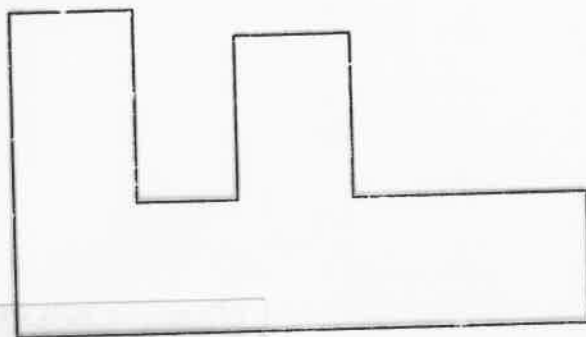
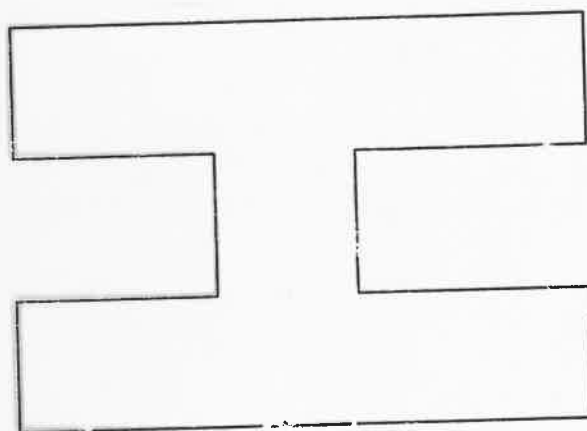
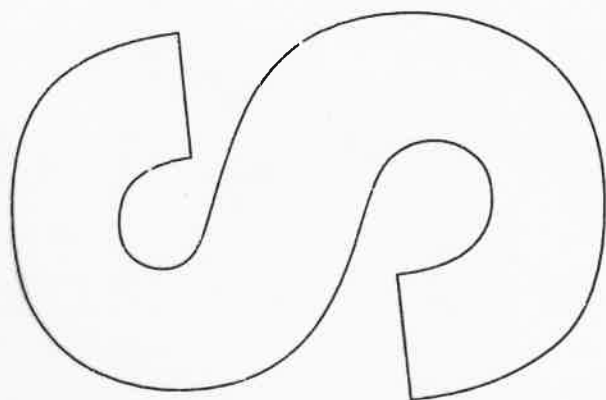




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Henderson, Thomas, Papers.

Letters from Richard M. Johnson and others re:
The Choctaw Academy.

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Thomas Henderson Esq.

A Dear Sir,
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City of Washington

5th Dec 1867

It is very important that the students
should exercise themselves occasionally in
map drawing. We see of war wishes me
to request you to let each of the students
who can draw a map, send it on
to me, that we may deposit them in
the War office, also to show them to
members of Congress to convince
them that the Boys are making
real progress at the school. I trust
that a kind Providence may have
restored you to health. At all events
it is very important that you should
supply the school with a part rate
Teacher till you can resume
your duties. The 75th Draft for leaving
the Potomac is has been paid you from
Philip Johnson

Pick: W Johnson

5th Dec 1827

\$75. D^{dt}-paid

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City of Washington
19th Dec 1882

My Dear Friend.

I have your several favors
of the 5th & 6th now before me. I am
very happy to learn, that you are
recovering from your indisposition

at your time of life it will
require great care & caution &

more especially as your constitution
is always delicate, but with proper

care you will totally recover. To
further of it. I would recommend you

at all events to leave your lecture
by getting a good assistant to help

you teach that you may only
superintend during the winter

I have some command of your
self. would not let a few calls

19th Dec. 1882

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endanger my usefulness - I shall
not be here as long as I expected -
I have no doubt we shall
adjourn a month sooner than
usual at a Cong. Session. In
April I shall be at home. I
spoke to you of what Mr
Ford told me of some see to
the school, now at this point.
I feel armed at all points
and I pray you while I am
absent to spare no pains to
push forward the BOP. Push
them late & early & do it with
out too much fatigue to your
self. & when I return I can always
help you.

I do not wish you to say any thing
to any body on this matter. If
is our duty to remain silent
till an attack is made to
remove or destroy the School; then
and not till then I shall be
ready to show hands as to
power & strength. I am more
than pleased at the idea of your
remaining at home during my
absence; and be a guardian
to all; and be the protector
of all & let nothing interrupt
the harmony of the place: nip
every thing in the bud. praise &
encourage the good & lecture
the pious & you have nothing
to fear.

I presented the Postage of Post
 Emmons against the School
 upwards of 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ for which
 I gave my note the payment
 was suspended till the P.M.
 Genl. could be called upon
 who has released the Postage
 has ~~re-directed~~ the P.M. at
 the Great Crossing to transfer
 the amount to Blue Springs
 office & credit him self. I find
 it very difficult to get any such
 amount as Postage paid or any
 thing out of the regulations I
 have not yet presented your
 Postage account. The time has not

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been propitious. In due time
at the best time I will urge it.
I wrote you that I had received
the 75th Division for the Pottawatt
mies. I have presented no other
account yet. I have never had
a full conversation with the
Post Master Genl. as to the letters
marked paid ^{at your office} the amount
of Postage. That matter shall
be understood & I expect while
liberality will prevail the privi-
-ledge of writing will be
permitted. I can not yet speak
with certainty what will be
the instructions given. In the
mean time do as you have done -

I shall not neglect the subject
of ^{the} Lancastrian plan. I have the
opportunity of seeing & know-
ing all about it & I shall not
neglect it. So far it has been
unpopular from the uncon-
mon prep of business to
which my time has been devoted.
I have made a long speech to-
day on imprisonment for debt.
It is a favorite subject &
when we attempt to make
an argument here on a great
subject a feeble effort will
not do - so other subjects in front
of Congress have engrossed my
mind & time.

Genl. Tipton will be here in
January. so he writes me
then & not till then it will
be proper to present your
claim to higher wages for
the Pot^h Boys. I will do all
I can for you in this & all
other practicable points
The 9 students however leave
so small a contingency
left that 30¢ a year may
appear. The prospect will be
dim at present more especially
when they have 11. Two unprovided
for. But when Genl. Tipton comes

I will do all in my power. Tipton
writes me that he has a pro-
spect of selling more Land
of the Miami in the case
of another arrangement if
he is here I shall hope for
a more liberal arrange-
ment for you. Col Mc. Kinney
expects the Chickasaws will
send some Students next
Summer after I get home.
I have written to their Chiefs
also has he. Col Mc. Kinney
says the Chiefs promised to
send some Students next
Summer. I in a late treaty
the Greeks have reserved 5000 \$ more.

for our school.

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I have embarked my all in this business
& altho I make less by three fourths than
any person would suppose who has
no trial of the matter, yet having
undertaken the affair & being in
it I want you to stand firm
to our interest & the interest of
the School & push every thing
like a Washington, in the greatest
hour of trial & danger. Give
us time for quarrelling, or
fighting, or any grumbling: fill
every mind with the desire to
get his life on: I shall without
delay send you reward books
& as I did last year & that in
a few days. This week will
do it.

There is no society in that union
where I can get any thing but
Bibles & Testaments. & it is, this win-
ter, difficult to get them. But I
can get every thing we want
cheaper here by far than
in Kenilworth & I shall do it.
I want you to send me a list
of every thing you want
Books. Maps &c. they shall be
bought & sent out. - may be as
sharing & as economical with
every thing as possible, as in
this way you may save me
much without injury to the
school. I have written to Pha-
lor Gibson surveying. Pike's Arithmetic
- the Murrays Grammar & Shelling
Books.

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I sent Eugene a set of instruments
for plotting & making maps. If you
want them she will give
them to you. Col. Thomas H
Benton of the Senate wishes his
name sake to write him a letter
if he can write at all. — If he
can you could dictate a
good letter & let him copy it
& give him an account of
every thing & send it under
cover to me. The School has
many friends here & some poes
not upon good ground but
because they want to make
money & they think it is to my
advantage to be where it is

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I let John Davis have nothing
except what he got when I
was at home & he wanted for
them. now I know that
he wanted any more you
can have all which remains
of iron or wood - I have enclosed
to Eugene 100 \$ in a check
Please send to Georgetown & have
it changed into money as any
of the merchants will do it. or
send to the Bank at Seneca for
the money. She will by my
order give you 50 \$ the
other 50 \$ is for Christopher
Reed - My best respects to your
wife & believe me your friend
R. W. Johnson

Dear Sir,

City of Washington
27th Jan 1847

By this mail, I shall
send you six Pikes Arithmetic and
five or six bundles of Choice Religious
tracts for the use of the School. The
tracts are selected so many of a kind
as to make classes of 10 or 12 to read
at the same time. I have received your
letter in relation to the conduct of some
of the Students particularly that of David
Wall & Peter King & I shall not express my
astonishment that such conduct should
be passed without severe chastisement
whether I leave black or white to
keep my house in my absence it is as
sacred by the Laws & the Constitution as if
I was in it myself. I am deeply mortified to
think that such a scandalous and
forceable entry of my house in my

absence should be ~~passed~~ over with
words & a reprimand. But as I believe
that you & the magistrates ^{did every thing for the best} for the present
I shall not say any thing more on the
subject; I believe I am a reasonable
man & wish not to be difficult in any
manner whatever. but there is a point
beyond which no man ought to go
without punishment & that is the case
with David Wall & Peter King. Not
wishing to hurt your feelings or the
feelings of the magistrates I drop the
subject under a persuasion that any
thing of the same kind of conduct
will call for ~~immediate~~ instant punish-
ment from the authority which can
inflict it or order it to be inflicted

I am with respect your
friend

Chas. W. Johnson

with difficulty I have got the P. M. Genl
to pay your draft of 54th where he was in order

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Philip Johnson

Rev. Thomas Anderson
Great Britain
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Dear Sir,

private

City of Washington
24th Dec 1877

This morning, instead of rejoicing
with them who are around me, I have
had the great mortification of hearing of
the quarrel & fight between Patience & Paul
Folsom - and Pierre has himself written to
me as to the fuss with him & Dicey and other
letters have disclosed to me the infamous
conduct of David Wall & Peter King.
I have forgiven Pierre. In both cases
Dicey & Patience ought to have been
severely chastised by your order, for
having any thing to say or to do with
any of the Boys no matter how rude
on their part. but I cannot learn that
any steps have been taken to put down
& crush these outrages. The conduct of
David Wall & Peter King has more than
astonished me. It would disgrace the most

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abandoned Characters. It shows such an
absence of fear on their part, such
a disregard of your advice or author-
ity as well as so dishonorable to them-
selves, that I presume you have made
an example of them by severe character
ment, which would meet ^{the approbation} of
every other student at the school capable
of judging of manly conduct. It is very
mortifying to me, that whenever I am
absent such outrages disgrace the
place, & thrust in a kind providence that
you will feel it a duty to me, to the
govt, to the nation & especially to go on
to put an effectual stop to such
things. It will be impossible much
longer to keep such scandalous
conduct from the Government
which would have a very bad effect

and induce a belief that the Boys
feared, neither, god nor Devil, nor man.

There is but one way to keep
order, at least so far as to prevent
such conduct as David & Peter that
is to get all the young men to sanction
severe chastisement. To lay it on with
power & vigor. I speak to you as
a brother; in the same candor & with
great friendship. Every disorder in
my absence, over common things
will fall upon your responsibility;
and I hope & trust that you have
will pursue a course to ~~the~~ sustain
the honor of the students & the high charac-
ter of the school. If you have taken
your course as to past offences I will
not go to move upon my letter. It
would have an injurious effect with
great respect yours - Ph. W. Johnson

A. M. Johnson

Dec. 28, 1827

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Rev. Thomas Henderson
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Dear Sir,

City of Washington
29th Jan 1864

35X your report ought to be put into the Post office
at West Croftings by the 20th of January.

you will not fail to
send on your quarterly report as to
the number of the Boys. Their health, their
progress & situation in the usual man-
ner so that I may get it by the

1st of February - ~~enclose~~ it under

a blank cover to me leave

the date blank that I may fill

it up with the 1st day of February

when it comes - Without your report

the quarters pay can not be drawn

The trustees at least 3 of them ought

to make a report ^{also} John T. Johnson

ought to be there to draw the report

your friend

Thos. H. Johnson

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R. M. Johnson
29. Nov 1897