

Dardin Ell Rock. Arkansas River June 28th 1842

Sir, after along serious Reflections & Silence I write you this small note, I cannot write extensively for the want of paper. I therefore shall only say to you that I am extremely glad to find you are still alive and in health, I am also alive and in good health, I shall be glad to explain all the transactions that ever occurred had I paper to do it on, as I have not I will only say this that I have been very unfortunate since I saw you by losing nearly all my property by accident. Two of Negroes run away from me on my Journey & returned back to the Cherokee nation, the one fellow Andy by name I am told he is in the possession of big Nance Double heads sister and that she says that you & Mr. Clark gave him to her for a little negro Double head owed her, I hope it is not true for Mr. Clark well knows I bought the S. D. Andy from him & paid him for S. D. Negro I should be glad to hear from you on the subject. & to know if I could get him by sending for. — I have been constant with Tollantisky and his party ever since he left the Old nation and doing their business & instructing them the best manner I know how they are well satisfied in this part of the word & also in S. D. Had I more paper I would give you a more full detail of the country, as I have not you must take Tollantisky's letter for information, I will give you a full detail by the next opportunity, in the mean time I shall always stand ready to serve you

and the Government, which has bin my constant practice
ever since I left you, although I have kept silence.

I conclude Sir by saying that I am your real
friend & Admirer

John. B. Chisholm

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Decr 28. 1817

Respectfully
Yours

John B. Chisholm