

Seminoles are the undisputed owners of the soil upon which they reside. Of the sum paid to us, fifty thousand dollars has been expended in the payment of outstanding warrants and fifty thousand was appropriated for the payment of head-rights. Seventy-five thousand dollars remain unexpended. You will use it, as you may deem best for the interests of our people.

There now exists an international compact between the Cherokees, Seminoles, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Osages and Muskogeas; but we have no compact with the other tribes in the Territory. For purposes of extradition of criminals, for mutual protection and for general advancement such a compact is actually necessary. I therefore suggest that you appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the support of our "Western brothers" during their attendance upon an international council.

The granting of permits to enjoy all rights of citizenship, to non-citizens, has been the cause of much trouble and contention. The death of our women who have married non-citizens is often followed by difficulties between the widower and the deceased wives relatives. I therefore recommend that you repeal that portion of our marriage law which pertains to non-citizens.

Our citizens have lately been greatly troubled by the live stock of non-citizens and non-citizens licensed traders. The stock of those people get intermixed with our stock. Claims for the same cattle are set up by both parties.