to execute their treaties with the united States Government.

Knowing your intence honesty your hatred of shams, and believing that your interest in our welfare is so deep rooted that you will thwart any measure aimed at our people, we appeal to you direct, asking your to take such steps as in your judgment will insure the carrying out of the pledge so sacredly and solemnly made to us--- that the lands of the Five Civilized tribes would never be included in any State or Territory with out the full consent of the Five Civilized tribes.

We are unalterably opposed to merging our lands with those of Okla Homa; we respectfully petition that justice be shown us.
And that when Indian Territory is admitted to state hood that it will be allowed to enter the sisterhood of states, not as a part of Okla Homa, but as a sovereign Commonwealth-- as was promised in the treaties made with us as a people.

And as we have ever hoped for since first our fore fathers affixed their signatures to the first treaty with the united States Government,

We are fitted for statehood. We together with our non-citizen brothers, are qualified for Government of our own State, the popalation, area and resources of the Indian Territory are far in advance of many states of the union as will quickly appear from the following statistics:

In area the Indian Territory is twenty times as large as Rhode island, Sixteen times as large as Delaware, Six times as large as Connecticut, four times as large as New Jersey, Almost four times as large as Massachusetts, three times as large as New Hampshire, three times as large as Vermont

three times as large as Maryland.

It has six thousand square miles more than West Virginia.
Fifteen hundred square miles more than Maine, twelve hundred square miles more than South Carolina, is practically the size of Indiana, and is four fifths the size of eigher Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia or Tennessee

The Choctaw Nation alone is large than eigher Rhode Island, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont or Maryland.

According to the census of 1900 the population of the Indian Territory was 392,060, which exceeded the population of seven states and Five Territory, namely: nine times that of Nevada, six times that of Alaska, four times that of Wyoming, three times that of Arizona, twice that of Hawaii, twice that of Delaware, twice that of Idaho, and twice that of New Mexico; It had a population of 148,000 more than Montana; 113,000 more than the District of Columbia; 115,000 more than Utah, and 72,000 more than North Dakota.

The population in 1900 was greater than that of Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Alaska combined.

Since the last census immigration to the Indian Territory has been enormous, and it is safe to say that the present population exceeds that of eigher Okla Homa,

Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Washington, Colorado, Florida, or New Hampshire.

In natural resources the Indian Territory is not surpassed by any state in the union. Oil and Natural gas have been developed in each of the Five Nations,