Chactaw Nation 15th Nov. 1812

Dear Sir

Not having it ~~ting~~ in my power to do any thing to advantage where I am, I have resolved, in February or March next to travel over the great River toward Natchitoches, in order to try my fortune there, for which undertaking I am prepared only on the solitary foundation of my Individuality, to remedy this defect, I solict your patronage and assistance in procuring or negociating for me a small credit in Natchez — I am convinced with two or three hundred dollars, in appropriate articles, I could begin well on Red River, — my opinion of success, is founded on the information of some very intelligent, decent persons, lately returning from a tour through that Country —

If

If you choose, you can do me this favor, as I know your ~~Great~~ credit is extensive, and greatly more than equal if you have the inclination to serve me — I apprehend your old friend the General, would readily close with such an application — Professions are needless, you know whether I have capability or honesty adequate to the prosecution of the scheme, or not — Let me hear from you by the Chickasaw mail — your attention to this will be greatly respected and confer a particular favor on —

Dear Sir,

Your Ob.^n Ser.^r

R. Lee

P.S. My respects to your colleague Major M. Grave

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