

An Act providing for the payment of certain contingent expenses necessary to protect the interests of the Nation, and increasing the contingent fund of the Principal Chief therefor.

WHEREAS, Past experience has shown the great necessity for available funds to pay such expenses as are regular and necessary to protect the interests of the Nation, as they arise from time to time, such as court costs, and other expenses of litigation, traveling expenses, postage, stationery, clerical assistance, etc., Therefore;

Be it Enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

Section 1. That, in order to provide for the payment of such expenses, in manner as hereinafter specified, the contingent fund of the Principal Chief, in addition to the One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), as now fixed by law, is hereby increased, and an appropriation therefor is hereby made.

Section 2. That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized and empowered to employ some competent attorney, or attorneys, to represent the Choctaw Nation, and its officers, as general counsel, in all matters requiring legal advice or services, except the contract made with Hill & Brizzolara in regard to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad claims, and to pay said general counsel not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per annum as fees and expenses, in the following manner: Such attorneys shall pay such expenses as may arise and become necessary, including court costs and other expenses of litigation, traveling expenses, postage, stationery, clerical assistance, etc., and to render monthly itemized, verified accounts therefor, ^{and upon the approval thereof by the Principal Chief} the National Auditor shall draw his warrant for such amount, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same; and such expenses as have been incurred, and services rendered, of like character, under the direction of the Principal Chief, after April 1, 1900, shall, in like manner be presented by accounts, and upon approval thereof by the Principal Chief, they shall be paid as above provided; and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

James Bourne

Chairman, Committee on Chief's
Message.

Approved Oct-29-1900
G. W. Dukes
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Read ^{and interpreted}
Passed the Senate
and referred to the
House this 29th day
of October 1900

N. P. Ward

Pres. of the Senate

Read Interpreted Passed
the House and referred
to the Principal Chief
this October 29th 1900

J. W. Hunter

Speaker of the House.

E. D. Dyer

Recording Secy.