

MESSAGE OF SAMUEL CHECOTE

Hon Houses of Kings and Warriors:-

By the voice of the people
of the Muskogee Nation.

I have been called to fill the Office of Chief Executive, during the ensuing term. According to a provision in the Constitution it becomes my duty to lay before you my views regarding the general interests of the Nation.

On entering upon my trust I commit myself to the guidance of Divine Providence, in whom all wisdom resides: and I employ Him to enlighten me, so that I may best conserve and promote every interest of all our People.

Our first object should be to promote, preserve and cherish kind feelings and general amity among ourselves. In order to attain this end we must not only be careful to obey the laws, but must use our best abilities in support of the National officers and institutions.

The education of our Children should be earnestly encouraged. In this connection I desire to call your attention to the fact that there is in existence a contract between our Nation and the home mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention, providing for the establishment