

Chickasaw Nation June 20th 1895
Chickasaw Bluffs

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Fredrick Bates Esquire
Post Master

D. E. Mark

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Fort Pickering Chickasaw Bluffs
June 5th 1805-

Dear Frederick

I received your favour of the 13. January last
a few days since, I am much obliged to you for
your politeness, in giving me the news of your
peace, I congratulate you on your appointments
as receiver, & Judge in your, now new Territory, &
wish you every thing that may tend to make you
happy, I should be glad to see how you are all
doing, but this cannot be, I am now out of all
bounds, of all settlement, or of a neighbour to call
and see me, I am here alone in a dreary
wilderness, Savage country, the situation of the
garrison is pleasant, that is all that can be said
I have been here since first of March last, without
an officer, & know not or whether there will be any
but myself, You cannot expect news from me in
this country you will write me frequently, My respects
to Hoffman & all friends, C. Tuttle. I have written
Clinson all the nonsense & could pick up, & am much
fatigued with exercise, & warm weather makes me lazy

I am Dear you & Love.

J. S. Swearingen

F. Bates