

Washington April 28th 1846

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst I received last evening and truly gratified indeed was I to hear that the Chiefs who were with me had arrived home safely. A report had reached here that John had fallen overboard on the the river and drowned. Your letter assures me that such is not the case.

I am particularly gratified also to learn that the Council approved the doings of the Delegation here this winter. It is a matter of great solicitude to me, and has been to the Delegation and we have felt a heavy responsibility resting upon us, and we have done the best in our power.

In regard to the present position of our business no more has been made since the Chief left the city. I have been endeavoring to get our bill put on the general appropriation for Indian Department but our faithful and firm friend Gen. Atchison is so opposed to that plan that I have abandoned it. He says that our bill must go through upon its merits, that the House are very much opposed to passing their bills amended by the Senate, that it is regarded as forcing

things before the public the opinion however
of some of our friends it had better be put
on to the house but as Gen. Atkinson has
led off in our business it is perhaps better
not to do any thing contrary to his feelings.
I have found a very warm friend and an ad-
vocate for our bill, in Mr. Tillott of Kent, and
our other in Mr. Phelps of Missouri.

Mr. Tillott speaks very confidently of the pas-
sage of our bill in the house.

I shall endeavor to find means indeed
Mr. H. Ray in our favor. Our bill however
is not expected to go to his committee but
to that on Indian Affairs. I had an inter-
view with the Chairman of this committee
Mr. Thompson, and I think that we can
rely upon his support.

Mr. St John is certainly over doing the thing.
He is becoming so violent that his efforts
operate rather in our favor. He has been writing
to Jo. Chaffee and others to collect all the old
rejected debts against the Wyandott and send
them on to him with a petition to have them
paid. Jo. Chaffee has some 3 or 4 thousand dollars
himself against the Wyandott in the hands
of St. John, his idea is that if we succeed he
will make as big a hole in it as he can.

On the subject of our school fund I regret
to state that there is little prospect of getting
any thing until the general session passes
when it became due, it was overlooked by the
Department and no appropriation was made
and none asked for until this session. Soon
after our arrival here we called the attention
of the Department to this subject and are
determined to procure an advancement get
out of some other fund which would be re-
placed when the appropriation was made.

Some encouragement was held out that this
would be done but I suppose it was only a po-
lite of giving a refusal. I call the attention
of the Department to this subject again a
few days ago, and I was answered that the
appropriation bill would soon be passed and
that the money would be forwarded imme-
diately. I am writing however to make one other
attempt, and give them a little of the language
in your letter.

Present my respects to the Committee to
all inquiring friends.

Yours Dc
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Rec'd Sat May 15th 1846.

Pursuant to notice given a Meeting was held at the School House to take into consideration the condition of the Wyandott nation arising from the Church division.

After some discussion the question was put Shall we have two or one mission? Objections being raised to the issue, the question was then changed Shall we have any mission?

Those voting in favor of a mission	17
— Noting against —	$\frac{21}{38}$

Majority 4 votes

Resolved that these proceedings be reported to the Council

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