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Choctaw Agency

February 14, 1821

My dear Brashears

I have been compelled at last to appoint the 10th day of March for delivering the Annuitie. It is now stored at Davis near the Line, and I must depend upon your advice and experience to determine how I am now to proceed. How far over the Line would you recommend having the goods hauled, and do you think any measures can be taken to prevent the Indians from getting whiskey. The friends of Puckshumuttie are very much afraid that the ill will a great many of the Choctaws bear their Chief, would amount to something serious if they should get drunk and be displeas'd at his arrangements for the distribution of the goods. Jimmy Harrison was here yesterday and told me he should consider old Puck in danger of losing his life unless they could be kept sober until after the business was finished.

I sincerely hope your business will allow you to visit me at the date of the above and in the mean time I shall be extremely oblig'd to you for any advice on the subject. I have not heard from you for a long time, and am ignorant whether you have yet returned from Natchez - but I shall hope to hear from you soon in answer to this.

Col. Brooke has written to me twice since he arrived at the Hill of South - he is delighted with the situation - but from what he says of the neighborhood, I think it is not much preferable.

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Choctaw Agency
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Should Mr Brashears not be in the neighborhood of Fort Gibson, the Postmaster is requested to forward this letter to Natchez -

to the one he left. I have heard nothing from Washington since the news of the ratification of the Cherokee Treaty - who is to be Agent, or when he will get here, the Lord only knows.

The Colo. appointment as Register was long since confirmed by the Senate and I thought of course one appointment would soon follow the other but thus far I have been disappointed. I think

I never in my life was placed in so disagreeable a situation - if I knew how long I was to remain here, I could make up my mind to bear it patiently - but I am looking every day for news - and the state of suspense I am in as you is extremely unpleasant.

Believe me sincerely your friend

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