

To The Hon. Secretary of The Interior =

We, your memorialist, the General Council of The Choctaw Nation assembled in special session, most respectfully request <sup>that</sup> the lands to be segregated in the Choctaw Nation, on account of their coal and asphalt deposits to be secured against intrusion.

By the terms of the Supplementary Agreement, as soon as these lands are resumed, all citizens must vacate them and give their allotments elsewhere. These lands will be left unoccupied and, unless, most steps are taken to control them, it is likely that they will be used by intruders and squatters and the timber cut therefrom without remuneration to the tribes.

We desire to obviate this condition, and most respectfully that the matter be taken in hand by the Department and in co-operation with the Principal Chief, some remedy adopted:

Therefore

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation in extraordinary session assembled: That we most earnestly request the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to take charge of these lands when segregated, and in co-operation with the Principal Chief, lease them, whenever possible to the best interest and advantage of the tribes, and place the proceeds therefrom, to the credit to the respective tribes, provided hereover, that where lands are occupied by citizens for farming purposes, they will <sup>not</sup> be required to remove therefrom until their growing crops are gathered.

And be resolved that this resolution be and the same is hereby in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by, Wm. W. Harrison

Approved this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1907.

Green M. Curtain,  
P. C. N.

Attest:

W. W. Cooper

Rec. Secy.

To Honorable Secretary of The Interior.

We, your memorialist, the General Council of Nation assembled in special session, most respectfully call your attention to the portion of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Supplementary Agreement providing for the segregation and sale of the coal and asphalt deposits of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation.

In view of the magnitude of this work and its great importance to the people of the Choctaw Nation, we feel justified in advising the Department that we are very anxious to have great care exercised in the segregation of this land.

Under the terms of the Treaty, lands now leased may be considered segregated, and our chief concern is in the segregation of the lands now leased. The lands now leased were found to contain valuable coal by thorough prospecting, and hope the United States government will make the same searching investigation and satisfy itself of the ~~existence~~ of valuable coal, within the meaning of the Treaty, before segregating any tract of land.

It has been intimated to the Council that non-citizens around the larger towns and certain railroads and Coal Companies operating within the Choctaw Nation will make efforts to induce the Department to segregate all lands having indications of coal, without reference to whether or not the coal abounds in quality and quantity sufficient to make it valuable. Lands adjacent to the larger towns are valuable independent of their coal deposits, and the purpose of this class of people in having these lands segregated is to buy them at public auction as coal lands and afterwards use them for other purposes.

We beg leave to respectfully remind you that lands frequently contain coal indications when practical investigation shows that the coal does not exist in commercial quantities. There is a large area of this class of land in the Choctaw Nation. Such lands are more valuable for agricultural purposes, and should not be seg-