

impracticable as the time in which relief was to be afforded, was short and pressing, and the resources at the Command of the Executive were inadequate for the emergency.

As the promptest and most feasible way to relieve the distress of our suffering people I addressed the Judges of the District and requested them to furnish me with lists of the really destitute in the respective Districts -- these lists I approved and addressed to the Merchants of the Creek Nation with the request that they advance the sum of two dollars to each person therein named with the promise on my part that I would ask your Hon. body of the present council to make an appropriation to cover the same.

The merchants responded cordially to the extent of their ability and advanced to the destitute creeks as requested relying upon the generous character of the Nation that they would be reimbursed for the aid thus afforded our suffering people. For want of adequate supplies all the destitute could not be relieved but there were 1635 persons assisted at the cost of \$3270.00 which sum your Hon. body will doubtless consider a sacred duty to appropriate in recognition of the great relief thereby afforded to your poor and suffering citizens who were preserved by this timely aid from the horrors of extreme destitution.

This appropriation will only partially relieve the cal-