

further advancement.

At the time of your last annual session, our citizens were suffering from the effects of the preceding drouth; provisions were scarce, and much suffering among the poorer classes was anticipated. In order to alleviate the coming want. Your Honorable Body, saw fit to have a bill providing for the issuance of National Warrants to our indigent citizens. The warrants were issued to all persons applying, who were, under the act, entitled to the same. Much good was doubtless accomplished by said payment, but it was found insufficient for the needs of our people, and therefore, at your special session, April 1882, a further act was passed, providing for the issuance of head rights to all citizens of the Muskogee Nation, and for the purpose of aiding this office in the payment of the head-right, your Honorable Body passed an additional bill which provided that the Members of the House of Kings assisted by the Members of the House of Warriors should take a complete and correct census of their respective towns, and after certifying to the same, transmit them to this office; the per capita payment to be made from said census rolls &c. The payment has been made from said rolls, so far as was possible, but as some of the towns failed to make reports the census is not complete.

It was judged by their office, that your intention was, that, so far as possible, all persons entitled should participate in the payment; and therefore, when members from those town, from