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CHIEF TISHOMINGO
Chickasaw Warrior, And Chieftain

OBITUARY
CHOCTAW NATION, MAY 6th, 1841.

“Captain Tisho Mingo, a veteran warrior of the Choctaws (Chickasaws) departed this life on the 5th inst. Although but little known beyond the limits of his nation, yet he was a man that had seen wars and fought battles—stood high among his own people as a brave and good man. He served under General Wayne in the Revolutionary War, for which he received a pension from the Government of the United States; and in the late war with England he served under General Jackson and did many deeds of valor. He had fought in nine battles of the United States. As a friend, he had served the white man faithfully. His last words were: “When I am gone, beat the drum and fire the guns.”

“I hear the sound of the drum—the report of the ‘death guns’ is ringing in our valley—a warrior spirit is passing away. The brave TISHO MINGO, the veteran warrior of our tribe, is gone. His clansmen are gathered around his corpse. Long years have passed away since first his native hills reechoed his war-hoop—when grey haired warriors gathered around his war dance and said: ‘Go young warrior, go. It is the beloved Washington who calls for help.’ Our aged warriors and chieftains are all gone. TISHO MINGO, the last of the braves is gone. THEY ARE ALL GONE.”

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