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CHOCTAW ACADEMY.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

The information called for on the 14th of February last, in relation to the Choctaw Academy for the education of Indian youths, established at the Great Crossings, in Kentucky.

MAY 20, 1842.

Read, and laid upon the table.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *May 17, 1842.*

SIR : In answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 14th February last, requesting the Secretary of War "to communicate to this House the authority upon which the Choctaw academy for the education of Indian youths was established, has been and is now continued, at the 'Great Crossings,' in the State of Kentucky; how long the school has been in operation, the number of Indian youths educated there, and the tribes to which they respectively belonged; what number has been there in each and every year since the commencement of the school; how many are there at this time; and the amount of money which has been annually expended and charged to the United States, in the support, maintenance, and education of the said Indians, from the establishment of the said school to the present time, properly arranged under the different heads of expenditure; to what persons and out of what fund the same has been paid?"—I respectfully transmit, herewith, reports from the Second Auditor and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, which, it is believed, contain all the information required by the resolution.

It will be seen that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs refers to Doc. No. 109, second session of the 26th Congress, as containing the information called for by the first part of the resolution; being already in a printed form, I have not deemed it necessary to make it a part of this report.

Very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

J. C. SPENCER.

HON. JOHN WHITE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Auditor's Office, May 13, 1842.

SIR : I transmit the accompanying statement (expenses Choctaw academy) to the Secretary of War, through your office, that you may add such further remarks or information as may be in your possession.

The statement has been prepared after a minute and careful examination of the accounts and vouchers on file in this office. The resolution of the House of Representatives, calling for the information, is herewith returned.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. B. LEWIS.

THOS. H. CRAWFORD, Esq.,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

[Faint, mirrored bleed-through text from the reverse side of the page, including phrases like 'The Secretary of War', 'the Choctaw Academy', and 'the House of Representatives'.]

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OF CHOCTAW ACADEMY—Continued.

2	APPROPRIATION.				Amount.	When paid.	To whom paid.	REMARKS.
	Choctaw funds from proceeds of lands.	To carry into effect certain treaties, per act of March 2, 1829.	Education Indian youths.	Fulfilling treaties with Choctaws.				
\$294 00	-	-	-	\$294 00	Jan. 27, 1827	John Garland	- For taking 10 Choctaw boys, and ching horses back from Kentucky, at \$1 50 per day, for 44 days, and expenses of same.	
118 75	-	-	-	118 75	Dec. 8, 1826	Dock & Ward	- Their bill of clothing for boys going to Choctaw academy.	
41 25	-	-	-	41 25	Dec. 15, 1826	William Neal	- For making coats, pantaloons, and vests, for same.	
150 00	-	-	-	150 00	Nov. 25, 1825	James L. McDonald	- Being for his expenses to and from the academy.	
1076 17	-	-	-	1,070 17	Dec 1, 1826	John Bond	- Being the amount of his account for conducting 26 Choctaw boys to Kentucky, and paying their expenses and outfit, and returning their horses to the Choctaw agency.	
100 00	-	-	-	100 00	Dec. 13, 1827	J. D. Duncan	- For merchandise.	
20 00	-	-	-	20 00	June 3, 1828	David Folsom	- To defray William Wade's son's expenses to academy.	
50 00	-	-	-	50 00	July 2, 1828	Charles Jurde	- Allowance travelling expenses to visit the academy.	
18 00	-	-	-	18 00	Nov. 12, 1829	Peter Folsom	- Being for his expenses going to Choctaw academy.	
500 00	-	-	-	500 00	Oct. 9, 1830	Robert M. Jones	- For outfit and expenses of 22 boys going to academy.	
162 75	-	-	-	162 75	Sept. 13, 1831	Clark, Wier, & Co.	- For money furnished 10 Choctaw boys going to academy, and one pair of shoes for one of said boys.	
64 00	-	-	-	64 00	Sept. 4, 1831	Samuel Long	- For his and 3 other boys going to Choctaw academy.	
\$500 00	-	-	-	500 00	-	-	- Being amount of bill drawn by John Tipton, Indian agent, in favor of Thomas Henderson, dated December 25, 1828, for the education, &c., of 2 Pottawatomie students who were at the Choctaw academy, and who had not been provided for.	

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STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OF CHOCTAW ACADEMY—Continued.

APPROPRIATION.				Amount.	When paid.	To whom paid.	REMARKS.
Choctaw funds from proceeds of lands.	To carry into effect certain treaties, per act of March 2, 1829.	Education Indian youths.	Fulfilling treaties with Choctaws.				
		\$48 00	-	\$48 00	June 13, 1837	Thomas N. Lindsay -	Stage fare of 12 Choctaw youths from Louisville to Frankfort.
		18 00	-	18 00	Do -	J. T. Daniel -	2 days' board at Louisville for same.
		14 00	-	14 00	June 15, 1837	Weisinger & Lacy -	Stage fare.
		16 00	-	16 00	May 13, 1837	R. D. Potts -	For horse keeping, and board of 7 boys 2 days.
		8 50	-	8 50	May 14, 1837	Edmund McKenney -	Supper and breakfast for 9 persons, 2 bushels corn.
		3 00	-	3 00	June 15, 1837	J. T. Daniel -	2 days' board for 2 Cherokee boys.
		8 00	-	8 00	June 13, 1837	Thomas N. Lindsay -	Stage fare for 2 Cherokee boys from Louisville to Frankfort.
		47 00	-	47 00	June 30, 1836	Josiah S. Doak -	For keeping horses and boarding Indian boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
		8 25	-	8 25	July 1, 1836	Edmund McKenney -	For keeping horses and boarding Indian boys on their way to Choctaw academy, and 2½ bushels corn.
		8 50	-	8 50	July 2, 1836	Vaughn Brashears -	For keeping horses and boarding Indian boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
		4 50	-	4 50	July 12, 1836	Alden Sprague -	For washing for same.
		1 50	-	1 50	July 18, 1836	M. V. Tomlinson -	For medicine for same.
		405 00	-	405 00	July 23, 1836	J. Smith -	For steamboat passage from Choctaw agency to Louisville, Ky., for 15 Choctaw boys and conductor.
		64 00	-	64 00	Do -	J. L. Snead -	Stage fare to Frankfort for same.
		47 50	-	47 50	July 25, 1836	J. T. Daniel -	For board at Louisville for same.
		3 00	-	3 00	Do -	Powell & Alston -	Medicine for same.
		15 00	-	15 00	July 5, 1836	Isaac Chuckmubbee -	Services travelling from Red river to Arkansas, to conduct back 8 horses for Choctaw youths.

	12 00	-	12 00	July 26, 1836	Weisinger & Lindsay	For boarding Indian youths on their way to Choctaw academy.
	16 00	-	16 00	July 28, 1836	Weisinger & Lindsay	For transportation of 16 Indian youths to Choctaw academy.
	\$46 50		46 50	Mar. 13, 1838	William Armstrong -	For boarding Choctaw boys going to academy, Kentucky, detained by ice and water.
		80 00	80 00	Mar. 23, 1838	J. Hawkins -	Passage of 2 Choctaw youths from Fort Coffee to Louisville.
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STATEMENT OF EXPENSES ON ACCOUNT OF THE INDIAN SERVICE

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OF CHOCTAW ACADEMY—Continued.

APPROPRIATION.				Amount.	When paid.	To whom paid.	REMARKS.
Fulfilling treaties with Choctaws.	Treaties with Creeks.	Treaties with Quapaws.	Treaties with Chickasaws.				
\$20 00	-	-	-	\$20 00	Mar. 23, 1838	B. Williams - -	Passage and fare of 2 Choctaw boys from Louisville to Choctaw academy.
35 00	-	-	-	35 00	Nov. 11, 1838	J. S. Doak - -	For boarding 5 Choctaw boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
31 00	-	-	-	31 00	Nov. 15, 1838	Abr. Beans - -	Conducting Choctaw boys from Red river to Arkansas, for Choctaw academy.
12 00	-	-	-	12 00	Dec. 22, 1838	H. Stinnett - -	For boarding 21 Indian boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
23 00	-	-	-	23 00	Dec. 30, 1838	C. G. Harris - -	Do do do do.
21 50	-	-	-	21 50	Dec. 31, 1838	G. W. Blakemore - -	Do do do do.
134 00	-	-	-	134 00	Jan. 2, 1839	L. W. Echolls - -	For passage of 21 boys from Rock Roe to Montgomery point.
22 50	-	-	-	22 50	Jan. 3, 1839	Mitchell Smith - -	For boarding boys.
280 00	-	-	-	280 00	Jan. 7, 1839	J. Cholwell - -	For passage of 21 Indian boys from White river to Randolph.
180 00	-	-	-	180 00	Jan. 9, 1839	J. Bell - -	For same, from Randolph to mouth of Tennessee river.
190 00	-	-	-	190 00	Jan. 17, 1839	B. Satterlee - -	For same, from Tennessee river to Louisville, Kentucky.
	\$50 00	-	-	50 00	Do -	Do - -	Do do do do.
	53 37	-	-	53 37	Dec. 11, 1838	James Logan - -	Shoes, blankets, &c., furnished 6 Creek boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
	37 25	-	-	37 25	Jan. 1, 1839	C. W. Zimmerman -	For boarding 21 Indian boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
	18 87	-	-	18 87	Jan. 17, 1839	Linderkin & Schmerding	For clothing for Indian boys.
	72 00	-	-	72 00	Do -	C. Landram - -	Stage fare of 21 Indian boys from Louisville to Frankfort.
	15 75	-	-	15 75	Jan. 18, 1839	Weisinger & Lindsay -	Boarding 21 Indian boys.
	15 00	-	-	15 00	Do -	Thos. N. Lindsay -	Stage fare for same, from Frankfort to Choctaw academy.

	30 00	-	-	30 00	Jan. 25, 1839	Rd. Wilson - -	Passage of conductor from Louisville to White river.
	15 00	-	-	15 00	Jan. 29, 1839	J. W. Echolls - -	Do from White river to Little Rock.
	389 50	-	-	389 50	Feb. 26, 1839	Jno. H. Heald & Co.	For clothing furnished 21 Indian boys.
		\$15 67	-	15 67	Do -	Do -	Do do.
		100 45	-	100 45	Do -	Jno. G. Ring - -	Transporting Indian boys from Choctaw agency to Rock Roe, on their way to Choctaw academy.
			\$92 05	92 05	Do -	Do -	Do do do do.
			243 00	243 00	Do -	Wm. Armstrong - -	For boarding Indian boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
			150 00	150 00	Do -	Thos. Irwin - -	Services conducting same, do.
			211 68	211 68	Do -	Do -	Boarding, steamboat passage, and ferrriage of same, do.
			5 00	5 00	Sept. 21, 1840	G. L. Love - -	Expenses in conducting 4 Chickasaw boys from Red river to Arkansas, on their way to school.
			10 00	10 00	Do -	E-min qui-chee - -	Services in conducting Chickasaw ponies from Arkansas to Red river.
			18 00	18 00	Oct. 6, 1840	Oliver Ingles - -	Boarding Indian boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
			468 00	468 00	Oct. 11, 1840	Jonas Bigelow - -	For transportation of 38 Indian boys from Fort Smith to Little Rock.
			312 00	312 00	Oct. 13, 1840	A. V. Brook - -	Passage for same from Little Rock to mouth of Arkansas.
			20 00	20 00	Oct. 14, 1840	E. S. Lewis - -	For board of same.
			142 79	142 79	Oct. 21, 1840	O. L. Smith - -	For passage of same from mouth of Arkansas to Louisville.
	657 21	-	-	657 21	Do -	Do -	Do do do do.
	40 50	-	-	40 50	Oct. 17, 1840	Thift & Wilson - -	Caps and hats for same.
	1,646 71	696 74	116 12	1,672 52			
				4,132 09			

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STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OF CHOCTAW ACADEMY—Continued.

APPROPRIATION.				Amount.	When paid.	To whom paid.	REMARKS.
Fulfilling treaties with Choctaws.	Fulfilling treaties with Creeks.	Fulfilling treaties with Pottawatomies.	Fulfilling treaties with Sacs, Foxes, and Iowas.				
\$14 00	-	-	-	\$14 00	Oct. 17, 1840	B. Hodge & Co. -	Caps and hats for Indian boys on their way to Choctaw academy.
10 00	-	-	-	10 00	Do -	Sanders & Mills -	2 round jackets for same.
37 25	-	-	-	37 25	Oct. 7, 1840	G. & C. Burney -	Hats, jackets, and pantaloons, for same.
156 00	-	-	-	156 00	Oct. 22, 1840	C. Landram -	Transportation from Louisville to Frankfort for same.
19 25	-	-	-	19 25	Do -	Throckmorton & Evereld.	For board at Louisville for same.
25 00	-	-	-	25 00	Oct. 24, 1840	E. P. Johnson & Co. -	Transportation from Frankfort to Choctaw academy for same.
30 00	-	-	-	30 00	Do -	H. S. Ellis -	For board at Frankfort for same.
7 00	-	-	-	7 00	Oct. 23, 1840	M. Reading -	For dinner at Shelbyville for same.
6 50	-	-	-	6 50	Do -	Jno. Brengman -	For breakfast for same.
65 00	-	-	-	65 00	Sept. 21, 1840	Wm. Bohannan -	For conducting Choctaw ponies from Arkansas to Red river.
155 00	-	-	-	155 00	July 21, 1841	Geo. W. Clark -	Expenses in collecting Indian youths for Choctaw academy, from September 1 to October 5, 1840.
11 00	-	-	-	11 00	Oct. 1, 1840	Cochran & Grahsm -	Shoes, shirts, and blankets, for same.
161 00	-	-	-	161 00	Sept. 17, 1840	Doak & Tims -	Blankets and brogans for same.
638 50	-	-	-	638 50	Oct. 6, 1840	Berthelett, Heald, & Co.	Shirts, shoes, blankets, jackets, pantaloons, and vests, for same.
20 00	-	-	-	20 00	Sept. 26, 1840	Martin Beans -	Conducting Choctaw boys from Red river to Arkansas, for the Choctaw academy.
427 50	-	-	-	427 50	Oct. 6, 1840	Geo. W. Clark -	For board from September 21 to October 6, 1840, for 38 Indian boys on their way to the Choctaw academy.

229 82	-	-	-	229 82	Dec. 20, 1840	Do	-	Services collecting Indian boys for Choctaw academy—expenses returning home.
	\$142 43	-	-	142 43	Do	Do	-	do do do.
	23 50	-	-	23 50	Jan. 20, 1841	Do	-	Expenses incurred in conducting the same.
	68 25	-	-	68 25	October, 1840	Hart, Labatt, & Co.	-	Shirts, blankets, socks, &c., for same.
	200 00	-	-	200 00	Dec. 14, 1840	P. P. Pitchlynn	-	For conducting boys from Choctaw agency to academy.
			\$12 00	12 00	May 19, 1841	J. T. Douglass	-	For transportation from Fort Leavenworth to St. Louis & Iowa boys, on their way to Choctaw academy.
			24 00	24 00	Do	J. S. Duly	-	For passage from St. Louis to Louisville for same and interpreter.
		\$898 00	-	898 00	June 3, 1841	Anthony S. Davis	-	For expenses incurred on account 12 Pottawatomie boys from the Osage river sub-agency to Choctaw academy.
			48 50	48 50	June 5, 1841	Jeffrey Dervin	-	Expenses incurred by him, as conductor, in charge of 2 Iowa boys from the Nemaha sub-agency to the Choctaw academy, and his expenses in returning.
			80 00	80 00	June 7, 1841	P. Chouteau & Co.	-	For two suits of clothing for the same.
2,012 82	434 18	898 00	164 50	3,509 50				

Statement showing the number of Indian youths educated at the Choctaw academy, Great Crossings, Kentucky, in each year, from the commencement of the school to the end of the year 1841, and the tribes to which they belonged, as shown by the quarterly accounts of the superintendents received at the Second Auditor's Office.

Year.	Quarter.	Number of youths in each quarter.	Tribes to which they belonged.
1826	3d	25	Choctaws.
	4th	94	Choctaws and Creeks.
1827	1st	114	Creeks, Choctaws, and Pottawatomies.
	2d	88	Same.
	3d	90	Same.
	4th	92	Same.
1828	1st	90	Same.
	2d	97	Same.
	3d	95	Same.
	4th	102	Same.
1829	1st	85	Same.
	2d	85	Same.
	3d	94	Same.
	4th	99	Same.
1830	1st	81	Same.
	2d	96	Same and Osages.
	3d	70	Same.
	4th	90	Pottawatomies, Miamies, Creeks, Quapaws, Seminoles, Choctaws.
1831	1st	121	Choctaws, Osages, Pottawatomies, Creeks, and Seminoles.
	2d	94	Same.
	3d	113	Choctaws, Pottawatomies, Miamies, Seminoles, Quapaws, Creeks.
	4th	117	Same and Iowas.
1832	1st	114	Same.
	2d	116	Same.
	3d	110	Same.
	4th	110	Choctaws, Seminoles, Quapaws, Creeks, Pottawatomies.
1833	1st	116	Pottawatomies, Miamies, Choctaws, Seminoles, Sacs and Foxes.
	2d	128	Same and Quapaws and Cherokees.
	3d	122	Same.
	4th	115	Same.
1834	1st	134	Same and Creeks.
	2d	120	Same.
	3d	150	Choctaws, Miamies, Pottawatomies, Quapaws, Creeks, Sacs and Foxes, Cherokees, Seminoles.
	4th	174	Same.
1835	1st	188	Same and Chickasaws.
	2d	166	Same.
	3d	178	Same.
	4th	163	Same.
1836	1st	163	Same.
	2d	154	Same.
	3d	162	Same.
	4th	151	Same.
1837	1st	141	Same.
	2d	159	Same.
	3d	163	Same.
	4th	146	Same.
1838	1st	146	Same.
	2d	148	Same.
	3d	146	Same.

STATEMENT—Continued.

Year.	Quarter.	Number of youths in each quarter.	Tribes to which they belonged.
1838	- 4th	97	Choctaws, Sacs and Foxes, Seminoles, Chickasaws, Miamies, and Cherokees.
1839	- 1st	126	Same and Pottawatomies, Creeks, Quapaws, Chippewas, Ottowas, and Pottawatomies.
	2d	143	Choctaws, Pottawatomies, Miamies, Creeks, Chickasaws, Sacs and Foxes, Seminoles, and Quapaws.
	3d	138	Same and Chippewas, Ottowas, and Pottawatomies.
	4th	116	Same.
1840	- 1st	108	Same.
	2d	115	Same.
	3d	119	Same.
	4th	158	Same.
1841	- 1st	134	Same.
	2d	146	Same.
	3d	122	Same.
	4th	70	Same.

RECAPITULATION.

Showing the amount paid in each year on account of "contingent expenses," and expenses of tuition, boarding, clothing, &c.

Year.	Contingent expenses.	Year.	Tuition, boarding, clothing, &c.
1825 - - - -	\$180 00	1825 - - - -	\$600 00
1826 - - - -	1,230 17	1826 - - - -	11,360 00
1827 - - - -	1,599 50	1827 - - - -	20,717 90
1828 - - - -	644 50	1828 - - - -	22,464 25
1829 - - - -	2,383 82	1829 - - - -	20,724 06
1830 - - - -	4,182 75	1830 - - - -	12,647 50
1831 - - - -	3,662 95	1831 - - - -	24,026 61
1832 - - - -	3,039 70	1832 - - - -	25,274 50
1833 - - - -	2,763 75	1833 - - - -	26,896 80
1834 - - - -	4,484 86	1834 - - - -	27,578 94
1835 - - - -	4,110 99	1835 - - - -	34,089 21
1836 - - - -	4,245 00	1836 - - - -	34,522 55
1837 - - - -	4,695 25	1837 - - - -	39,631 00
1838 - - - -	4,164 87	1838 - - - -	23,519 18
1839 - - - -	7,573 22	1839 - - - -	27,715 00
1840 - - - -	8,276 22	1840 - - - -	24,527 76
1841 - - - -	6,290 14	1841 - - - -	28,566 16
1842 - - - -	2,453 00	1842 - - - -	3,912 50
	65,980 69		408,773 92

Total amount of expenses for tuition, boarding, &c.	-	-	-	-	\$408,773 92
Total amount of contingent expenses	-	-	-	-	65,980 69
Aggregate amount	-	-	-	-	474,754 61

W. B. LEWIS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, May 13, 1842.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Office Indian Affairs, May 16, 1842.

SIR: In obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States of 14th February last, "that the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to this House the authority upon which the Choctaw academy, for the education of Indian youths, was established, has been and is now continued, at the 'Great Crossings,' in the State of Kentucky; how long the school has been in operation, the number of Indian youths educated there, and the tribes to which they respectively belong; what number has been there in each and every year since the commencement of the school, how many are there at this time, and the amount of money which has been annually expended, and charged to the United States, in the support, maintenance, and education of the said Indians, from the establishment of the said school to the present time, properly arranged under the different heads of expenditure; to what persons and out of what fund the same has been paid"—I have the honor to report:

That document No. 109, House of Representatives United States, 26th Congress 2d session, communicates "the authority upon which the Choctaw academy, for the education of Indian youths, was established, has been and is now continued, at the 'Great Crossings,' in the State of Kentucky, and how long the school has been in operation." The accompanying statement, by the Second Auditor of the Treasury Department, answers the call in the remainder of the resolution.

Since the commencement of the year 1842, returns have been received at this office, showing that thirty-two Indian youths belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes have left the school, and that there are now at the institution thirty-eight youths from the Chickasaw, Pottawatomie, Miami, Creek, Sac and Fox, Chippewa, Ottawa, and Pottawatomie, and Seminole tribes.

The number of pupils at the academy is so reduced as to render it probable that it will soon cease to be a place of education for Indian youths, especially when it is considered that the Choctaws are about to establish an institution in their country southwest, to which end they have already taken the incipient steps. To exhibit the views entertained by the War Department, I think it proper to annex copies of instructions recently issued, numbered from 1 to 5, inclusive, though they do not seem to be strictly within the call of the resolution.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. HARTLEY CRAWFORD.

HON. J. C. SPENCER, *Secretary of War.*

No. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF WAR,
Office Indian Affairs, March 14, 1842.

SIR: By this day's mail you will receive the appointment of superintendent of the Choctaw academy, and will discharge such duties, in addition to those regularly belonging to it, as may from time to time be required of you.

It is proper at the present time that a portion of the scholars at the

school should return to their homes; and I have, therefore, to desire that you will cause all such as desire to leave the academy, as well as those who have completed their education, to be prepared, that they may leave for home on the 1st of April, or as soon thereafter as possible. Col. Pitchlynn, who is now in this city, will take charge of and convey to their friends such of them as may belong to the west of the Mississippi, embracing Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, &c.

Col. Pitchlynn, having resigned, will turn over to you any papers that may be useful to you in the discharge of your duties.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. HARTLEY CRAWFORD.

D. VANDERSLICE, Esq.,

Choctaw Academy, Kentucky.

No. 2.

Extract of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated March 14, 1842, to Hon. R. M. Johnson.

“Col. Pitchlynn having resigned, Mr. Vanderslice has been appointed to the superintendency of the Choctaw academy, and will receive the necessary instructions.”

“He has been requested this day to prepare for their return home by the 1st of April such boys as are desirous of leaving the academy, and such as have completed their education. Col. Pitchlynn will take charge of those destined for the west of the Mississippi, embracing Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, &c.”

No. 3.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Office Indian Affairs, March 22, 1842.

SIR: By direction of the Secretary of War, Col. Johnson has been informed that you will call at the Choctaw academy, for the purpose of receiving and conveying to their homes such boys of the Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, and Cherokees, as may wish to go, as well as those who have completed their education.

The production of this letter to the superintendent, Mr. Vanderslice, will be his authority for turning over the boys to your care.

Instructions have this day been sent to Mr. Vanderslice, to prepare the necessary outfit for the boys who are to return with you, and to make such other preliminary arrangements as he may deem proper. A copy of this letter will also be sent to him.

Very, &c.

T. HARTLEY CRAWFORD.

Col. P. P. PITCHLYNN,

Washington City.

No. 4.

DEPARTMENT OF WAR,

Office Indian Affairs, March 22, 1842.

SIR: Col. P. P. Pitchlynn has been instructed to call at the Choctaw academy, for the purpose of receiving from you such boys of the Choctaws, Chickasaws, Cherokees, and Creeks, as may wish to return to their homes; as well as those who have completed their education. He will leave this in a few days.

You will procure for each boy, to be so returned, the necessary outfit of clothing and other things usual for the journey; in doing which, you will use the utmost economy, as the funds are very low.

In selecting the boys to go with Col. Pitchlynn, you will be careful to comply strictly with the direction of the Secretary of War, that those who may wish to go home, or who have finished their education, may be selected; and, in ascertaining this, you will give Col. Pitchlynn a fair opportunity to judge whether the boys wish to go or stay, and use no means to bias their election.

I enclose a copy of the letter from this office to Col. Pitchlynn, authorizing him to take charge of the boys.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. HARTLEY CRAWFORD.

D. VANDERSLICE, Esq.,
Choctaw Academy, Ky.

 No. 5.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Office Indian Affairs, March 24, 1842.

SIR: It is not the intention of the Department to break up the Choctaw academy at once or immediately, if the tribes desire or will agree to send their children to it. I am therefore instructed by the Secretary of War to request that you will desire the agents for the Creeks, Seminoles, and Quapaws, to apply to the Indians for the number of boys required, and to impress upon them, by all proper arguments, the advantages to be derived from the education of their children; with this qualification, that the chiefs and their respective councils wish them to go, or are willing they should go, to this institution. The number now required to fill the places of those who have returned, and will return soon to their homes, is, from the Creeks ten, Seminoles three, and Quapaws three.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. HARTLEY CRAWFORD.

Maj. WM. ARMSTRONG,
Choctaw Agency, West.