

Office of the Agent for the Affairs of the Chickasaw Indians

Washington, D.C., May 21<sup>st</sup> 1853

Sir

I have received, this morning, a letter from the Court of Chancery of the 7<sup>th</sup> May regarding the loss of Preston Love and John R. Gays Chickasaw Indians, in consequence of nine negroes belonging to them having been forcibly taken from their possession and run off to Texas & by a party of kidnappers from that State, in the year 1847; and in compliance with Mr. Love's request, I am desired to direct you as Agent of the Chickasaws to examine into and report the facts of the case as early as practicable, also the best testimony which can be procured as to the value of the property, and equal to have been stolen together with your opinion thereon.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servant

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