

Agent Carper
Sep 14. 1853

Enclosing Claims of S. W. K. Nicks
for patents in Chocomastron

Recd Sep 19. 1853

Forwarded to the Acting Com. day

Choctaw Agency West
September 14. 1855.

Hon Thos S. Drew
Supt. Indian Affairs
Van Buren Ark.

Sir: I have the honor,
herewith, to enclose application of J. M. Henry Hicks
for indemnity, on account of ~~the~~ depredations alleged
to have ^{been} committed by Choctaw Indians - together with
depositions to support said claim, which please transmit
to the Indian office. The evidence, you will perceive, is of a
circumstantial nature, only, and, such as would not
convict the accused before a jury.

I have therefore not taken any steps to
have the parties, accused of the burglary, arrested, believing
it would only subject the Government to costs.

If, however, it is your opinion, or the opinion of
the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, that steps should
be taken to bring the accused to trial, I will im-
= mediately have them arrested.

Respectfully
Douglas Hooper
Agent for Choctaws.