

a Patent issued by the United States in accordance with a special act of congress authorizing it. This land has been patented to us and our decendants, and is ours so long as we exist as a people and live upon it. We were also guaranteed the right of self Government, and full jurisdiction over all citisens -- whether native or adopted; and with a solemn agreement; that no state or Territory should ever pass laws for our government, and that no portion of our Territory should ever be embraced or included within, or annexed to any Territory or State, nor should any part ever be erected into a Territory, without the full and free consent of the legislative authority of our nation. All these guarantees were for a consideration, which we have paid by ceeding to the United States our valuable lands East of the Mississippi river.

These Railroad companies to whom our lands were granted, have issued and sold their bonds predicated upon them. These Bonds though the acquisition of our lands were seemingly so remote, have passed into other hands, who now seek possession, before we have become extinct as a people, or abandoned our country -- by having the same congress which ratified our treaties and these guarantees, create and extent over us, without "the consent of the legislative authority of our nation" a territorial Government.

This was -- and is to be done by our Protecton -- and the Guardian of our rights. The United States. From the day these land grants were made to railroads, until now; there has been a constant