

In accordance with your instructions protests have at different times been sent to the Department of the Interior against the passage of the Atlantic and Pacific Rail Road through our Domain. But the Secretary of the Interior decided that said road was the East and West road provided for by treaty, and gave permission for said extension. It has now been extended to a point on the Arkansas River within our territory, and this office has lately received a communication from the commissioner of Indian Affairs through the United States Agent, (herewith transmitted Marked "ex. A") which states that said road finding many difficulties in the way of continuing west of the Arkansas River by the proposed route are anxious to secure a more feasible route by deflecting toward the south; and have asked permission from the Department to make explorations in the country for that purpose. The Department has given permission subject to the concurrence of the Creek Authorities.

You will therefore take the matter into favorable consideration, providing said road shall always be considered the "East and West road contemplated in the treaty of 1866.

This office is at last able to announce that the "Seminole Question" has been settled. There is now nothing between the Muskogees and Seminoles which is likely to cause disagreement or disturb the mutual friendliness which should exist between sister Nations speaking the same language. The Government of the United States has paid over to our authorities the sum of one hundred and seventy five thousand dollars, and the