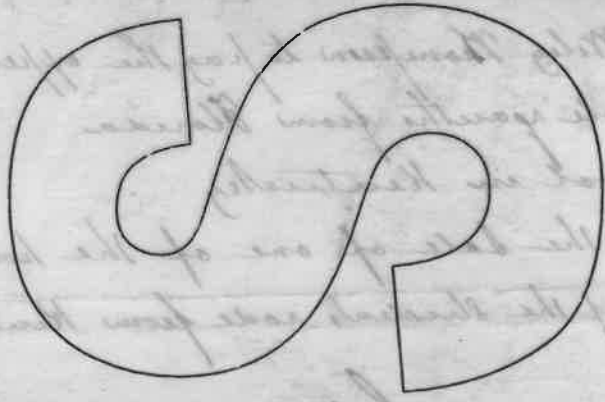
James W. Henderson

In account with The War Dept
To cash rec. of the Supt. of the Choctaw Academy to pay the expenses
of six Seminole Students from this school in Kentucky
to Florida \$200.00
To cash rec. of Wiley Thompson to pay the expenses of
eight Seminole youths from Florida
to the school in Kentucky 737.37
To cash rec. for the sale of one of the horses on
which one of the students rode from Kentucky 50.00 987.37

By Sixty days service in conducting boys from
Kentucky to Florida & returning with others to
Kentucky via N. Orleans at \$2.00 day 120.00
By One saddle & bridle furnished the students 15.00
By cash paid the expenses of six students from
Kentucky to Florida 185.00
By cash paid the expenses of eight students
from Florida to Kentucky via N. Orleans 357.00 1,777.00
Balance due the Dept 310.37

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Copy of an audit
showing the audit with
for Russell



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Dear Sir,

Have not your favour. You
will make no arrangements to send
home any of the siminolees. The agent
gentl Thompson & others from Florida
had no more right to direct your
movements than the greatest stranger
in the States. The Sec of War had
ascertained this by the help of George
W. Flord & a letter written to me
at the time the Boys were sent to our
School which had been filed away
in the warehouse that Billy now
George Phelps was Blew's son
a letter has gone this day to
the agent & Gov. General that if
they want the Boys to return that
they will go or send for them & that
you will not be ordered to send
them home & also that if they send
for these Boys at the School they
will use every method to send
as many more to take their

places - besides I have myself written
to Gov. Dewart, who I have no doubt
will exert his influence first
to induce the Chiefs to let the Boys
remain at School & if this cannot
be done to send as many to
take their places - I am doing
my duty here to keep up the School
and you ought to ^{be} working night
& day by all proper means to
make the School useful, and
popular, with the tribes, & the
agents of the tribes. I have con-
versed with you on that subject
on the means I have also
written to you on the subject
I have nothing more to say.

I have handed
I enclosed your letter & draft
I conversed to day with the
Sec of War, but I got no an-
swer. Your friend

Ph. A. Johnson
Rev. Thomas Henderson

Dr. Mr. Johnson
Sincerely
John A. Johnson

John Riddle in his letter says Julia had been dismissed!!! Suppose he has gone home with that lie in his mouth - It was too ridiculous for me to answer it on paper

Aug 17

Enclose to you a letter to George Starkins intended as an answer to one received from John Riddle who requested me to send an answer under cover to George Starkins who would forward the same to him. It is not my intention to write him any letter on the subject yet as I think George Starkins wrote the letter for John Riddle I feel it my duty to write to him my views on several of the points in that letter. My object is to sustain you without giving an idea that I feel much on the subject & also to let them know that I will permit no intermeddling in my affairs. I hope you will not relax in your regard. You will get a letter from the war dept approving your course & letters will be written by the Sec of war to to our ward & the chiefs in a way to sustain you & prevent any bad effects from the dismissal & the lies he may tell. I hope you have sent his character with him or before him - read the letter. Seal it, let the seal dry & hand it to G. Starkins as soon as you can -

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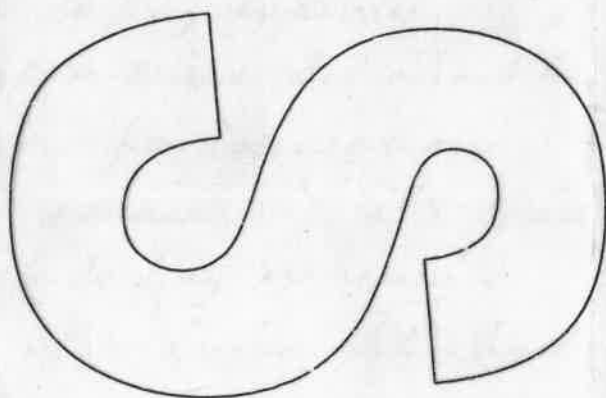
Hon. J. P. B. J. J.
Secretary of War

Sir

Please to pay to the Hon. Richard
M. Johnson or order Two thousand three hundred
and fifty seven dollars, for the outfit and
expenses of sending home twenty six students
who will leave the institution on the 30 June
next and also for cash paid the Gov't inspectors
as per account ~~and~~ ~~drawn~~ ~~by~~ ~~them~~ herewith

Yours obt. servt,
Wm. H. Harrison

\$2357.00



The Dept. of War.

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To the Supt of the Choct. Acady in Kentucky

For the outfit and expenses of twenty six Indian Students to be sent home on the 30. June

9. Choctaws. for outfit and expenses Voucher No. 1. 526.50

Cash paid Govt. inspectors. No. 1 & 5 56.00

Cash to pay expenses of 9 youths from

the Academy to the nation \$30 each 270.00 852.50

out of the fund set apart by the treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek. for the education for 40 Choctaws.

19 Potawatomies for same Voucher No. 2 585.00

Cash to bear expenses \$30 each

300.00 885.00

out of school funds set apart by the Potawatomies at their settlement

2 Prairie Duchien for same Voucher No. 3 117.00

Cash to pay expenses \$30 each

60.00 177.00

out of the school. set apart by the treaty of Prairie Duchien

2 Ojapaw for same Voucher No. 3 117.00

Cash to pay expenses \$30 each

60.00 177.00

out of a fund set apart by order of said nation out of annuity

1 Creek for same Voucher No. 3 58.50

Cash to pay expenses

30.00 88.50

out of a fund set apart by the Creek nation for education

1 Miami for same Voucher No. 3 58.50

Cash to pay expenses

30.00 88.50

out of a fund set apart by said nation for education

1 Cherokee for same Voucher No. 3 58.50

Cash for expense

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out of fund set apart by said nation for education

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