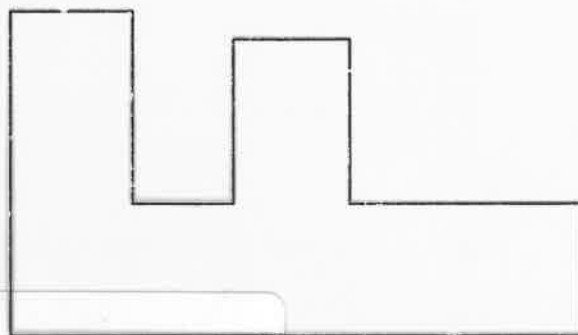
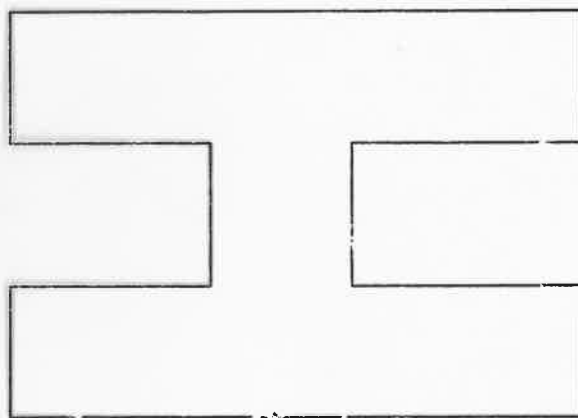
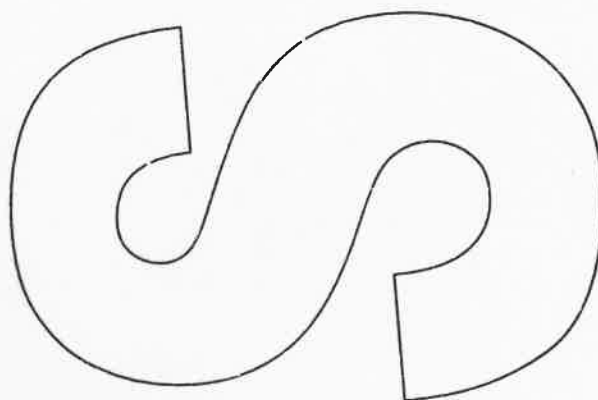




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Dear Sir,

I have read and read with very great pleasure your letter giving me an account in extenso of the conduct and management of the School in my absence and particularly the chastisement given to Calvin and the other young men who got drunk and broke down my kitchen door.

There has been no one act of your life for the last eight years that has done you as much credit & done you as much honor as overcoming the point upon which all of your friends have thought you erred in being too mild & kind upon flagrant & outrageous ^{them} transgressions. The truth is that you cannot rule by reason for you know that the more we have tried to reason them the more unreasonable they have always been. Mr Pence gave me a faithful account & gave you the credit that was due on the occasion. I gave you (as a verbal account of it & he was extremely pleased & said he had often been afraid that the School was to break up in disorder

for the want of a more rigid military
discipline - I have never had my mind
so much at rest since we had a school
under the conviction that you & all under
you are resolved to execute the law of
the school & make all toe the mark.
I regret to read the hint about Mr
Leonard I find Mr Pence in one of
his letters expresses considerable dis-
pleasure upon the same point
mentioned by you. It is best for you
to be faithful with him & never let
a fault pass without a kind & gentle
but plain & pointed admonition. It
is better for you to do it as I think a
Yankee is generally very easily ruled
by his superior & ~~entirely~~ tyrannical
over inferiors. It is the habit of their life.
It is better that you should correct him
by candour than to be left for me for
you know me well enough to know
that I will suffer no insolence nor for-
wardsness ~~on my premises~~ cost what
it will - & it might injure me with
his friends & even persuasion - I think
he may be made very useful if
you will only be candid with him.

I would give any thing in my power if
I could see you cultivate a talent for
telling those under you their faults.
It is a great pity because you are
a sensible keen common sense & most
sagacious man to see even the
smallest fault of others & they can
not profit by that knowledge with-
out you let them plainly know
it - and this could be done without
hurting feelings - upon receipt of this
leave no time in sending on the quar-
ter draft from 1st 26. to 30 April put
down to the education fund arising from
sales of the 34 sections of land all the
choetaws over 40 & 25. there is money
plenty under that head - also put
down 3 of the Pote under the Civilization
fund - The Treaty before the Senate will
enable the Pote to send near 40 in all
you must include in your next quarter
the 2 Boys brought by Peersara. Jos. V. Buresa
& Chiefs will leave on Monday. Do not
know whether they will go by the school
or not. Jos. has drawn 50¢ here by my aid
as part of his work to help him study law!!
also 50¢ expense of bringing Abram Burnett
and his Brother to school - level Diptow & my
self have done all in our power for the

Chiefs & Jos. V. Burasa
and they appear to almost defy me -
We have put upon them good clothing
apparel &c. boarded them at a good house
paid expenses here & back home at
least we got the Secretary of war
to pay them we were the cause lost.
Burasa says he is going study law &c
I doubt it - I would continue him
one more quarter of that time
we shall see what he does, if he
does not continue at the school
we can drop him. He says he is going
to carry his brother to Lexington but
I have no doubt he will let him
stay, & we must send home of the old
stock ^{many} so as to reduce the No. the
truth is we ought to get clear of
Jones, Bernett &c - & keep the ignorant
we have had intense cold weather for
a week - I am as usual my respects
to Mr. Henderson send 3 pieces of
silver for you 3 children Thomas &c
your friend
R. H. Johnson

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Washington 14. Jan: 1839

Dear Sir,

I was very much pleased to receive another letter from you to day, as the most flattering account is given by you of the flourishing condition of the school & its good order. I find you understand exactly how to make out the report draft for the next quarter. If Mr. Puraso goes home let him be omitted & his Brother take his place. I am getting the pay for all the Pottawattomys for the next quarter as we can reduce the 10 when I get home if necessary. When Col. M: Kinney leaves on the 1st March I would advise you to let several go, if you find them anxious, such as Genl Jackson give them money to carry them to Genl Cinnather or even home & as few cloths as is decent & let every thing remain to make out the draft for outfit of

& expenses - get the materials for the out
fit Clothing at B.L. Johnson & Co? Store as
they owe me & let every thing but the
Boats be made by Parthena who will
get the migh Coars to make what she
can not have done at home. I would
not let more than 3 or 4 go, & the job
of outfit will be a small job & let
it be done as requested. Begin time
enough & let them start in the
morning. all can go in the stage
with Mr. Kenney, if stage does not run
send them on horse back & I will
charge for it. as to the shops: if they
do not give you any other letter
the only thing you have to do is to
act liberally; by persuasion, & never
keep a boy a moment when he is
inclined to quit. If that course had
been pursued I think nothing would
have been said about the shops. for I feel

Confident that letters were written
here by the Boys or some body or them
magnifying every thing; you had to
ment in making them work too many
hours & gave them nothing & refused
small matters when required; you profit;
I think I could discover that some such
communications had been recd & when
I conversed I placed the matter in a different
light & your willingness to go by the letter of
orders from this quarter they have
been more quiet & there is nothing &
they have so much to do that I suppose
they have forgotten it or are unable
to attend to it. But each liberal act
by persuasion self interest & if you can
not do that let the student quit & if
it must be so let all go down you.
Cap conversed like he was very much disap-
pointed when he conversed with me

declaring that The School could not
be sustained under the idea that you
were to make a cut by it, or that you
were actually such a principle
that you must be placed in a situa-
tion where you could not for a mo-
ment be suspected of such a work
that having so much power in your hands
every selfish consideration must be out
of the question ~~de de de~~. That he would
have a letter written detailing the
plan ~~de de~~. If they are slow it is not
your fault. nor mine - yet good
sense will point out the course for
you - send the within to the House
your friend

R. W. Johnson

Rev Thomas Henderson -

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Washington City 10 Feb. 1845

Dear Sir,

I have recd your giving the ac-
count of the conduct & disposal of Dr
Cotton & Mr Leonard; I know so well
your disposition of forbearance that
such information never comes to me
without being an additional re-
commendation in your favour; It is
very important that you should
have all young men or single
men. It does not suit to have Teachers
with families. They are not as subject
to your orders. If you could only get
two young men done a doctor, good God
how I should rejoice - you see it is
very important to have a Physician
It is important that you should
not be long without usual

number of Teachers— I merely suggest
If you cannot get a Teacher & a
Doctor in a single man whether
the Revd Mr Deval, who is also a self
taught & good Physician at the
mouth of Cedar would not be
a good choice— but I do not intend
to give you advice or interfere
only to suggest. The Devals are good
Blood of the man I am speaking
off is out of Debt, has some pro-
perty, is a good Parroacher & a man
of character— If he would take the
Salary that you give I think he
would be a first rate appoint-
ment. But my Brick House
would be valuable for other
purposes if you could get single

men.

It is very cold. I am in my usual
health — The Treaty which gives
Mr Jones & Burnett 10000 each has
not been ratified yet. It has been
before the Senate 2 months & no
action on it. I think it will
be ratified if so I shall get the money
bringing it out with me but it is
somewhat doubtful whether the
Treaty will be ratified —

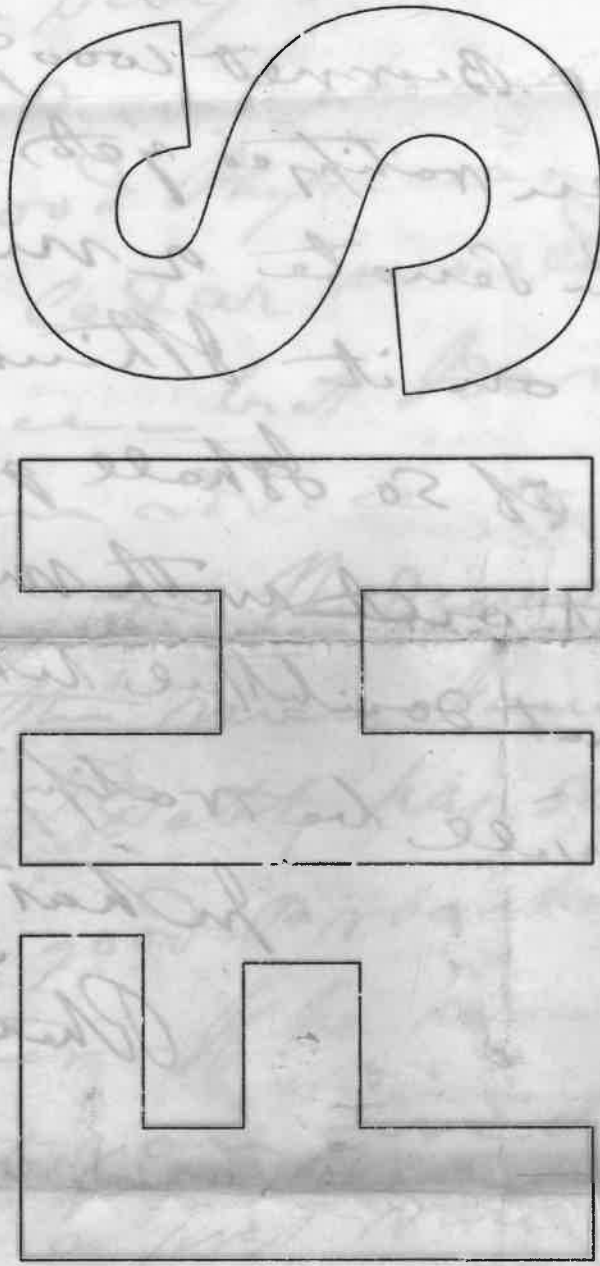
In haste yours

Phen Johnson

Rev Thomas Henderson

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the assumpal of Dr
Cotton & Leonard

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24th March 1899

My Dear Friend,

If Stephen Mearns & Mrs Lane wish to return I would advise you to let them go & give them a reasonable outfit & take no note of their going till they

quarter. Stephen has written to me.

He complains of great anxiety to go but says perhaps he will stay till the other wants to go.

I think they had better

both go if they wish before I get home — Mr Douglas will send

Miami Boys in 8 or 4 weeks

If they can then return or return before, if they give you any trouble attend to this yours

35x1
Rev Mr Henderson Wm Johnson
(over)

I will enclose Murasa's letter
next mail in confidence that
you may see his views &
wishes - I will try there some
Pota watermills sent on by Mr
Douglass as it is best to get
Gloor of such as Lared
Murasa - no young man
ought to remain when
dysentery & rest less & more
particularly a married one
send them home & drop them
in the July quarter

And

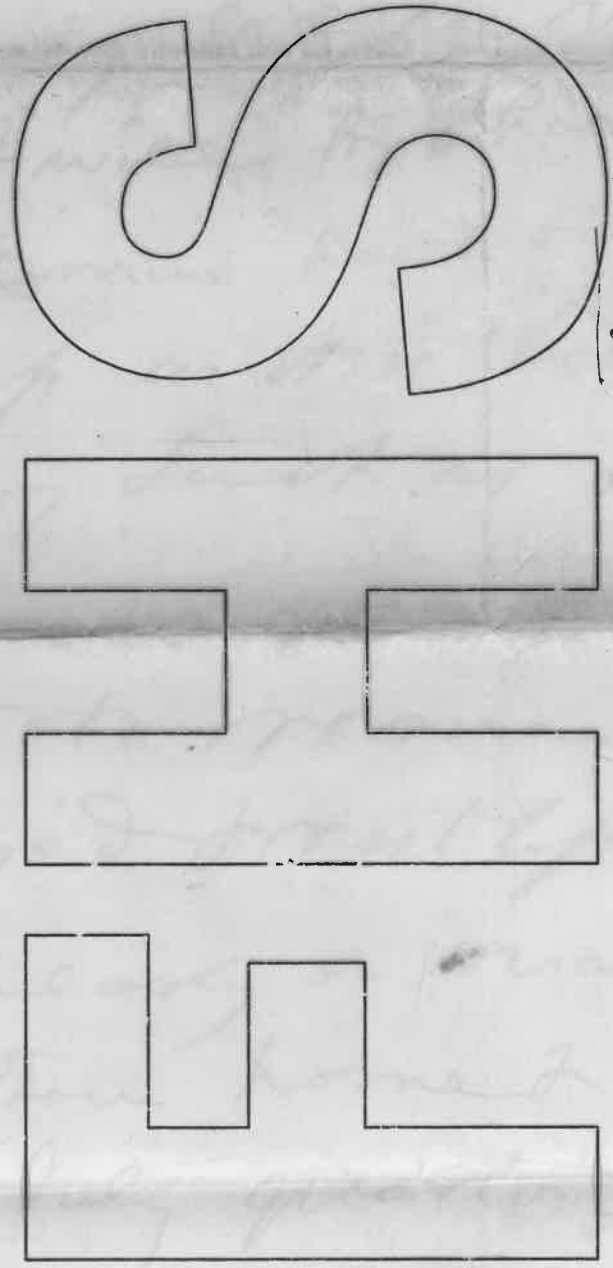
Send on the list of pots to be
sent to the School to supply those
to be sent home

Col. Johnson

Starr Purpser
&

A Lane

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(copy)
Col R M Linnell will please to pay John
Tipton one hundred and fifty dollars out of the
moneys recd by Col I as my trustee under the
provisions of the Treaty of Chicago of 1835-

6 May 1835-

Signed Thos L McHenry

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Col R M Linnell

John Tipton has
paid me two hundred dollars for you
and for that sum I will credit you on a
settlement of the amount received by you
for me under the Treaty of Chicago of 1835-

17 Sept 1835-

Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson

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Thos. H. H. H. H.

Charged

\$150.00

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W. Jackson

Charged

\$200.00

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Horne 17 Sept 1855

Dear Sir

Since I wrote to you two days ago it has
arrived to me that I had better put you in possession
of the sums paid by me to the Patterson young
men for you, for there is no end to their wants.

I have paid Andrew Jackson two hundred dollar for
you of this he will inform you \$200.00

I send a copy of Mr. Fleming order on
you in my favour for \$150 \$150.00

also a copy of his order on you in favour
of Col. Vigier which I have paid for \$41.25

I also send a claim on Mr
Henderson that I will thank you to } \$203.00
collect for

Total

\$594.25

For this sum I will thank you to acquit my
note in your possession

To Mr. Ser.
John L. Lister

Dear Mr. Johnson

P.S. I am amount against Peter Moore for a
hat that he should pay
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Money paid to
Genl. Sifter to the
Indian Dept

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Since I made the foregoing letter section
has called on me for money, he is said for
a debt of \$20. I believe I was paying him any
more until he settles the account among
you, because he says that one of the accounts
charged in your letter to him is too large, he is
myself and so is also the rest
of it

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Monday

House of Rep.
N.Y. Dec. H 35

Dear Sir,

The House of Rep. has this
moment chosen James H. Polk
Speaker by a great majority over
all opposition. This is a reward
for his faithful services & love
attachment to Genl. Jackson, &
his administration. I have had a
long talk with Gov. Lef & have
talking about the school & your
self - I have inspired them with
increased zeal & confidence
after removing prejudices which
had arisen from facts & rumors
communicated by the winter to the

School while you were absent—
some of the students were busy
on that occasion to state things
which caused exaggerated convictions
as to your occasional absence
My friend the School is im-
portant to us both—Devote the
constant energies of your great mind
& the sympathies of your honest heart
to the progress & good order of the
School in every department
from the highest to the lowest. It
will be gratifying to you to know
that wherever I stopped on my route
the people rose up to honor me
in the most exemplary manner
I hope I met them with becoming
humility as well as ordinary ability.

I need not remind you how much
I depend upon you to promote
my interest, as well as to increase
my happiness, in all matters con-
nected ^{with} the vital interests of the school
& the order & decorum of Black & White
I rely upon the premises - I am in
good health & my respects to Mrs
Henderson, & believe me truly &
Sincerely your friend -

Ph: A. Johnson

Revd Thomas Henderson

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