John Pickering an Wilhelm von Humboldt, 27.03.1828

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|41r| **Sir**,

I did myself the pleasure to address letters to you on the 27.th of November, the 28.th of December, & the 14.th of January last, accompanied with several publications respecting the Indian Languages.

I now have an opportunity to send you a great curiosity – the first number of the <u>Cherokee Phoenix</u>, or <u>Tsal#ki Tsulehisunu#hi</u>, a newspaper <u>edited</u> by a native Cherokee^[a], & printed in their new syllabic alphabet. On the fourth page of the newspaper, you will find a Key to the alphabet, with remarks accompanying it, which are written by the Rev. d M. Worcester, their missionary.

It would be highly gratifying, if you would do them the honour to become a subscriber to their gazette; and it |41v| would be particularly flattering, if you should think fit to signify your wish to subscribe, by addressing a short note either to the Editor or to the American Missionary Society, by their Secretary; or in any other way, that you should prefer.

Since I wrote my last letter I have received a late publication from Mexico – "Catecismo y Declaracion de la Doctrina Christiana en lingua Otomí etc. por el R. P. Fr. Joaquin Lopez Yepes; Megico, 1826 – pp. 254, small quarto." We have now a regular line of Packet Ships from New York to Mexico; by means of which I hope to have further intercourse with that part of the Continent.

I have the honour to be with great consideration,

Sir,

your most obedient

& humble servant

Jn°Pickering

Boston, Massachusetts,

Mar. 27. 1828.

a) |Editor| Gemeint ist Elias Boudinot (1800–1839), der als Cherokee-Indianer den Namen Gallegina Watie trug (auch bekannt als "Buck" Watie oder Buck Oolwatie); siehe den diesem Schreiben beigelegten Brief Boudinotts vom 17. Dezember 1827. [FZ]

|42–43, beigelegter Brief von Elias Boudinot vom 17. Dezember 1827| |44 vacat|