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Jan - 1 - 1903. D. T.

Hon. Greer McCurtain  
Principal Chief, C.N.  
Lang Bois, D.T.

Dear Sir:

I understand that the  
Choctaws will commence filing  
on their allotment 1st of  
Feb next. Since I have been  
in prison over 3 years and  
haven't made any selections  
for my self and family and  
having something near 450  
acres of Land enclosed  
in several different places.  
and I have all the places

rented out for year 1903.  
I am entitled to 6  
Allotment. And will file  
on most of the Land enclosed,  
but not all of them, now  
there, can I collect and receive  
rents off all the places for  
year 1903 without violating the  
Law. If I can't collect  
rents only off the Land I  
file on am I bound by  
the Contracts I have made  
on all the places for year  
1903. Kindly advise me  
in regard to the matter and  
obbliged. yours respectfully  
H. M. Woolridge  
So Mc - Po Box 347.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 1, 1903.

Honorable J.W. Zevely,

Acting U.S. Indian Agent,

Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

I herewith acknowledge receipt of blue print of the approved plat of the town of Boggy Depot, I.T.

PSL-W

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 2, 1903.

Mr Ben Hampton,

Chickasha, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 30th ult, in which you state that an act of Council has been sent to the President for his approval, for the appointment of Alloting Commissioners. Council made no provisions whatever for the appointment of allotting Commissioners in the Chickasaw Nation, but confined them solely to the Choctaw Nation. The impression prevailed here that the Chickasaw Nation would take some steps to arrange for the allotment of all Choctaws within the limits of that nation. Five dollars per diem, and two dollars per day for subsistence is the pay provided for such Commissioners in this Act. Hoping this will find you well, I am,

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 2, 1903.

Lehigh Nat'l Bank,

Lehigh, I.T.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your communication of the 31st ult, in which you call attention to a note endorsed by myself and Mr Stanley, as sureties for W.H. Harrison, for \$650.00, which is long since due. I have been suddenly called to Washington, D.C., and have not time to communicate with Mr Stanley, or Harrison before leaving. I desire to say, however, that I will write Mr Stanley immediately upon my return home, and will see that this note is paid. I do not want to be sued in this matter as it will only add additional cost. You might lead Harrison under the impression, however, that you intend to sue the sureties on this note, and urge him to take steps to save those who have endorsed for him. Please notify Mr Stanley if you have not already done so.

PSL(W )

Yours truly,

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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(COPY)

Lehigh, Ind. Ter., 12/31/1902.

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Sans Bois, I.T.

Dear sir:

We held a note for \$650.00 given us on Jan. 1, 1902, by Mr Harrison, and endorsed by you. This paper has been past due for some months, and we have been unable to get anything out of Mr Harrison. We can not permit it to remain in its present shape longer and must insist that you use your best efforts to have it taken up ~~by Jan. 10~~ or we will be forced to sue. If some disposition is not made of it by Jan. 10, we will immediately enter suit for the collection, and this we do not wish to do if it can be avoided. Please give the matter your best attention and very much oblige,

Yours truly,

R.R. Cunningham,  
Cashier.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 2, 1903.

Mr W.H. Harrison,


Atoka, I.T.

Dear sir:

Enclosed you will find letter received by me from the Lehigh Nat'l Bank. Please note what they say with reference to the paper endorsed by myself and Mr Stanley, for you. I hope you will make every effort to secure renewal by paying a portion of this note, or fix it in some shape that will protect your sureties. I am just on the eve of leaving for Washington, D.C., and will be gone ten days. Please make such disposition of this matter as will prevent a lawsuit, as I do not wish to become involved in a proceeding so disagreeable. Please write me, by the time I return, whether or not you have arranged matters with the bank.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, I.T., January 2, 1903.

Jefferson Going,

Eagle town, I.T.

Dear sir:

Your letter received, and I am glad to know that you and George Scott, and others, did not behave any worse than you did on your trip to Paris, Texas. If your conduct continues good I will see that you are not removed from the limits of the Choctaw Nation. I hope this will find you well, and that the next time you get a pint of whisky you will take it home to your family, to be used strictly as a medicine. This is the purpose for which whisky is made, and not to get drunk on.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 2, 1903.

Mr J.J. Moore,

Red Oak, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Honorable J. Blair Shoenfelt, Indian Agent, in which he states that you had written him asking to be advised whether or not citizens of the Choctaw Nation are permitted to ship game out of the Nation. Under the laws in force in the Indian Territory neither citizens of non-citizens can hunt within the boundaries of the Territory, except for subsistence. This law applies alike to all, and must be observed.

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Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 2, 1903.

Honorable J. Blair Shoenfelt,

U.S. Indian Agent,

Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 31st ult, stating that J.J. Moore of Red Oak, I.T. requested to be advised whether or not citizens of the Choctaw Nation would be permitted to Hunt in the Nation and ship game out of the same, has been received. I have this day written Mr Moore to the effect that no citizen, or noncitizen is permitted to hunt game or ship same from the Indian Territory, and no one is permitted to hunt, except for subsistence.

PSL(W)

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.



Winta, I.T., January 2, 1904.

Honorable J. Blair Snowden,  
United States Indian Agent,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

Replying to your letter of the 31st ult, wherein you return the account of Policeman Alf McCay, and recommend that the same be not paid at this time; and wherein you state that you do not think it expedient to remove Policeman McCay from the force; have to say that it was not my purpose, in bringing this matter to your notice, to secure the dismissal of McCay. My only purpose was to get a true and correct account of the expenses incurred.

Trin. Chief C.M.



Autlers J.T.

Jan. 3/03.

Hon. Green McCurtain

Sauvbois J.T.

Dear Sir,

I would like to hear from you. In regard to the appointment I asked for, when I talked with you at Council.

If appointed I will do my best to fill the place satisfactory to all, as I told you. I have had some experience as I helped take the census in 1900 hoping to hear from you soon.

Yours Respectfully  
Jas. T. Frazier



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 3, 1903.

Peter J. Hudson, Auditor,

Tushkahomma, I. T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter enclosing a letter from C. B. Wade. It will be your duty to issue, to Wade, a warrant covering the date from September 1, to October 20, 1902. The balance of this quarter is due John Taylor, and you will issue your warrant accordingly.

PSL-W

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C. N.



## COMMITTEE

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HAMPTON TUCKER  
L. C. LEFLORE  
HENRY ANSLEY

## SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT

45- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CHOCTAW NATION

P. O. BOX ~~400~~

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ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO THE COMMITTEE

~~Ind. Ter.~~

Jan 3/1903

Gov. Green M. McCurtain  
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Dear Gov. I ship you

per Express today. The

Great Seal of the Choctaw  
Nation - S. J. Hauser turned  
it over to me today. With  
some other things belong-  
ing to the Nation - such as  
Law Books & Maps, which

I shipped to Ed Wilson  
at Fort Towson Ar.  
Well, Gov - we have got  
them on the run - but



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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CHOCTAW NATION

P. O. BOX ~~490~~

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~~Ind. Ter.~~ Ind. Ter.

They will be watching.  
They are doing a good  
deal of ciphering around  
here - but in a very quiet  
way - Well I see the Non  
Citizens hoodlums are  
clamoring for the  
hand with Oklahoma.  
The better class of Non  
Citizens in this country  
are opposed to it.

I will close - Anytime  
I can serve you. Love.  
maud me. Yours Truly  
L C Leflore



EXECUTIVE OFFICE CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Kinta I T Jan 4th 1904

Hon D C McCurtain.

Washington, D C.

Dear San;

I gather from a letter received from J W Everidge that the department is under the impression that I am in someway connect<sup>t</sup>-ed with the attorneys and am perhaps sharing in the fund here-tofore appropriated by council to meet the expenses incurred by the nation in fighting the court claiments.

I do not know how this impression, if true, gained a footing with the department, but let that be as it may, there is not now, never has been and never will be a diversion of the funds from the strict channel to which they have been appropriated by council, during my present or past administration as chief executive of th Choctaw Nation.

I am aware of the fact that there are those who differ with me politically that are actively at work with the view of discrediting me with the Secretary of the Interior by the circulation of such reports. The fact that other bills of like nature had not been submitted to the President for his approval might give color to this contention. While I myself, have ever felt that these bills should have been submitted, yet <sup>properly</sup> ~~the~~ pressure of council has been so great and the peril to tribal <sup>property</sup> ~~appeared~~ so imminent at the time, that that I have reluctantly consented to this method of meeting the neccessary expenses incurred by the attorneys of the nation.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

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I feel a keen interest in this matter and you are authorized by me upon the slightest suggestion that this fund has been diverted to private or selfish purposes, to demand an investigation at once.

I have enjoyed the confidence of the Secretary in the past and I have tried to deserve it by bending every energy in my power toward the fulfilment of treaty obligations in the distribution of this property equally among its owners.

I feel that I am too old their service to be readily distrusted upon reports that involve some hidden purpose. I have felt it proper to say this much to repel the insinuation that I have now or have had at any time any share in the fund placed at my disposal to meet the expenses above referred to.

Your Father

Prin Chief C N



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 5, 1902.

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H.M. Woolridge,

S. McAlester, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., and in reply desire to say that in my opinion the amount of land you hold, under enclosure is not more than you would be entitled to when allotment takes place. There will be no trouble about your collecting the rents for 1903, as each allottee is entitled to 320 acres of average land, and yourself and family would be able to cover an immense body of land. While the land you hold and intend to all-t, is better land than average, you have not sufficient to place you in the category of violating the law.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.M.





OFFICE OF

HAZLETT & FOLSON  
ATTORNEYS at LAW & REAL Estate Agents

At CHANT CITY, I. T.



MCCURTAIN P. O.

Jan 5th

1903

Hon Gen McCurtain

Kinta I. T.

Dear Sir

I write you a few lines for information.  
My Son Jack L. Folson was enrolled at Kinta  
by the Dawes Commission, the same time I  
did and the balance of the family, and when he was  
there last-month, the Commissioners could not find  
his name on the roll, and when he got-back, I have  
written to Dawes Commission about-it, - but I have  
never received any answer. My Son said, ~~at~~ ~~when~~  
when he was there Commissioners told him they would  
trace the matter up, and he made statement - before  
the Commission And signed up, and it may be all  
right, - but I would like to know, as I wish you  
would find out.

Yours Sincerely Jerry Folson

P.S.

I see you will appoint Commissioners to locate  
land for the full blood class. I was employed to do  
lots of that work by that class of Chetaws, but I will now  
cease, and I would be glad to get the job, if I can  
get the appointment - J. F.



The name of J. S.  
Gulson appears on  
the roll of the Dama  
Commune age 14  
years and post  
office Dan Boon.

You had better make  
an affidavit of his  
enrollment at the  
time of last I sent  
to me, and I  
will see what I  
can do.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter. ? January 5, 1902.

Mr L.C Leflore,

Caddo, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst in which you say you have shipped "The Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation" to me by express. I am glad that Hunter and his followers have decided that do not have any further use for it. They would have saved themselves a great deal of trouble and expense if they had done that some time ago, ie; turning over the property of the Choctaw Nation to the proper custodians. I leave tomorrow for Washington D.C., where I go, in answer to a telegram from the Secretary of the Interior, who desires to consult me with reference to the Chickasaw freedmen suit.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.N.



# AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

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Which this Company undertakes to forward to the nearest point to destination reached by it, subject to the following conditions, and which conditions are agreed to by shipper or owner in accepting this receipt.

1. This Company is not to be held liable for any loss or damage, except as forwarders only, nor for any loss, damage, or delay, by the dangers of navigation, by the act of God or of the enemies of the Government, by the restraints of Government, mobs, riots, insurrections, pirates, or from or by reason of any of the hazards or dangers incident to a state of war.

2. Nor shall this Company be liable for any default or negligence of any person, corporation or association to whom the above described property shall or may be delivered by this Company, for the performance of any act or duty in respect thereto, at any place or point off the established routes or lines run by this Company; and any such person, corporation or association, is not to be regarded, deemed or taken to be the agent of this Company for any such purpose, but, on the contrary, such person, corporation or association shall be deemed and taken to be the agent of the person, corporation or association from whom this Company received the property above described. It being understood that this Company relies upon the various Railroad and Steamboat lines of the country for its means of forwarding property delivered to it to be forwarded, it is agreed that it shall not be liable for any losses or damages caused by the detention of any train of cars or of any steamboat or other vehicle upon which said property shall be placed for transportation; nor by the neglect or refusal of any Railroad Company, Steamboat or other transportation line to receive and forward the said property. Nor shall this Company be liable for any losses or damages caused by detention of said property due to Customs Regulations.

3. It is further agreed that property covered by this receipt and passing over ocean routes in transit shall be subject to the conditions expressed in the Bills of Lading of Ocean Steamship Companies accepted for the shipment.

4. It is further agreed that this Company is not to be held liable or responsible for any loss of, or damage to, said property or any part thereof, from any cause whatever, unless in every case the said loss or damage be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Company

or its servants; nor in any event shall this Company be held liable or responsible, nor shall any demand be made upon it beyond the sum of Fifty Dollars, unless the just and true value thereof is stated herein, and an extra charge is paid or agreed to be paid therefor, based upon such higher value; nor upon any property or thing unless properly packed and secured for transportation; nor upon any fragile fabrics, or any fabrics consisting of, or contained in, glass.

5. If any sum of money besides the charges for transportation is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the above described property, and the same is not paid, or if in any case the consignee cannot be found or refuses to receive such property, or for any other reason it cannot be delivered, the shipper agrees that this Company may return said property to him subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay all charges for transportation, and that the liability of this Company for such property while in its possession for the purpose of making such collection, shall be that of Warehousemen only.

6. In no event shall this Company be liable for any loss, damage or delay, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to it in writing at this office within ninety days after date of shipment, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed.

7. It is further agreed that any carrier or party liable on account of loss or damage to any of the above described property, shall have the full benefit of any insurance that may have been effected upon or on account of said property.

8. And it is also understood that the stipulations contained herein shall extend and inure to the benefit of each and every company or person to whom, through this Company, the above described property may be entrusted or delivered for transportation.

9. Deliveries at destination are only to be made within the delivery limits established at such points at the time of shipment and prepayment in such cases shall only cover places within such delivery limits.

For the Company,

*C. F. Orchard*

Agent.

The Liability of this Company is limited to \$50, unless the just and true value is stated in this Receipt and an extra charge is paid or agreed to be paid therefor, based upon such higher value; and such liability ceases on delivery by the Company of property at nearest point to destination it can carry same. Fragile fabrics and fabrics consisting of, or contained in, glass, at owner's risk.



REV. J. S. MURROW,

MISSIONARY TO THE INDIANS,

ATOKA, IND. TER.

Atoka, I. T. Jan. 8th., 1903.

HON. Green McCurtain, Governor,

Dear Sir & Bro:-

Your letter from Tuskahoma did me much good.

I thank you for your kindly words about our Orphans Home and your pledge to help it all you can.

Mr. Harrison explained to me the cause of the failure of the passage of the Bill endorsing the Home in the House of Representatives. I wish you or he or someone who **knew** the true character and purposes of the Home could have been in the house and corrected the wrong impressions that were made on the members. The Home is not a Baptist institution. It is not sectarian or denominational. It is wholly humanitarian. Its object is not to advance Baptist interests but to save Indian Orphan children, spiritually, physically and temporally. Methodist, Presbyterian, or any evangelical christian men and women with right qualifications will be welcomed as workers in the Home.

We are not connected with any

1. ~~any~~ independent.

Bro. D. N. Robb, Presbyterian, is one of the Board of Directors, Treasurer of the Institution. N. B. Ainsworth and Capt. A. B. Kinnon, Methodists and Mrs. N. E. Smiser, Christian or Campbellite are charter members.

We are seeking other persons to become members of the corporation among all denominations and those even who are not church members but who will aid in any way by their influence good will or money in the good work we seek to do.



REV. J. S. MURROW,

MISSIONARY TO THE INDIANS,

ATOKA, IND. TER.

We earnestly desire that you, dear Sir, shall become a member of this Indian Orphans Home corporation and also if you will we shall be glad to have you a member of the Board of Directors. It involves no money.

I beg that you will write me another letter, which I may publish, giving to this effort your official endorsement and commending it to the favor of every lover of humanity and especially those who are friends to Indians.

This institution is not mine, it is no man's nor is it of men. It is of the Lord. He inspired it and He will carry it on. I shall pass away before long but the Lord will raise up other men whom He will endow with wisdom and zeal to carry on this benevolent institution to great success.

I would to God it might, ere long, be managed wholly by Indian men and women.

Sincerely,

J. S. Murrow

printed and sent out as  
and in this Territory. - We shall keep the  
matter before the country until we  
secure money for large & comfortable  
buildings. ~~and then~~ We also expect  
to publish a small periodical monthly  
called "The Indian Orphan" - giving  
facts, incidents, making appeals for help &c.  
I will not accept a penny as salary. - I want no  
money. - I seek to do good. -



Copy

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan., 7, 1903.

Hon. W.A. Jones,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am informed that there is now in your office for consideration and report an act of the Choctaw council providing for the appointment by the Principal Chief of said nation three persons, allotment commissioners or some such designation, whose duty it shall be to assist the citizens of the Choctaw Nation in the matter of selecting their allotments. And on behalf of the Choctaw Nation I wish to urge the favorable consideration of this bill.

While the purposes of the bill will probably appear sufficiently clear from the text of the measure, it would be difficult, indeed out of place, to recount in the body of the bill the necessity for such legislation. And it is in an endeavor to explain more fully the purposes and necessity of the bill that I address you this communication.

It is now definitely known that the land offices of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations will be opened on or about <sup>April</sup> February 1st, at which time the citizens of the two nations will begin to file on their allotments under the provisions of the agreement recently



ratified. It is here that the actual work of allotment of lands to the Indians will begin for which so much and so tedious preparation has been made. And at this juncture it is meet that every preparation be made and every caution taken not heretofore made or taken to secure to these people, Choctaws and Chickasaws, a fair and equal and, so far as possible, a satisfactory distribution of the lands to be allotted.

★ Mindful of the fact that the United States Government, acting through the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, has exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating to the allotment of land, I am prepared to say that it is not the purpose of the Choctaw authorities by this bill to in any way interfere with the full jurisdiction of the Government or any of its plans for the allotment of land, but the provisions of the bill are rather in aid of the purposes of the Government to allot the lands fairly, equally and so far as possible satisfactorily to the allottees. While it is true the Government has done everything necessary to the proper classification and appraisal of the lands to be allotted, has made maps showing the location of the lands by sections and such other sub-divisions as are allottable, and is prepared to furnish information as to the appraised value of any particular section or sub-division of land, yet no provision has been made to assist the Indians in the actual



selection of their allotments beyond giving the information afforded by the maps, and of these many of the Indians know nothing. X Not only that, they are ignorant, startlingly so, of section lines, corner and half-mile stones; and while they could point out with reference to land marks familiar to them the exact piece of land they wished to allot, they would be totally unable to designate it with reference to survey lines, and for that reason could not make an intelligible description in their application for the land they wished to allot. And it is here, in the field, upon the land, that the Indians are in very great need of assistance in the matter of selecting their lands for allotment. It is easy to perceive the great confusion and unsatisfactory results that would follow an attempt to allot land to an ignorant person from maps and drafts of which he knew nothing.

It was a knowledge of this condition and necessity that induced the passage of the bill by the Choctaw council now before you. The bill provides, as shown, for the appointment of commissioners to assist the citizens in the selection of their allotments. As I know the purposes of the bill, it will be the duty of these commissioners to go among the Indians and with them go over the ground and have pointed out the particular piece of land that is desired to be allotted and then find and run out the lines of survey and show the prospective allottee, not on paper, on the land itself just what



portion or sub-division of land includes his selection, that is, with reference to survey lines. It will not be the duty, nor do I apprehend that such would be attempted, of the commissioners under this bill to select the land for the allottee, that would be against the law unless the commissioner was requested so to do by the allottee; but he shall ascertain by going over the land with the allottee just what lands he wants and then run out the lines for him and give him the proper information about <sup>them</sup> that he may make his application to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for allotment of the land he wants. This is a very worthy undertaking and a very necessary one and for that reason commends itself when thoroughly understood.

I am aware of no provision by which the United States Government can give this assistance. True there is a provision in the supplementary agreement recently ratified by which the United States Indian Agent is to put the allottees in possession of their allotments, as follows:

"Allotment certificates issued by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes shall be conclusive evidence of the right of any allottee to the tract of land described therein; and the United States Indian Agent at the Union Agency shall, upon the application of the allottee, place him in possession of his allotment, and shall remove therefrom all persons objectionable to the allottee and the acts of the Indian Agent hereunder shall not be controlled by the writ or process of any court".

But it is plain to be seen that this relates to a different matter altogether from that proposed in this bill,-- has no relation to



the selection of land at all. This provision simply authorizes the United States Indian Agent to remove all persons objectionable to the allottee and put the allottee in possession, all to be done, of course, after the allottee has filed upon his land and has received an allotment certificate therefor.

It has been suggested that the operation of this measure might conflict with the authority of the Government in the matter of allotment of land. But with due deference, I am unable to see how it is possible for conflict to arise from the operation of this bill when it interposes absolutely nothing between the authority of the Government and the allottee. Indeed, the assistance contemplated by this bill is not binding upon the allottee, much less upon the Government; there's no obligation on the part of the allottee to avail himself of the assistance even after it is received, and could possibly be no obligation on the Government to respect it except insofar as it was the proper choice and selection of the allottee, for after all, it is but the act of the allottee selecting his land. The relation between the Government and the allottee is in nowise changed or affected by this bill, as I can see.

Furthermore, I know it to be the purpose of the present administration in the Choctaw Nation to act in harmony and cooperate with the Department in the final settlement of the affairs of the tribe, and I feel sure that there would be no difficulty



in getting that assurance from the Pricipal Chief with respect to  
this bill were it desired.

Very respectfully,

Delegate, Choctaw Nation,  
1714-15th St, N.W.



WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan., 8, 1903.

Gov. Green McCurtain,  
Sans Bois, Ind. Ty.

Dear Father:-

Your letter of the 3d inst., stating that you would leave for Washington the following Tuesday, and that you would wire me from Fort Smith when to meet you together with Mr. McMurray, was received. As I received no message from you yesterday I concluded that since you wrote the letter you had been advised of McMurray's being at home and decided to defer your trip here. You did not state in your letter your mission here, but I supposed that probably you had been summoned here by the Department in connection with the Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish citizenship contract. If so, I shall expect you to come on without waiting on McMurray.

I received a message from the Indian Office to come up as there were some matters there they wanted to confer with me about. I found that some of the Choctaw acts had come up, among which was the act of the council providing for the appointment of allotment commissioners to assist the citizens in the matter of the selection of their allotments. This bill has come up with adverse reports from both the Inspector and the Dawes Commission. And at present the Indian Office is disposed to concur in these adverse reports.



I went over the matter with them and they agreed to hold it up until I could be heard further. The objection seems to be that the operation of this bill might interfere in some way with the authority of the Government in the allotment of lands. I believe, however, the bill will be approved if you will write a letter to the Commissioner giving assurance that there will be no attempt to interfere with the jurisdiction of the Government, which, under the Supplementary Agreement, is exclusive.

The bill providing for the appointment of extra lighthorsemen will be disapproved. The Indian Office says, and in this I suppose they repeat the objections of the Inspector, that there is no need for an additional force of this kind since our jurisdiction is very limited in matters of keeping the peace; and it is said that the authority of the U.S. court and marshal's force is sufficient. I told them in a friendly way that if the marshal conducted himself in the same manner as he did at Tushkahoma where it required two companies of United States soldiers to control him, the lighthorsemen would be of less expense. However, it is certain that the bill providing for the appointment of these extra lighthorsemen will be disapproved.

Enclosed herewith I send copy of letter addressed to the Commissioner concerning the allotment bill.

Your son,

*A. C. McClinton,*

1714-15th St. N. W.



Lamson 82 Jan 8 of

Han Green McLellan

San Bois 82

Dear Sir and friends,

Will you kindly advise me in the enclosed envelope, your opinion relative to the leasing of coal lands by the citizens. Citizens when such coal lands are a part of the citizens' allotment under he has duly filed on the same?

Thanking you kindly in anticipation of a reply I remain

Very truly yours

J. J. H. H.



Love Love Mr. T<sub>2</sub>,  
Sat. the 9<sup>th</sup> 1903

To the amable Henry McEwain  
in I beg leave to Address you  
I am glad that you made it  
all Right in the Election  
What I Wanted to say  
Will there be any more  
Indigent funds  
Paid out to the Poor  
Indians  
Yours Respectfully  
J. M. Ridgway,  
Seph. E. Ridgway,





2 P.S. Well. I am

the Best Thing I know of  
I think we get the Best

of the Court Claims

I want to Ask you if  
the Choctaw can file on  
Land Held By the  
Court Claims

as will we have to survey  
the improvements  
from them

I want the Gov to help put  
the poor Indians in possession of  
their Land truly your friend

M. W. Ridgeman,



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 9, 1903

Honorable Tams Bixby,

Acting Chairman Dawes Commission,

Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

For the benefit of certain citizens in this community I herewith request that you send me the appraisement of the following townships, in addition to the ones already sent:

Twp. 7, Range	21
" 7, "	20
" 7, "	19
" 8, "	19
" 8, "	21

GMCC(W)

Very Respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 9, 1903.

Mr Ellis Bohannon,

Tushkahomra, I.T.

Dear sir:

I wish you would come over here right away. I can find places for as many as eight allotments. You have been saying that you were coming over for some time, and now I want you to come immediately, as I want to see you on the above mentioned and other matters.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.W.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 9, 1903.

Honorable P.S. Lester,

S. McAlester, I.T.

Dear Press:

I enclose herewith check for \$50.00, which you will please use to procure tickets for Charlott Thurman, and her daughter, from Las Vegas, N.M. to Kintah, Ind. Ter. and send the same to her at 922 R.R. Ave., E. Las Vegas, N.M. Charlott Thurman is a light colored negro woman, about 33 years old, and her daughter is almost white, blue eyes, and about 15 years old. I send her letter also so that you can use her directions in sending the tickets.

I will have to be in S. McAlester next week as a witness and it will not be necessary for you to come back until after I get through there.

GMCC(W)  
Encl.

Yours truly,



Sans Bois, Ind. Ter., Jan. 9, 1903.

Mr G.W Oaks,

Hugo, I.T.

My dear friend:

Replying to your letter of recent date, have to say that I have referred your letter to Governor McCurtain, for his consideration I trust that you will have no trouble in securing the appointment. If at any time I can serve you command me.

GWS(W)

Your friend,



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 9, 1903.

Mr N.A. Bryant,

P.O. Lock Box 511,

Columbus, O.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst., I have to say that it is utterly useless for you to employ an attorney to select and file on your allotment for you. This can be done by any friend or relative, by your giving them a power of attorney to act for you. However, if you are going to come out October 1, 1903, it is not necessary that you have anyone to act for you, as you will be out in plenty of time to file on your allotment for yourself. The land office will open the first of February, 1903, but it will take three years to finish the allotting, and you will be out in plenty of time to attend to this matter for yourself. I would recommend that you do not employ an attorney to look after the matter for you, as it is a useless expense, and one that is entirely uncalled for.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



Name N. A. Bryant Serial No. 32826**Rules for the Guidance of Friends of Prisoners.**

Write plainly in English, with ink, and confine yourself strictly to business and family affairs. In directing letters, write prisoner's name and Serial Number plainly on envelope. All letters, papers and packages are examined before they are passed to the Prisoner. Prisoners in first grade can write every second and fourth Sunday of each month; second grade prisoners on third Sunday of each month. Articles which Prisoners will be permitted to receive from friends: Weekly and local papers, religious books and papers, family photographs, handkerchiefs, suspenders, nose, underclothing, chewing tobacco, and a small box of eatables once in four weeks, not to exceed enough food and fruit to make two reasonable meals. Prisoners will positively not be permitted to receive from friends, or others, the following articles: Tea, coffee, sugar, raw eggs, uncooked food of any kind, spirituous liquors or medicines of any kind or character. All money remitted to prisoners should be sent direct to the Warden, by Check or Postal Order. Friends are advised against sending money in baskets with other articles.

Letters to prisoners should be addressed, Lock Box, 511, Columbus, O., and the number as well as the name of the prisoner should appear in the address.

Write Full Address of Your Letter Here.

To Whom Mr. Green McCurtain

Street No. \_\_\_\_\_

Post Office Tuskahoma 27

County \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE.**

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Jan. 1, 1902.

From and after this date, during the year 1902, near relatives of prisoners will be permitted to visit them on the following designated Sundays and a holiday, from 1 to 3 P. M., to-wit:

Sunday, Jan. 5 and 19.	Sunday, Feb. 2 and 16.	Sunday, March 2 and 16.	Sunday, April 6 and 20.	Sunday, May 4 and 18.
Sunday, June 1 and 15.	Friday, July 4, and Sunday, July 20.	Sunday, Aug. 3 and 17.	Sunday, Sept. 7 and 21.	
Sunday, Oct. 5 and 19.	Sunday, Nov. 2 and 16.	Sunday, Dec. 7 and 21.		

Prisoners reduced to the THIRD GRADE will not be permitted to write, receive letters or visits from near relatives, until such time as they may be restored to the first or second grade. **Parole Applications.**

Applications for Parole will not be considered by the Managers on the first day of their regular monthly meetings.

WM. N. DARBY, Warden.

O. P., COLUMBUS, O., Jan 4 - 1903 1903.

Honorable Governor of the Choctaw Nation

Dear Sir I will take the pleasure

In writing you this few lines to you In Regards about the allotment I am Indian By Blood and am Enrolled Before the Dawd Commissioners 1890 August 14 Now I am Confined In the Ohio Penitentiary For 5 year my time Expires OCT 1 - 1903 I have attorney at South McAlester 9.11 He was to file on a place for me which he havent done yet now what want to know do you think I Be left out a place are not This all I want know from you In Early Reply

I will close by asking for soon Reply

About This

Yours Respectfully

Napoleon Bryant

No 32826

addressed

Columbus Ohio

O.P.

Lock Box 511



Logeemay I. I. 1-10-1903.

Gov. M<sup>rs</sup> C.ustain

Kintak I. I.

Dear Sir:

We have a white man  
on our place that is  
running a store and  
has been for a year  
and has more paid  
any tax on any of his  
goods. We have ordered  
him to close his store  
but cant get him to  
do it. I want to know  
how to compel him



to close it.

He has about 20 head of  
cattle also.

Respt

E C McBride

Calloway, Ia

George W. Scott  
Treasurer Choctaw Nation

Sans Bois, I. T., Jan'y. 10 1903

Glenn McCurtain

P. O. C. W.

Sans Bois I. T.

Dear Sir -

When at Tuskehama I advanced E. A. Bowman \$19<sup>25</sup> which was out of his board bill - on his claim that he has failed to get full pay upon which he has depended to pay his board - It seems he claims 13 days @ 2<sup>50</sup> per day for which he has received no pay - Kindly



George W. Scott  
Treasurer Choctaw Nation

Sans Bois, I. T., \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_

advise if you have allowed his claim  
that I may require him to forward  
warrant to me

Yours  
G. W. Scott

MT Pleasant Texas

Jan 10, 1903-

Hon Green McCurtain  
Kintock T.F.  
Sir:-

I was reffered  
to you by the U.S. Indian  
Inspector of the Chick-  
asaw Nation as to the  
Tribal laws of the  
Choctaw Nation as  
to what time of the  
year that I could  
introduce cattle  
into the Choctaw  
Nation.

Please inform



~~17~~  
me if I can hold cattle  
in Choctaw Nation  
by renting a pasture  
from a citizen and  
pay the tribal tax.  
Please answer by  
return mail.

Very Respt  
J. J. Lunsell

W.D.Craig being duly sworn deposes and says:

That in reference to the charges that have been filed with Hon.Green McCurtain/ Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation alleging that I have failed to pay ~~xxx~~ the royalty on hay and have been violating the Tribal Laws, I beg to say; That I have always paid the royalty on hay to the proper officer of the Nation upon demand without giving him any trouble whatever I have paid it willingly and promptly. I have paid the royalty for the year 1903 and the receipt for the same has been placed in the hands of the Principal Chief by Mr.Higgins,my attorney. I have never violated the Choctaw Laws in any way unless it is by having more cattle than the law permits.

I am a member of the firm of Austin & Craig and we are engaged in the general mercantile business at Hartshorne, Ind.Ter., and have always paid our store royalty and have done so for the past twelve years and have paid this willingly and promptly. In our trading with our customers,we ~~xxxxxxx~~ some years ago found it convenient to take cattle in way of paying debts,and by that method we got into the cattle business Since however we have bought some but at no time ever shipped or have any shipped in,but have bought all at this place.

As to the charges alleged by one Robert Thompson, a citizen of the Nation, ~~xx~~ I beg to say, that I have not imposed on him in any manner whatever but have paid him in full and an amount satisfactory to him for the privileges I have had under him in pasturing lands claimed by him.

Last fall or the early part of winter he came to me and said he would like to sell to me the remaining part of the time that was yet due on a lease I held under him. This lease would have expired in May 1904. I told him I did not want it as I was a non-citizen and could not hold it. He said if I did not buy it he would sell to some



one else. He gave as a reason for wanting to sell that he wanted to take his allotment in the Chickasaw Nation and would need the money to buy land down there. ~~xxxxxx~~ I knew it was necessary for me to hold under someone withwhom I could get along peaceably and fearing Mr. Thompson would sell to some one withwhom I could not make terms with to hold till my lease expired, I decided to pay him what he ~~six~~ asked and then to transfer to some citizen of the Nation under whom I could hold till the lease expired, for by that time I calculated to be out of the cattle business. I did buy it paying the sum of two hundred dollars in cash. The bill of sale gives the consideration as \$300 There was \$100 added for the reason that the lease had over a year to run and we decided that was worth at least \$100. I thought Mr. Thompson perfectly satisfied as I had paid him every cent he had asked, but to my surprise along sometime in May his son notified me that ~~he~~ I must ~~xxx~~ vacate the lease at once and in June Mr. Thompson gave me a written notice to vacate. Before he had given me this notice, I had transferred the lease to another citizen of the Nation, who agreed that I might hold the lease out and that the remainder part of the year after it expired. I explained this all to Mr. Thompson, also the citizen buying it *explained it*

I herewith attach copies of the bill of sale to ~~xxxxxx~~ me from Mr. Thompson, also the notice to vacate from him.

From the above statement, it is my claim that I have never mistreated Mr. Thompson, neither have I imposed myself on him, or attempted to deprive him of any property whatever, but on the other hand I had paid him the sum of \$200 only a few months before he notified me to leave from the premises I had paid the price he had asked. I had paid this in order that I could live with my land lord in peace.

*W D Craig*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 15th day of October 1903.

*Robert W Higgins*

Notary Public.





## BILL OF SALE.

Know All Men By These Presents, That R.B. Thompson  
citizen of the C.N. for and in consideration of the  
sum of Three Hundred DOLLARS  
to me in hand paid by W.D. Craig citizen of the  
U.S., the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do  
hereby release, relinquish and quit-claim unto the said W.D. Craig  
and unto his heirs and assigns all my right of occupancy, possession and interests in and to the  
following described property situated near the town of Craig  
Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, so far as I may lawfully do under and according to the laws, customs, and usages of  
the said Choctaw Nation, to-wit:

All the improvements on farm, situated two miles west of Craig  
known as the "Drake Place" consisting of wire fence, rail fence, cabin  
and peaceable possession to twenty acres going with xx the same.

All the improvements on farm or ranch, just south of and ad-  
joining the above place, consisting of four miles of wire fence, one  
three room dwelling house, barn and corals and the peaceable possession  
of six hundred, forty acres going with the same.

Both of the above places are occupied by Austin & Craig as a  
cattle ranch.

To have and to hold the same unto the said W.D. Craig  
and unto his heirs and assigns forever, subject, however, to the said laws, customs and usages of  
the said Choctaw Nation, and I hereby agree to warrant and defend the same against all claims and demands  
of all other persons.

Witness my hand this 10th day of January 190 3

(Signed) R.B. Thompson.

INDIAN TERRITORY. }

CENTRAL DISTRICT. }

On this 10th day of January 190 3, personally  
appeared before me, a Notary Public of the above named District, R.B. Thompson  
to me personally well known to be the person named in the foregoing instrument as grantor and stated that he  
had executed the same for the consideration and purposes therein mentioned and set forth as his  
free, voluntary act and deed, and I do hereby so certify.

Witness my hand and seal as such Notary Public the day and year last above mentioned.

(Signed) Robert W. Higgins.

Notary Public.



Thompson's notice to vacate.

(COPY)

NOTICE

Craig, I.T., June 3, 1903.

Know all men by these Presents:

That I, R.B.Thompson, hereby notify W.D.Craig, a non-citizen of the Choctaw Nation. You must vacate and move your property and stock off of my land and my possession and it is my allotment and my homestead. You have not rented from me and you are intruding and trespassing upon me and my rights, and I will prosecute you to the full extent of the law at the expiration of ten days at which time you must be off and out of my possession and my premises.

Otherwise you can call on my agent, H.L.Coleman, at Coleman I.T., and make satisfactory arrangements for this years rent.

(Signed) R.B.Thompson .

H.L.Coleman.

Hartshorne, I.T.

Oct. 8th. 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

San Bois, I.T.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that orders have been issued by the Indian agent to his police to drive the cattle belonging to Mr. W. D. Craig from the Nation.

I have been asked by Mr. Craig to say a word to you in his behalf.

I can say that I have known him for more than twelve years and during this time he has conducted himself in a peaceable and law abiding manner and with the exception of perhaps holding too many cattle I do not think he has violated our Tribal laws in any manner whatever. He is a member of the firm of Austin & Craig and they have always paid their royalty to the Nation for goods brought in and they have paid their royalty to the Nation also for the hay they have cut. If they have ever given our officers any trouble I have never heard of it, and the chances are that I would have heard of it if such had have been the facts.

Mr. Craig is considered a good citizen here, and is held in high esteem by the citizens of the Nation and by the non-citizens.

I am informed that complaint has been made to you by Mr. R. B. Thompson, a citizen of the Nation against Mr. Craig. I am confident that upon an investigation that Mr. Thompson would be somewhat in the wrong and is in error in thinking that he has been imposed upon by Mr. Craig.

I would consider it quite a favor if you can be lenient as possible with Mr. Craig.

I am, Yours very truly,

J. B. Chapman



Jan 12-1908  
G. Nestie  
J.T.

Mr Green McNaughton

Sir:

I write you again to  
Find out about Albert Billy his  
money on the last Payment of Choctaw  
100 \$103<sup>50</sup> one hundred and Three Dollars  
Johnson Ott said he left it with you  
I have adopted this Boy and now  
he is about of age and I want to  
get every thing Belonging to him  
and turn it over to him

I went to Johnson Ott and  
Demanded the money then he said he  
left it with you

and so let me now at once  
so I can Proceed further

Yours Truly

Jack Pusley  
G. Nestie J.T.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 12, 1903.

Honorable J. Blair Shoenfelt,

U.S. Inspector,  
Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst?with reference to the appointment of W.E.Crowder as appraiser in determining damages to improvements where lands have been set aside for townsites, would say the matter suggested in your letter had not occurred to me. I have today written to ascertain the facts in reference to this matter and will advise you.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.M.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 13, 1903.

Mr Frank Lewis,

Shady Point, I.T.

Dear sir;

Mrs Thompson Barnett came to me yesterday and stated that her Husband, Thompson Barnett, had mortgaged to you and your father her place and horses, without her consent; that he mortgaged this property to secure supplies, and that said supplies were never brought to her house, but were taken to furnish another woman whom Barnett is keeping. She does not feel that it is right that she should pay for these things, that she got no benefit of, and she refuses to let the property go. I write you for the purpose of stating the facts to you and requesting that you ascertain the facts with reference thereto and write me fully about the matter. If the facts are as stated to me by Mrs Barnett, then I think you should look to Thompson Barnett for the pay, and I think there is a chance for you to get your money out of him. Anything you may do in this matter to protect Mrs Barnett will be appreciated very much by me.

GrCC(W)



# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 13, 1903.

Honorable Tams Bixby,  
Acting Chairman,  
Muskogee, I.T.

Dear sir:

Mrs Mary McKinney, the widow of Andrew McKinney called on me yesterday to ascertain whether or not she could not take her allotment in the Choctaw Nation instead of the Cherokee. Her husband Andrew McKinney, was Choctaw and Cherokee, his mother being a Cherokee and his father being a Choctaw. Mrs McKinney has been living in this Nation since 1893, and it is her desire to take her allotment in this Nation. She informed me that she went to the Cherokee Nation some time since to take her allotment, for herself and children and that ~~some Commission~~ *Cherokee authorities told* her that she could take allotment in either Nation. The purpose of this letter is to ascertain whether or not there is any law or ruling which would require her to take her allotment in the Cherokee Nation, and to further find out whether or not she will

GMCC(V)

Respectfully,



Ottawa

Jan 13/1903

Hon Green McBurnin

Sans Bois St

Dear Sir

Will write you a few lines  
and will say I was a caller  
at your office last Monday Evening  
I did not get to see you as I was  
in a much of a hurry I  
did not wait as it appeared in  
the late Act of Council it provided  
a number of 3 men in each  
district is to be elected are after  
wise appointed to look after the allot  
ment for the full blood choctaws & as  
I was going say if accepted I  
wish very much to have the  
permission so I will say  
I hope to have your

advice are due consideration

Believe I remain

Yours Respectfully

Alex Gibson