

Mohegan March 12, 1850

Dear friend

I received your kind and much esteemed favor of the 17th ultimo, to which my pen hastens to reply on this, the same day that yours came to hand, and as words are inadequate to ~~be~~ express the half of my thankfulness, I shall only paint out the way by which you can form something of an opinion, in what manner your letter was received, but I must do it briefly, It is this, imagine yourself here, situated in all respects as I now am, where the nature of your business makes enemies of all with whom you deal, which is whole ^{of the} Tribes (as you of course know) well then it is only ^{necessary} to complete this part of the picture, to fancy you hear from the mouths of the Mohegans, Pequots, Niantics, Farmingtons, Chathamans, and Narragansets, yourself called a robber, and the next breath indistinctly employed in breathing curses and even wishes of death upon you, but this is only the bright side, now turn to the other, (which is no ^{other} than home) but oh! how unlike itself, the near and dear are not as you left them, the insatiable Grave has opened to receive ^{some}, and the plenipotentiaries of Death, are fast hurrying others to the Silent City, When you have dwelt a moment upon the foregoing, you will perceive that the letters from your friends becomes the very essentials of existence, But of this you will doubtless agree with me to say enough and too much, but while on this subject I beg you will inform E. Adams that I answered his letter as soon as I got it, which I see by reference to my Journal was not until the 23rd of February, it was mis-

(sent)

I got mine a day or two after death

I am now about to commence operations, for which
 I hope I am better prepared than when I left you, I have
 thought it best to know the Law concerning the In-
 dian Affairs, and procured the books accordingly and
 as you may suppose I have used them until I know
 at least something about my business, which will give me
 chances to succeed that I otherwise would not had, "the
 fact is" the Lawyers seldom have any business for the
 Indians and consequently they know but little about the
 matter I was amused to see the Lawyers lead off the
 Mohegans into a fine bill of fare & costs at the February
 term of the county court at New London (board there is only
 \$1.25 per day) well do you say what of it, why simply this the
 Lawyers & Mohegans were going to have the county court stop
 me from selling land here, but they did not succeed in
 that, but did in one thing, wit. proved themselves igno-
 rant of the Law and the manner to stop me from selling.
 But there is one thing that I am in fear of, and that is that
 the papers I have got will not do, I can now see their
 defects, but I could not when I was there, but this I can
 do, I can set the matter in motion with them, and if suc-
 cessful send for new papers & tell Law student them,
 and in this way save expense, but it is time to touch
 upon another point, Farmington story is a good one
 but the author must feel a little more than sheepish, it
 appears that Manchester has not forgot to lie, & for me
 the first that I heard about the thirty thousand dollars
 was by your letter, and I never wrote to A. L. H. or
 any such thing, who ever says I did lie, next appeared it came from the mouth
 of a liar, some mischievous person has framed it, and perhaps I might