

Dear Sir—I send you herewith a copy of a letter which I addressed to the Secretary of War, on submitting to the President of the United States, through the War Department, the Memorial of the General Assembly of our Territory, in relation to Lovely's Purchase.

The President declined to act on the subject, until the western boundary line of the Cherokees shall have been established, when he will doubtless grant the privilege asked for. It is the intention of the government to have that line established in the course of the present fall.

Arrangements have been made for the removal of all Indians, except the Cherokees, out of our Territory; and I have strong hopes that they will be induced in a short time to exchange the lands which they occupy at present, for a tract of country immediately west of Arkansas. This will be done as soon as practicable, in fartherance of the policy which the government has adopted, of placing all the Indians west of the present states and territories.

The Secretary of the Treasury has given me an assurance, that orders will be issued to the Surveyor General, to cause our western boundary line to be run this year, according to the provisions of the law establishing that line.

Official information has been received at the Department of War, that the delegation from the Choctaw nation, which was expected to visit the Seat of Government about this time, for the purpose of selling their Arkansas lands to the United States, have declined doing so until fall, in consequence of the great sickness which has prevailed for some weeks past in their nation.

This circumstance need not alarm our fellow-citizens who reside within the tract of country claimed by the Choctaws, as the law establishing our western boundary secures them from interruption; and there is an appropriation of \$10,000 to secure the modification of that treaty. In addition to this, the President has renewed his pledge, that the people inhabiting that part of the country shall not be removed.

Having accomplished all that can be done for our Territory at present, I shall leave here in five or six days for Little Rock,

I am, very truly, yours, &c.

HENRY W. CONWAY.