

governmental system, whatever changes your Honorable Body may deem prudent to inaugurate, I would respectfully suggest that there be no violent reforms--our people are just entering the threshold of Constitutional Government and need very little legislation, and that little of a character the nearest adopted to their present views of their necessities--as the people advance in governmental science, they will discover such additional legislation as their advancing Condition requires, and avail themselves of it--thus the onward advancement of our government towards a more perfect system will be the legitimate out growth of experience, and not the fitful dreams of theorists who experiment upon the passions and feelings and imaginary wants of a simple people.

And now gentlemen of the council In conclusion I have to ask your indulgence for this long tresspass upon your time and patience. I have been called out by the strength of my feelings to introduce some matters which may not be considered as appropriate in an executive message, but the love and interest I feel for my people in all that concerns us as individuals and as a Nation have compelled me to go beyond the usual limits of an annual message and I have suggested counsel that my long experience as your executive seemed to me as proper and conducive to the good government for the Muskokee Nation.

In your deliberations I would reverentially direct you