

Highway August 16th 1807
The following is a true statement of
occurrences that came within my notice
at the Ball play grounds in the Cherokee
Nation on the 9th inst when present
with Capt Armistead commanding ~~officer~~
officer of this post, on his arresting
a certain James Chisolm, whom he
was requested to remove out of the
Cherokee country, by Colo Return J. Ellis
Agent was —

On Capt Armistead's pursuing
the execution of this duty, several
attempts were made by the Indians
to liberate said Chisolm, the most
daring of which was committed by
James Rogers a half breed, who follow-
ed Capt Armistead on his way to this
place, as far as Walker's ferry, where
he demanded the Prisoner (Chisolm, released,
and on being refused, drew a knife
& commenced cutting him loose; when
Capt. Armistead presented a Pistol, and
told said Rogers, that he should
certainly shoot him if he did not
desist. By this time a chief, the

" Big half breed, interposed, and John
Ragers father of the aforesaid made
the following request of his son: first
"to ask the Prisoner if it was his wish
"to remain there, & on be answered in
"the affirmative to let him alone: but
"if the prisoner wished his friendship,
"to act just as he thought proper."
"The further observed, "that if he had
"a son afraid of a Pistol, he would
"discuss him - This is all that came
to my knowledge between the parties,
tho' I afterwards learned, that a further
attempt was about to be made by
a number of The Indians to release
Chisolm, which was checked by
Mr. Piley interpreter, & Mr. Starr
resident of the Cherokee -

The foregoing statement I have given
by request of Col. Steig. who will
make such use of it, as he may
deem proper.

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U.S. Factor