

which census returns had not been received, appeared and proved their identity, they were paid in the same manner as were the citizens of towns from which returns had been received; and a record of said payments was made by the Secretary. For full information concerning amounts paid in this and in other matters, from the National funds, you are referred to the annual report of the National Treasurer.

During the past year our Nation has been visited by the most fearful epidemic that has been known to us. The small pox appeared in our midst during the Winter. Five or six persons were attacked, all of whom recovered, and it was hoped that no deaths would be occasioned by the disease. But after the weather grew warmer, it reappeared and destroyed a large number of our people; a majority of the fatal cases occurring in the neighborhood of the capitol and in Toskekee Town. The same disease had made its appearance in an aggravated form in the surrounding States. The authorities in those States and the authorities of our sister Nation had ordered general vaccination in their respective communities. That measure being supposed necessary to prevent general contagion. The disease was rapidly spreading among our People, and threatened, unless prevented, to spread over the face of our whole reservation. I therefore commissioned the several physicians residing upon our Domain, to vaccinate all citizens of the Nation who had not been inoculated during the past seven years. I also appointed a committee of three