Agent Cooper
Oct 20th 1858

Has granted Leave
to J T Davis to trade
in Chickasaw Nation

Agency for Choctaws & Chickasaws
Fort Washita Octr 20 1858.

Sir: I have to enclose license granted James T. Daviess of Tishomingo City Chickasaw Nation to trade for one year from 17th Septr 1858 at that place, together with his bond.

Mr Daviess is Editor & publisher of the Choctaw & Chickasaw Herald and as that business alone will not pay, wishes to sell medicines to the people. It has not been customary to require license for the sale of medicine, but I concluded upon reflection, that the law requires it, and moreover that it is best to enforce it so as to guard against the introduction & sell of intoxicating compounds under the guise of medicine.

You will oblige me by forwarding the license & bond to the Indian Office.

Respectfully
Douglas H. Cooper
U.S. Indian Agent

Maj. E Rector
Supt Indian Affairs
Ft Smith
Ark

Doaksville, October 22nd 1858

Hon Elias Rector

Dear Sir:

Capt Horace Pratt, a prominent and influential Chickasaw, residing within the bounds of Choctaw Nation, near Doaksville, has requested me to obtain information of you on the points below mentioned. Many other Chickasaws are interested in the subject and he acts, though not officially, as speaker for these.

What is the amount of monies now invested in funds for the Chickasaws: what the interest annually paid by the Agent.

Are school funds paid directly to the Missionaries or Boards controlling the schools, or do they pass through the hands of the Council: are they paid once a year with the other monies, or upon presentation of orders & drafts from the missionaries or Boards upon the treasury at Washington.

What is the amount of the Orphan's fund, and how is it paid, & how expended by the Nation.

If you can give information on these points, you will much oblige many of the Chickasaw people.

I hand this note to Capt Pratt, who will read it and sign his name below, in testimony of its being in accordance with his request.

Yours Sincerely

James Rothrock

Missionary of O.S. Presbyt. Board of Missions

at Spencer Academy

Horace Pratt