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Dated Washington DC 7

To Green McCurtain c/o Pullman Cond'r train No 1, C&O
Hinton, W. Va

Absolutely essential that you be here Monday, Secretary interior has requested your presence Agent Shoenfelt here. Matters of great importance Urgently request that you return and be here Monday. Do not fail.

Tribal Taxes and other matters in which you are vidually interested will come up

You can not afford to be absent---Shoenaelt McMurrey-Mansfield

Antlers, I.T., _____

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Mintah, Indian Territory,

Dear sir:

I beg to report to you that the "Moon-Shine Lumber Company" cutting lumber in this section of the Choctaw Nation. This company is operating a sawmill near Norwood, I.T., and have bought timber from the following citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

1	Simon Byington,	5	Alington King,
2	Thomas Byington,	6	David McKinney,
3	David Billy,	7	Joe Thompson,
4	P.J. Thomas,	8	T.B. Dyer
		9	Samuel McKinney.

National Lighthorseman,
Choctaw Nation.

Antlers, I.T., _____

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Kintah, Ind. Ter.

Dear sir:

I beg to report to you that there is a company, "The Red River Lumber Company", doing business in this country. Said company is composed of the following persons: W.J. Whiteman, President; _____ Spencer, Vice-President; _____ Armstrong, Sec and Treas; Wm. H. Harrison, W.A. McBride and J.B. Foltz, members.

This company is operating a saw-mill at Norwood, I.T., which is under the management of S.B. Scratch. They are also having lumber cut at Arkinda, Ark., under contract for so much a thousand, by Ed Randall.

The following is a list of persons who have sold timber to this lumber company:

1	Samuel McKinney	13	John Billy,
2	John Moore	14	Sulphine McClure
3	Edward Jones,	15	Abel Butler,
4	Levi Sampson	16	Noel Sampson,
5	Ben Going	17	Willie James,
6	Isamon Brown,	18	Jerry Wilson,
7	Hopill Lawachabee	19	Sampson Hall
8	Willie Gibson,	20	Johnson William,
9	C.J. Prodon	21	Hogin Jefferson
10	Madie Byington	22	Simon Byington,
11	Daniel Jefferson,	23	A. Sickey Wade,
12	Mallie Watkin,	24	Mrs Brown,

National Lighthorseman,
Choctaw Nation.

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J. M. Micala. J. T. 4th 2004
Hon Geo W Leath
Dear Sir

Sud Hamilton is
knacked out and
he is the man I wrote
you about who had
the good farm 2
miles from here and
if Mr Lester don't
deal with Sud on
next ~~Tuesday~~ I will
~~advise~~ ~~where~~ they
are ~~to meet~~ ~~Tuesday~~
April the 4th at
Crowder city

Two

by the way the
Turner Mercantile Co
is buying up these
Jumped Lots which
are Improved Stanley
Turner bought- The
Jumper out on
the Walter Man
Lot- for \$290 it is a
whole black and
Manners the Man
that runs the Turner
gion on their advice
bought a jumped
Lot- from Bill
Dink a gambler
for three hundred

three

dollars I am not
sure but I think
that Mr Sullivan
of the Valley State
Bank has bought
some of these
Tickets The Primaries
Meeting here Put
on the Ticket for
Mayor a Fat Jumper
and 2 of the
councilmen are
Fat Jumpers 2
have come out
on an Independent
Ticket against

your

him for Mayor
and have running
with me an independent
council Picked -
The Democrats are pretty
strong but I have
strong hopes of
beating them I
got out 200 little
ladgers showing the
little ball passed
to the Tom site co
and scattered
them all over
Torrington - Was

five

Like throwing
Sulphur on Boats
you could see the
Jumps all over
town gathered in
little groups
discussing the
best way out of
the dilemma and
all who have impr
ovements are trying
to sell.

Yours Truly
L. T. Smith

Tentative. Indianola (part): 8 Miles West of Crowder City.

80 Acres.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Choctaw Nation.

Township No. 8 North Range No. 15 East.

	6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12	
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19	20	21	22	23	24	
30	29	28	27	26	25	
31	32	33	34	35	36	

402. 40th Street -
8th Ave.

Brooklyn, N.Y.
Feb 4 1903

Mr. McCubbin -

Dear Sir -

Thank you so much for
the sympathetic tone of your
kind letter of the 28th inst.

I supposed that you were
thoroughly acquainted with
all the details of the case
of Marshal Tucker - sentenced
by the late Judge Parker to
life imprisonment in the
spring of 1893 -

The crime (which Tucker always claims as an accident) was the result of an outburst of the animal passions of a young man, while under the influence of rum, & being denied admission to a house of ill-fame, shot thro' a panel of the door killing a woman who was in the hall behind it.

Tucker has assured me over & over again, with tears streaming down his face, while on his knees as we supposed, death bed

that there never was a thought of murder in his heart; but merely rashly determined to get into the place, & he would not knowingly hurt ~~the~~ hair of any woman's head; we all believe him, for while here he showed the most kindly & gentle disposition to all around him - Judge Clayton wrote me that he felt that he should have been pardoned long since.

The old father, Edward Tucker, of Gilmore. T. Ter, whom I understand to be a most respected citizen, is living with one hope & that is to have his boy with

him a little while before he died.
the mother died of broken heart
& softening of the brain about
18 months ago. Now, brother
Mc Curdair, would it not be
grand if we could obtain the
freedom of poor Marshal Tucker
& to feel that we had brought
peace and joy into at least
one home? I simply want
you to write to Attorney Gen.
Kane at Washington, asking
him to look personally into the
case of Marshal - R. Tucker, with
a view to pardon. The lawyer
who will ~~handle~~ the appeal is Mr M. S.
Stone of Fort Smith, whom perhaps you
know. I pray you do all you can, for
Tucker is the most deserving of all

My prisoners, & if you only saw
the horrors of prison life as I see
it, I am sure you would feel
that he has more than paid the
penalty of his rash folly.

I received one of your boys on
his discharge, Emerson Allen, after
10 years behind the bars, & I shall
never forget seeing him inhale
the first breath of "free air,"
& after showing him some of the
sights of New York sent him off
on his way, rejoicing to his
Home sweet Home. I try to do
my little, to cheer these poor
broken hearts, & often get my
own pretty well shattered in
the attempt, but I feel that

if my own son were in trouble, I
should be very thankful to any
woman who would help & cheer
him; & God certainly does bless me
in my poor little efforts.

I wish I could prove my
gratitude to you, for showing
so kindly an interest in this
my appeal to you, but I know
that our Heavenly Father sees &
notes all these actions of mercy,
& will show mercy to us, when
we too shall stand before
the Judgement-seat.

And, now Good-bye, dear brother
& may God bless you & yours.

Very truly yours.
Elizabeth C. Ray.

Super to M. J. M. work
for
W. C. T. U.

Garvin, I.T. Feb. 5th. 1903

Governor Green McCurtain,

Kintiah, I.T.

Dear Governor:--

I have heard rumors that there would be some question about my Citizenship, and write to ask you to investigate the matter for me. I know that I can fully depend on you, and as the closing of the rolls is close at hand do not want to take any chances. I enclose a copy of a letter that I received from the Commission that I thought settled the matter, but will thank you for your opinion of the matter.

I wish you deserved success in your efforts for our people.

Truly Your Friend.

J. W. Kirk

Department of the Interior,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

UNION AGENCY,

(Muskogee, Ind. T., February 5, 1903)

Mr H. P. Ward,

Kiowa, I T

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 3rd instant, advising that non citizens are taking up stray stock and not permitting the rangers to get possession of them as the law directs, and asking for advice on the subject, I have to say that this is a matter that should more properly be reported to this office through the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, Hon. Green McCurtain, at Kintah, I. T., which please do and it will receive attention.

Very respectfully,

J. P. Smith

JFW(E)

U. S. Indian Agent.

J. D. PARKS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

ANTLERS, I.T.

February 6, 1903.

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor;

There is a desperate effort being made by our enemies here to remove the U.S. court from this place to Hugo.

The only reason they assign is that I fought Latham and he will fix me &c. You know what that means. I have it from good authority that the matter is already settled and that Judge W.H.H. Clayton is into it with Latham and Poltz. They have I have been informed, put up some \$3500.00 at Hugo and that these men have been assured that they will be compensated for the damage it will be to them financially_ damage to their property here. I wish you would go at once and see what there is that can be done. They can have no other reason for doing this than that I made the fight for you instead of joining them for Hunter. Go the Secretary of the Int. and to all others that can be of any service to us and do all possible to assist us. It is a great injustice to me and to the town of Antlers for this to be done. I can not use the court building for any other purpose and many people supposing the court to be a permanent thing have spent their money here in buildings&c.

Besides Hugo is situated just as Cameron is -in one side of the Nation. Please investigate at once and write me fully how to proceed. Get D.C. to assist you. It is a short time until Congress

J. D. PARKS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

will adjourn and something must be done quick. They have worked it so that the matter is to be refered to Judge Clayton and it is supposed that whatever he does will go- that is whatever he recomands will pass. He may not be into the dirty part of it but the impression is made on him through others. The Atty. General must know what is going on at once . Reach him if possible and let him investigate the matter. Choctaw politics is at the bottom of it. Now I will leave this to you to act as you think best and hope to hear from you at once.

Your friend,

H. C. Nash

Alisan 15 Feb 1903

Honorable Green McCurtin

Kinter & Anais Co

Dear Sir we will write you a
few lines we want all the infor-
mation we can get in regard to
court citisns Holding lands to
if Chocktau By Blud gets in
Posesion if they can Dis Poses the
chocktau or not the reason
ask this question is that for
way McCurtin has jumped a
Plase that a Court rite has
had 4 years He jumped Part of
it & he Paid \$40 forty Dollars
to another Court man & they had
Both had natis that they
hav been rejected & we want

To no if They can dis Posses
us & how far us to Proceed this
Country is hed by Texas red headed
indians & if there is nat same
way to get a tit it wil nake
lots of indians out of good
homes & if wee can file & jump
these Places me & jashway can get
50 from a round Didoak to
Come here if nat wee had just
as wel all go to the mountain
& let them hav it w at rite has
those People to hold & rent land
that belongs to indians Ples
let us here from you soon from
your friends Geo H Cook &

Joshua McCurtain

J. D. FULTON,

CANADIAN, I. T.

Canadian, I. T. Feby - 6th 1903.

Hon. Green M. Cuntain,

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,

Okmulgee, I. T.

Dear sir,

I understand that under a law passed by the recent Choctaw Council - when it is approved by the President - there will be appointed by you three allotting commissioners for each of the three districts in the Nation to assist the citizens in locating their allotments. Presuming you will prefer to have practical surveyors for these positions when they can be found, other considerations not being lacking, I would be glad to have you consider my claims to an appointment for this district. I am an inter-married citizen, having married Captain Standley's youngest daughter, am a practical surveyor, have surveyed and platted several citizens their allotments recently, I have always been a M. Cuntain man and believe I can fill the position with entire satisfaction to you and with profit to prospective allottees. I would

J. D. FULTON,

CANADIAN, I. T.

refer you to J. S. Standley; B. S. Swinen; S. E. Lewis
T. J. Phillips; George Chaate, whose addresses are
well known to you and to the following citizens
who live here, Jno. C. Laale, R. F. Turner, & M. C. Yancy
for reference as to my qualifications and
fitness for the position.

Yours Very Truly
J. D. Fulton.

Mr Alister I T.

Feb 6 - 1903

Dear G W Scott

Dear Sir & Friend

I write you in regard to
the warrant that I deposited
with the American National Bank
last year for my services
the same has been
been paid and I have had
to stand good for for same
one thousand dollars I have spent
that amount in remaining
batter and including from
the Abolition station and also
one hundred and fifty dollars ^{\$150.00}
of my own money Now
can't we fix it with the
ganner to draw a warrant
for enough to cover this &
so I can get out even

on this Buisness I dont Want
to have this to Pay I mean
the Bal - the Bank sold the
Warent For \$625.00 and that
Leaves me owing the Bank
\$175.00 and I dont feel
like I out to Pay it
Pleas see Gaurin if he
Will order Warent I shud
for ^{amount} and let me know some
as you can Please
Respectfully

W. M. C. C. C.
U.S. J. P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR
FOR
INDIAN TERRITORY,

D 5300-1902

Muskogee, Ind. T., Feb. 6, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Kintah, Indian Territory.

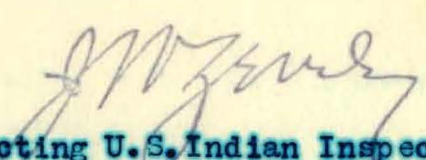
Sir:-

In accordance with the provisions of section 29 of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), as modified by the act of May 31, 1900 (31 Stat., 221), I have to respectfully transmit to you this date one muslin mounted blueprint of the approved plat of the townsite of TUSKAHOMA, Choctaw Nation.

Tuskahoma is one of the small townsites, the surveying and platting of which was authorized by the act of Congress approved May 27, 1902, and the supplemental agreement with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians as finally ratified on September 25, 1902.

Please acknowledge receipt of the plat.

Very respectfully,


Acting U.S. Indian Inspector
for Indian Territory.

D.H.K. (C)

The Indian Citizen

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NORMA E. SMISER, EDITOR.

Atoka, I. T., Feb 7, 1903.

Dear Governor! -

I understood Mr. J. D. Fulton of Canadian I.T. is an applicant for one of the positions as allotting commissioner, if the bill is approved by the President.

I want to say in behalf of Mr. Fulton that he is a practical surveyor, competent in every way for the work & one of the best men in the country & as one of your strongest supporters. He is sober, honest, industrious & competent, which fully fits him for the position.

Very Respt

B. E. Smiser

Sans Bois Indian Territory February 9th 1903.

Jerry Folsom,
McCurtain Indian Territory.

Dear friend:

I have your letter wherein you enclose location of your lands which you expect to allott, requesting that I send the same to the man who is seggregating the same to know if the land you mentioned will be seggregated, in reply have to say that I dont know his initials and dont know his address.

I had a message from the Governor in which he states he will be in Ft. Smith to day on his way home and when he return he can I suppose by referring to his papers find out the mans address to whom you want this letter sent. Regretting that I was unable to forward same properly, I shall have the Governor to look the matter up as soon as he comes in.

Your friend.

Dwight, Ind. Terr.
Feb. 10/2/03.

Mr. S. H. Mackey.

Dear friend.

I will take upon myself a pleasant duty of writing to you a few lines this evening. In regard to the office, I asked your boy whenever he write to you to ask you whether there are any vacant place for an office or not. If there are any vacancy, I told him to tell you to help me out so that I might get an appointment. So he told me that he heard from you this morning and said that you wanted for me to write to you. Now my friend I have been attending

the school here at Jones Academy for fully four years. And now I want to get out into the world and try to do something. So if there are any vacancy for an office, I would be very glad for you to help me out and to help me to get an appointment. I am now twenty-three years old, and am a full blood Choctaw. I was raised something like an orphan boy from a little up to this time. But I see there was a chance for me to go to school and that I might learn something, therefore I taken an advantage of going to school at the Academy for fully four years. and neighborhood school for about four years.

I never have had an opportunity of drinking any kind of liquor and glad to say that I never have had a chance to run around and drink. For I always told that drinking whiskey or any kind of distilled liquor was a bad habit and soon beat any one to a grave.

Although I am not a christian, but then I do really believe in christian work. My reservation is known as what they call Blue County. Now my friend if there are any vacancy for an office that you hear off or can find out, I wish you would do so and help me out and I will be a many obligation to you. Well as I have no more news to relate you, so I will bring there

4th
"

few lines to a close. Hoping to hear
from you at an early reply.

Your friend,
Rayson M. Wilson.

Kiowa I. O.

Feb 10th 1903

Dear Gen We are having
lots of trouble in this
county with non citizens
handling stray stock so
I asked the Indian
agt. To assist us so
in reply to my request
he writes me and under
same to you I hope
you will take the
matter up with him
and notify the dis-
tr. office if we

succeed that we
may get the thing
st^d as they are
owners and they amount
to considerable in
helping the co. out
and not only that
when a non-city
gets a thing they
just keep it and
apply it to their use
I hope you and family
is well give my regards
To Mr. P. Lister and
J. W. B. Best regards
G. P. Ward

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. CMR

WASHINGTON.

ITD 1451-1903.

February 10, 1903.

LRS

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
c/o D. C. McCurtain, 1714-15th St.N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your communication dated February 5, 1903, relative to the bill recently passed by the Choctaw Council, providing for the appointment by you of commissioners to assist the Indians in selecting their allotments. You are advised that the statements made therein will receive due consideration.

Respectfully,

Thos. H. ...
Acting Secretary

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb., 11, 1903.

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

Dear Father:-

Herewith is letter from the Department acknowledging receipt of your letter relative to the matter of appointing commissioners to assist in the selection of allotments.

If the Government accepts your proposition, that is, pays the commissioners and allows you to recommend them, the arrangement will be even better than that contemplated by the bill inasmuch as it will cut off that much extra expense.

Both my babies are sick. Ewart is threatened with pneumonia. I hope by careful attention to prevent their taking pneumonia. Washington weather is so changeable that it is hard to keep well.

Your son

D. C. M.

1714-15th St, N.W.

P.S. Agent Shoenfelt is manifesting another disposition towards Hunter from that of what I had suspicioned,-- he seems to be anxious to get rid of him. I think they will all be against Hunter when they find how the secretary feels towards him.

Judge Smith called to see you Sunday, also Shoenfelt and Pleasant Porter.

D. C. M.

Kocha town

Feb. 12, 1903

Hon Green McCurtain

Principal Chief

I the non-citizen of the Choctaw Nation
and have a desire to carry on drug store at
Kocha town in Eagle County Choctaw Nation
And submit my application to you for a
licens to sell a drug for a period 6 months
the amount will be about twenty five
dollars and I humbly ask your Honor to
grant me ~~me~~ a license.

Signers

Your petitioners

T. S. Jefferson

C. M. Frysee

2 Simon Jefferson

Address

3 Simon Bill

Ultima Thule

4 Adam Harris

Ark.

Lewis Johnson

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., February 12, 1903

Honorable Joseph Everidge,
Grant, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

I have just returned from Washington, D.C., and while there I visited at both the Indian office and the Interior Department, as my business was with them, and I must inform you that most of the Bills passed by the council have been approved, with the exception of the Lighthorsemen bill and the Bill providing for Alloting Commissioners. This latter Bill has hung fire on account of the Dawes Commission, and the Acting Inspector, J.W. Zevely, who reported against it. However Secretary Hitchcock offered a compromise to this effect. If agreeable he would disapprove the Bill creating the Alloting Commissioners, and have me to recommend three good men out of each District, two of whom should understand surveying, and one able to speak both languages, Choctaw and English, and he (The Secretary) would prescribe rules and regulations for them to work under, and the said Commissioners to be paid by the United States. I informed the Secretary that I would let him know in a few days as to what I would do, and I have about made up my mind to accept his offer. With reference to the Henry Willis Bill, I authorize you to go ahead and make a settlement with Henry Willis, in reference to the Tushkalosa school building.

Well, I saw W.A. Durant, while there and he seemed to be enjoying himself there. Every time I saw him about the capitol he

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

(JHE)

was holding conference with some negroes about the capitol building I enquired at the Interior Department and the Indian Office as to whether or not he had been there, and was informed that he had not been at either place, and they told me they did not know he was in the city. So, I conclude that he is just there having a good time spending the people's money who sent him there. The Secretary of the Interior also informed me that the Acting Indian Inspector wanted to know of him what he must do with the Bills passed by the Hunter! Dukes Council, and he (the Secretary) says he informed him that he could send them back to Hunter and Dukes, or do as he pleased with them except report them to that office; and that he had no right to report them; so there is where the Bill abolishing your office is. I think I will be there in a few days and will tell you a great deal more than I can write.

GMcC(W)

Your friend,

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., February 12, 1903

Mrs Elizabeth Hendrixon,
McCurtain, I.T.

Dear madam:

Upon my return home I found awaiting me the money you had sent me, for which I thank you. I trust that you will have no more trouble in this matter.

Very respectfully,

gmcC(7)

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., February 12, 1903

Mr Ed C. Nash,

Antlers, I.T.

Dear sir:

While in Washington, D.C., D.C. McCurtain told me that he had received a letter addressed to me in one of your envelopes, but he could not find the same, and I therefore did not see it. I write you this in order that you may write me here the contents of said letter. I got back home on the 10th inst.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

What is there in Atoka's fail
ure to fulfill Contract
with Commission

W. H. C.

Treasurer Choctaw Nation

George W. Scott

J. D. CHASTAIN
DEALER IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

HARTSHORNE, I. T., 2/12 1903

Mr George W Scott
Sams Pair
Ind Terr
Friend Scott

Learning of the
failure in carrying out their
obligation with the Lynch office
commissioners. I beg the privilege
of presenting the claims of Hartshorne
for rather making a few propositions.
I think you will agree with me
that this point is as convenient for
the characters as most anywhere
in the nation owing to the fact
most of them will come
in wagon & on horse back - second
we propose to furnish them
our City Park 50 or 75 acres with
plenty of water for all purposes
without any charge ^{to camp} also in a
pasture that is convenient

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., February 12, 1903

Honorable J.W.zebely,

Acting U.S.Indian Inspector,

Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

I herewith acknowledge receipt of approved plat of the townsite of Tushkahoma, Choctaw Nation, I.T., transmitted in your letter of the 6th inst.

GMcC(W)

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 13, 1903

Honorable Joseph Taft,

Jaunita, I.T.

Sir:-

Enclosed you will find inquiry from Jerry Pulson, at McCurtain, I.T., asking whether or not the lands indicated in the attached plat, Twp. 8, N., Range 22, E., have been segregated as coal land. An immediate reply to this inquiry would be appreciated by this office. As I understand it you are not violating any of the rules in giving out this information quietly, to parties who desire to allot the lands, and take this advantage of your kindness in asking you for this information.

PSL(W)
Encl.

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.W.

Nic Nash,
(West of Spring.)

Antlers, Indian Territory. 2/3 1903

Hon. A. D. Oglesby -

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir;

I see that Mr. [unclear] is claiming
a strip of land on the east side
of the Indian L. I am interested in
some papers on this belt of land. Please
advise me what you can about the
chances of land running out on this
as early as possible. It is important
to me. What have you done about
our St. Louis claim?

Yours truly
H. C. Nash

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 16, 1903

Dr H. C. Nash,

Antlers, I. T.

Dear sir:

Enclosed you will find copy of letter written by me this day to Senator James K. Jones, which will give him an idea of the situation at Antlers, and the reasons that obtain among those who seek to remove the court from that place to Hugo. I am inclined to believe that he will be able to forestall any plans that they may have in that direction. I feel considerable in protecting you in that matter, and feel sure that Senator Jones will do anything that he can to cripple Clayton and his outfit. My recent impressions at Washington lead me to believe that the court, as at present constituted, is in very bad odor there, and I do not believe that they can command any influence whatever if their schemes are exposed, as I have reason to believe that Senator Jones will proceed to do.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief G.M.

E. E. DYER

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Durant, I. T., 19...

Governor while I don't ask you
one cent for my services I will
ask you to loan me \$30.00 for
sixty days, to enable me to pay
my expenses for money to
on the trip also house
doctor bill etc, the
get me out of
I think I can get
right. Would you
Keep me in mind for
"use of represent a
I will try to keep
on all matters. I am
Choclaw Politics in this part of the
country and will inform you
from time to time how things are
going. Hoping to hear from you
I am
Yours Truly
E. E. Dyer.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. ter. Feb. 13, 1903

Mr Wesley Wood,

Talihina, I.T.

Dear sir:

Enclosed you will find your appointment as guardian of Henry and Minnie Woods, which you forwarded to this office some time ago. This is a matter that should more properly be referred to the National Attorney, James Culberson, at Leflore, I.T., and it would be well that you forward same to him for such action as he may deem proper in this matter. County Courts can not forcibly require anyone to act as guardian of children without their assent. Whenever they attempt to do this it will then become my duty to see that Justice is done you.

PS (7)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.M.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 13, 1903

Mr B.S. .Srizer,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter endorsing the application of J.D.Fulton for appointment as allotting Commissioner. This bill was still on the desk of the Secretary of the Interior when I was in Washington, and had not been approved by the President. Mr Fulton comes well recommended, and his application will receive serious consideration when it becomes my duty under the law to make such appointments.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind., er., Feb. 13, 1903

Mr J.D. Fulton,

Canadian, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst in which you make application for appointment as allotting Commissioner as provided for by a recent act of the Choctaw Council. I have placed your application on file, and same will have my due consideration when it becomes my duty to make such appointments. This act has not, as yet, received the approval of the President of the United States, which approval is necessary before the same becomes a law.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 13, 1903.

Mr W.F. Rogers,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 26th ult, in which you make application for appointment as one of the allotting Commissioners; recently provided for by act of Council. Your application has been placed on file and will have due consideration when it becomes my duty to make such appointments.

PSL(W)

Yours truly

Principal Chief C.N.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 13, 1903

Mr W.W. Wilson,

Doaksville, I.T.

Dear sir:

I have just returned from Washington, and am in receipt of your letter of the 26th ult, and note what you say with reference to the Lease-Inspector-ship. I am sorry indeed that this act did not become a law, as it would have afforded me pleasure to have appointed you to that position, knowing that you would have lent valuable aid in the protection of these people who seem to be at the mercy of schemers and sharks who are now preying upon them. I had quite an interesting experience at Washington. The bill creating the office of Allotting Commissioners has not been approved. The Secretary of the Interior offered a compromise in this; he said he would appoint, upon my recommendation, three Allotting Commissioners in each District as ~~xxxxxx~~ provided for in the bill, and that said Commissioners would be in the pay of the U. S. Government, and under his direct supervision. This, it occurred to me, would be even better than the bill passed by Council. Two, of each set of three, of said Commissioners must have a general knowledge of surveying, and the third must speak both Choctaw and English fluently. I was given to understand also by the Secretary, that as soon as Congress adjourns he would take great pleasure in removing Hunter as Townsite Commissioner. He did not want to act in this matter until Congress adjourned, lest there might be some disagreeable features brought up in the halls of Congress. This of course is said to you confidentially, and must not go any further. In closing I regret to say that the failure of the lease Inspector bill to pass is a disappointment to me, and I would have felt very much better to have had your hearty co-operation in the upholding of the law in the protection of these people, in the final settlement of our tribal affairs.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., February 13, 1903

Mr J.J. Gardener,

Durant, I.T.

Dear sir:

I have just returned from Washington, and received your letter of the 26th ult., and note its contents. I am of the opinion that when the land office opens at Atoka, some time this spring you will be permitted to determine who your renters shall be on the land allotted to you. I have intended to write the Commission that they will have to exercise inquisitorial powers to determine whether or not certain citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations are excessive land holders. Of course just at this time it would be hard to tell just what the Commission will do. Things are in a very chaotic condition, and will remain so until the land office is opened, and the work gets straightened out. I believe they are making every effort to do the best they can under the circumstances. So far as this year's renters are concerned, their status can be determined by the land office when the lands are allotted. With reference to the merchants who refuse to pay tribal taxes, the Supreme Court of the United States has said that they must pay these taxes. The Secretary of the Interior says they must pay them and the Attorney General of the United States notified Judge Townsend, some time ago that his court must not interfere with the Indian Agent when he attempts to collect these taxes. You understand of course that the handling of these various complicated interests ~~was~~ is a big job and it has to be done through the U.S. Government, which necessarily

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Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

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goes slow in all matters. We have about gotten rid of the court citizen, and that element has had more to do with the delay in the matter of allotment than all the other interests combined. Had it not been for such fellows as A. Telle, J. G. Ralls, et al, who lent their active aid and assistance in fighting the real Indian, for the so-called court citizen, we would have long since had out allotments and doubtless much of the money that was due the Choctaws. It is too late now for these fellows to ventilate, through the newspapers, as A. Telle did, their views as to what is best to do for the Choctaws for they have certainly done everything in their power to assist in the robbery of the real Indian.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. ~~ter.~~, Feb. 13, 1903

Judge H.P. Ward,

Kiowa, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, and note what you say with reference to non-citizens handling stray stock, etc., in your county. It is necessary, under the rules and regulations of the Department, that all complaints of this character be made, by the County Ranger, to the County Judge, and then Transmitted by the County Judge to the Principal Chief. In making this complaint it is necessary to set out the names of the parties so in possession of this stock, and their address, and a description of the stock. It would be well for you to instruct the officers to this effect, as the department absolutely refuses to take any steps unless such complaints come through the proper channel. I hope this will find you well.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 13, 1903

Honorable Alf McCay, U.S.I.P.

McAlester, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter in which you state that you have deposited with the Amer. Nat'l Bank, warrant for your services rendered last year. If these services had been rendered under my administration I would be at liberty to take immediate action on your letter. I would suggest that you have the Indian Agent write out a correct statement, and have him approve same, showing just what services were rendered by you, and then forward same to me and I will see what can be done in the premises. These precautions are necessary as I am not supposed to know officially what amount is due, or what services were rendered. However I will do what I can to assist you when you comply with the above suggestions

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.H.

Ayers & Co.
Hardware.

WEBBER-AYERS HARDWARE CO.,
SUCCESSORS TO

513 Garrison Ave.

Fort Smith, Ark.,

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Hon Gen M^r Curtin

Sans Bois

My dear Gov: Have just returned from
my outing under permit so kindly
sent me by yourself. Our crowd
of 9 killed 2 Turkeys & caught 80
pounds of fish in ten days. I find
that the Country South & East of
Tuskahoma & Clayton has been
infested with worst hunters
who ship game from Clayton

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Hardware.

WEBB-AYERS HARDWARE CO.,
SUCCESSORS TO

513 Garrison Ave.

Fort Smith, Ark.,
to Harvey's Eating Houses north
& south. The Indian Agent has
been advised of this but so far
as I know has done nothing
toward a cessation of the
vicious practice. I am making
an effort to get our Congressman
to introduce a bill creating a
National Park in the section

Ayers & Co.
Hardware.

WEBSTER-AYERS HARDWARE CO.,
SUCCESSORS TO

513 Garrison Ave.

Fort Smith, Ark.,

When Morris Creek flows into Little
River and I trust the measure
may meet with your support.
The Country is wild & broken
& unfit for agriculture. In my
opinion this the only way to
ever preserve the game in that
section because when once
allotted the care of humanity

Ryers & Co.
Hardware.

WEBBER-AYERS HARDWARE CO.,
SUCCESSORS TO

513 Garrison Ave.

Fort Smith, Ark.

That which flows over the country
will soon extinguish every
thing as big as a ground squirrel
unless the Territorial Gov. has
some strict farm laws &
it's only ever the case.
Apologizing for the length of
our journal &
respects

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 14, 1903.

Aranda Mutchee,

Parsens, I.T.

Madar:

Your letter of recent date to hand and I note what you say with reference to your mother dis-owing you. It might be well for you to secure affidavits from people who are familiar with the facts of your birth, and that you are the child of this mother, and forward same to the Dawes Commission. If you are denied by your own mother of course it is necessary for you to make this proof in order to be enrolled as a citizen. These affidavits should be sent to Honorable Tams Bixby, Acting Chairman, Muskogee, I.T.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.N.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 14, 1903

Joshua McCurtain,

Allison, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 6th inst, in which you say that you have, together with other parties, secured possession of certain lands claimed by court citizens, and ask advise of this office as to how to proceed in the matter. I am rather inclined to think that, if you are in peaceable possession of the same it would be well for you to try to hold it. The rule is that the rights of the court citizens will not be disturbed until their cases are finally disposed of. Many of them however will not get into the citizenship court for a re-trial of their cases, and those who have not filed their notice of appeal before the 17th of next month will be forever cut off from proceeding with same, or participating in the allotment of the lands here. You might investigate and see if these parties have made application for appeal from Clayton's Court to the Citizenship court, and if they have not by the 17th of next month, then they have forfeited all rights they have in the premises.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.N.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 14, 1903.

Mrs Norma E. Smiser,

Atoka, I. T.

Dear madam:

I noticed an article in the last issue of the "Citizen" signed by "A. Telle", which, to my surprise, seemed to have the qualified approval of your paper. The delay in winding up our affairs has been largely due to the effort to get rid of the court citizens. Telle, and Indians of his class, have done more real injury to the 'Real Indian' than all other agencies combined. Being an Indian himself, and of some prominence in our affairs, he has held himself out to these adventurers as the proper person to secure their rights that they were not entitled to. He took advantage of the position he held under the Choctaw Government, as a Commissioner, and accepted fees as a lawyer from them. In other words, he "ran with the hare and carried with the hounds". Capt. Stanley, and every other Choctaw Indian is aware of his duplicity and double dealing with the Indians property rights. His conduct has been notorious and inexcusable. Every Choctaw Indian who has taken an interest and watched the progress of our affairs, knows these statements are true, with reference to Telle. Yet unabashed, he jones and attempts to parade his views as to what ought to be done, since he failed to fasten upon his people the court citizen. His purpose at this time in desiring another treaty is manifest. It is only to provide a way whereby the court citizen might reach the goal. I regret that the occasion has arisen that calls forth the use of such strong language against the unfair methods adopted by some of our leading men, who find a fit spokesman in A. Telle., but I feel that I am doing my people a service by calling attention to their record, and that I would be recreant to my duty were I to remain silent under these circumstances.

PSL(W)

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.

Savannah. G. T. 2-14. 1903.

Hon. Green McBurnett
Kinta. G. T.

Dear Sir and friend. you will find here enclosed
a letter from Rayson Wilson, which explains
itself. I dont know the young^{man} from his letter.
though. Should I see him. I might locate him.
as he says he is from Blue County. however
I will answer him by telling him that I have
forwarded his letter to you. and let him know
that he must apply to our Governor for an ap-
pointment. and I am of the opinion that we ought
to begin now. Reaching out a little and see that our
Tushkahoma Party is holding its own and gain
one now and then. I dont know the young man.
nor Wilson. tho. I am of the opinion that he
supported J. W. Hunter. at last election.
I feel like we will have another Race with those
fellows. at our next Election for Nat. Sect,
Aud, Treas. and Natl. Atty. of course I wouldnt
let them know that I feel uneasy. tho. I do believe
they are fixing to give us a big Race.
hoping this will find you and family all well. we are
tolerable well. I have a spell of Sagnips just now.

your friend

A. H. Mackey.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 16, 1903

Senator James K. Jones,

Senate Chamber, Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:-

I desire to address you in behalf of a friend of mine, Dr H.C. Nash, at Antlers, I.T. He is the owner of the building now used by the United States Court for the Central District, at that place. Dr Nash writes me that the court officials are making an extraordinary effort to have the court removed from that point to Hugo, I.T., and that the removal of the court, at this time, would work a great hardship upon the citizens of Antlers. The animosity, on the part of the court officials, towards Dr Nash, is the result of the last political contest in this Nation, in which the court officials did everything in their power to defeat the last Treaty, which was vehemently supported by Dr Nash. I understand, from him, that these court officials will urge Congress to remove the court from that point to Hugo; and it is the open boast of Lathan, U.S. Commissioner, of Clayton's court, who says "God Damn Nash and Antlers; I will get even with them." Dr Nash is a friend of mine, and if there is anything you can do for him, to protect him in his interest there against the political prejudice he aroused in supporting me as a candidate for Governor, I would certainly appreciate it.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief G.W.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 16, 1903

Honorable G. C. McCurtain,

1714, 15 St., N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Dear son:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in which you enclose communication from the Department in which I am advised that the Bill recently passed by the Choctaw Council providing for the appointment of Allotting Commissioners, will receive due consideration, at the proper time.

I regret to hear that your babies are sick. I felt, when I was there, that you permitted them to expose themselves too much. You ought to be very careful about allowing them to run in the air after being undressed for bed, as the Washington climate, as you say, is so changeable that it is difficult to keep well. There is a heavy snow on the ground here this morning, and it is still coming down. I think it is due likely, to the presence of Henry Willis, as you know whenever Henry is around there is always trouble.

This leaves us all well.

PSL(W)

Your father,

TURNER & YOUNG
GENERAL MERCHANDISEMITCHELL WAGONS
CANTON IMPLEMENTSTURNER MERCANTILE CO., INDIANOLA, I. T.
TURNER & YOUNG, CANADIAN, I. T.COTTON
PRODUCECANADIAN, I. T., Feb. 14th 1903

Hon. Green H^c Cusum, P. O. C. S. Sir, I
write you this to recommend Mr J. D. Fulton
who is Capt. J. B. Standley's Son-in-law.
He wants the appointment of alloting agent
in this County. He is a good Surgeon,
and I am satisfied he would do his work
all right, and give general Satisfaction.
He lives in Canadian, and is a good
Sober Business man.

Yours Friend

J. E. Lewis

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 16, 1903.

Messrs Weldon, Williams & Lick,
Fort Smith, Ark.,

Gentlemen:

Please forward to this office, by express, the following articles:

1,500 envelopes, letter size,

500 " , legal size,

2000 letterheads, 8-1/2 X 10

100 blue semi-carbon, for type-writer manifolding,

6 type-writer ribbons, 2 black; 2 blue; 1 purple and 1 green,
for Rerington machine.

I attach herewith copy of printing I desire on letter-head and envelope "Executive Office, Choctaw Nation, Green McCurtain, Principal Chief." I am not particular as to this being exactly what is printed on same, but I desire that printing be on upper left corner of letter-head, and envelope, on modist type. Please do not put this paper up in tablets, but send the same as it comes from the press, loose. An early shipment will be appreciated,

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.H.

MCLEAN & MUDGE
MANAGERS



Feb'y 16. 1903

Dear Green

Mr Jas D. Fulton who married my youngest daughter and lives in Canadian writes me he is informed a bill was passed by the last Council providing for 3 commissioners for each district to assist allottees in properly locating their lands. This man is a surveyor and will understand just how to do this business. I and he and my other sons in law chipped in together and bought an instrument and he is using it and doing very satisfactory work for me and the others and is now working for outside parties.

He is very clever and quite reliable.

I am willing to endorse this man, but it may be asking too much of you to ask you to appoint him; because I understand you have Mr Smiser slated for Town site Commissioner but I doubt if Hunter will be removed.

I know that Beverly is fighting you and

McLEAN & MUDGE
MANAGERS.



Smiser in behalf of Hunter, and you know that
Severly is filling Inspector Wright's place now
and has abundant opportunity to do every thing
in favor of Hunter and against you and Smiser.

If Smiser's place is gone then I can recommend
Fulton.

I am sorry to state that my health continues
not good. I feel quite sure I am relieved
in so far as my lung is concerned, but the break
seems to be now in my general health.

Please say to Geo Scott not to forget me
when he has any money.

With best wishes for your health and success

Very Truly Your friend
J. S. Stanley

Wilburton I. T. Feb 17 / 1903

Hon. Chief of Choctaw
Nation Sir

I wish some information as to the land here there has bin a good many bought lots with the under standing that the operators did not claim that it was an these Lease and that they said at the time that they had nothing to do with this part of the land and people bought with that. under standing some says that the Coal Co can make as all move of of the Land after

we have improved our
homes with the under
standing that they
had no blame at all
I have lived here 4 years
and a several others
have like my self
improved a place to make
a home and I write
to you for information

your Truly

T. S. Batis
Wilburton
I. T.

P.S. I bought of
Louis Rocket in Wilburton
I am outside of Cooperation line

ber speculators is what the Hugo convention was trying to attack when they said his management was unjust, illegal and surreptitious; but they didn't have the moral courage to come out and say so.

Thus we have both parties on record with respect to the right of the timber speculators to loot the Indian—the Tushkahoma Party endorses the action of our governor in keeping the speculator off the Indians' property, and the Choctaw Protective Party says that Gov. McCurtain's opposition to the timber speculators is unjust, illegal and surreptitious. Choctaw Protective Party—it would be more in keeping with their policy to call themselves the Timber Speculators Protective Party.

No man who hires or lends his aid to speculators as against the Indian and his interests is entitled to the vote of Choctaw citizens. It is an open secret that one of the candidates of the Choctaw Protective (?) Party ticket is in the regular employ of the timber speculators in the Second District, working in their camp at regular wages. The saying that a man cannot serve two masters is as true today as it ever was.

Another one of the candidates of the Choctaw Protective Party has strong predilections for the timber speculators and their inducements, as was evidenced by the lobbying efforts of said candidate to get a timber bill through the Choctaw council not many years ago in favor of one Richardson. No man whose sympathies and influence are against the Indian and in favor of the speculator is fit to be elected to office of public trust. Therefore, avoid the Choctaw Protective Party candidates and calamity by going to the polls August 5th and voting for

George W. Scott for National Treasurer,
Ed. H. Wilson for National Secretary,
Peter J. Hudson for National Auditor and
Charley S. Vinson for National Attorney.

Executive Committee { D. C. McCURTAIN,
Tushkahoma Party. { W. H. ANSLEY,
{ W. A. SHONEY,
{ WILL HARRISON.

South McAlester, I. T., July 5, 1903.

THE TIMBER QUESTION

HARRIS, I. T., Feb. 18, 1903.

HON. GREEN McCURTAIN,
Principal Chief.

DEAR SIR:—

I write you a few words informing you of the affairs existing in Red River county and also asking you whether same is right.

A great many people select their allotment having pine timber on it, and bargain the timber away in goods to the white people. I am informed that such Indians get forty dollars' worth of merchandise to each allotment. Besides this they interfere with other Indians' claims in this transaction.

I believe we have a law preventing sale of timber. If such transaction is not stopped we will soon have no timber. I request of you as governor to stop same.

Yours truly,

The above is, as it appears, an appeal from a citizen of the Choctaw Nation to Gov. McCurtain to protect the interests of the Indians against the ravages of the timber speculators in the Second District. And this is only one of many such appeals.

As is well known, much of the land in the lower district, that is, the Second District, is valuable only for the timber that is on it, and when that is taken off the land is of little or no account for farming or any other purpose. Men with "get rich quick" schemes in their heads, knowing the value of the timber and not wanting the land, had conceived the idea of buying up the timber from the Indians for little or nothing, leaving the worthless lands to the Indians to allot. And had Gov. McCurtain not interfered when he did one of the boldest, most gigantic and complete systems of defrauding the Indians, second only to the court claimants venture, would have succeeded.

Had the plan for the wholesale barter and slaughter of the timber carried, its effect would have been far reaching and something pathetic to contemplate. Under the present law the pine timber of commercial value is appraised and estimated with

the land. So that the Indian who takes for his allotment land with pine timber on it must take as a part of his allotment the pine at its appraised value, and this whether the timber is there at the time the land is allotted or not, as the timber has already been appraised, its value entered of record and charged up to the land upon which it stood at the time it was appraised. Under the classification and appraisal of the lands an average allotment is valued at one thousand and forty dollars. If, therefore, an Indian was to select three hundred and twenty acres of land appraised at twenty five cents per acre with pine timber on it appraised at three dollars per acre, he would get nine hundred and sixty dollars' worth of pine timber, according to the appraisal, and eighty dollars' worth of land. Now, suppose some one who does not intend to take his allotment in the timber district should sell the timber from this land and afterwards refuse to take the land as his allotment, saying that he never sold the pine timber off of it, and there being no record of the sale, such transactions being generally under cover, how is he going to be compelled to take the land after he has sold the timber, there being no actual proof of his having sold it? In that case there is an allotment which some one must take and will take valued at one thousand and forty dollars, worth only eighty dollars, the nine hundred and sixty dollars worth of pine timber having been sold for two or three hundred dollars by some other person who never intended to allot the land. Can any one say that would be a fair and equal division of our property, such as the law and our treaties contemplate?

Suppose, on the other hand, the person who sold the timber should take the land as his allotment, and many of them will, having their homes and their all there. Can the deal which robs the Indian out of one-half or more of this valuable property be upheld as a good bargain for the Indian, and is it not the Indian's interest that it is our duty to protect? Of course, it will be contended by the speculators that they pay the Indian well for the timber, and they may pay some of them well, especially those

who are in with the speculators to skin the other Indians, but as a matter of fact the Indians who really have a right to the timber, those who expect to allot the lands, will receive about one-fourth the actual value of their timber. For nine hundred and sixty dollars worth of timber the Indian who expects to allot the land gets about two hundred and forty dollars ready money and that with his land valued at eighty dollars makes him get for his share of the land three hundred and twenty dollars when under the law he is entitled to one thousand and forty dollars worth of land. Thus the timber speculator, be he Indian or white man, would beat the allottee out of seven hundred and twenty dollars worth of his property. Should the timber speculator be permitted or allowed to prey upon the interest of the Indian and get his property for little or nothing? The Tushkahoma Party thinks not.

The most striking and shocking instance of this fraud and its effect is where improvident and thriftless parents and guardians fritter away the interests of the children by selling the timber from the lands to be taken as their allotments. Under the provisions of the law it is made impossible for the parent or guardian to sell or dispose of the entire land interest of the child, but as to the timber it is not so. If the parent or guardian is permitted to sell the pine from the land to be allotted to the child at the prevailing price of about one-fourth its value that child, entitled to land to the value of one thousand and forty dollars, would receive a patent to and finally come into possession of land worth eighty dollars; its share of the property being distributed in about the proportion of eighty dollars to the child, two hundred and forty dollars to the parent or guardian and the balance, seven hundred and twenty dollars, to the speculator. Such an administration of a minor's estate is repulsive to the moral sense of duty and decency. Why should it be permitted in the case of an Indian child? At this time when we are engaged in the division of our common holdings, at a time when fraud and corruption beset the Indian and his property on every hand, the children,

innocent and helpless parties, should, above all persons else, be protected in their shares and estates against the hefty handed speculators. And for this the Tushkahoma Party stands.

When it came to the knowledge of Gov. McCurtain that the timber speculators were operating in the Second District, their methods of purchase and price paid, he at once set about to defeat their plans to defraud the Indians out of their valuable property. The governor took the matter up both with the Dawes Commission and the Secretary of the Interior direct. And as a result when the timber speculators transported the Indians to the land office at Atoka they met their first repulse—the officer in charge of the land office having orders to withhold from allotment the pine lands until further orders refused to allow the Indians to file upon such lands. Consternation broke loose among the timber speculators and a great howl went up that the Indians were being denied the right to file upon their allotments, etc. But it is remarkable to note that in the whole disturbance, the Indian, the supposedly injured party, was least concerned of all. Why this commotion among the speculators, this unusual activity in the Indians' behalf! The answer is plain—it was the speculators' interest that was being hurt by this refusal to allow filing upon the pine lands and not the interest of the Indian. There is one thing certain, the lands and the pine belong to the Indians and they will never lose them so long as they stand protected against the speculator. This the Indian knows.

The Tushkahoma Party stands upon the principal that each and every Indian should receive his full allotment without division with timber or any other speculators.

The Tushkahoma Party points to with pride and adopts as one of the fundamental principles of its policy the efforts of Gov. McCurtain to protect the Choctaws against the schemes and intrigues of the timber speculators. Their platform says:

"We endorse the action of Gov. McCurtain in withdrawing our timber lands from allotment until

all questions concerning them are settled. He was prompted to take this step by numerous complaints from citizens in the timber districts, and in doing so, has furnished additional proof of his determination to safeguard the interests of the people at all times. Our timber lands are growing more valuable each year. The timber speculator, realizing this fact, was using questionable methods to get possession of our timber at prices far below its market value. A great wrong was about to be done the Choctaw people. Gov. McCurtain prevented that wrong by having the Department of the Interior temporarily withdraw our timber lands from allotment. The timber lands will be allotted to our citizens, but not until all complaints of questionable transactions have been investigated and the conditions of allotting them have been made such that every allottee would be protected in his rights to sell his timber for its market value."

What say the Protective Party about Gov. McCurtain's action in protecting the Indians and their interests against the speculators? Their platform says:

"We condemn as unjust, illegal and surreptitious the present action and management of affairs by Green McCurtain."

According to the feelings and ideas of the Choctaw Protective party, as expressed by the Hugo convention, Gov. McCurtain was UNJUST in the management of affairs when he defeated the plan of the timber speculators to gobble up the timber of the Second District. Unjust to whom? Who is kicking? The timber speculators, of course.

According to the tenor of the Hugo platform, the management of affairs by Gov. McCurtain was ILLEGAL when he prevailed upon the Department of the Interior to withhold the pine land from allotment until the transactions of the timber speculators could be looked into.

The management of affairs by Gov. McCurtain was SURREPTITIOUS, in the mind of the Hugo convention, because he did not give the timber speculators a tip that he was going to oppose them and thus enable them to ship out their ill-gotten wealth before the department could interfere.

Evidently Gov. McCurtain's opposition to the tim-

Nov M. Curtain } Kossoma Ind. Ten
Kinta Ind. Ten } Feb 18th 1903
Dear Sir

Heimat ammohinli ya anumpa
Kaniyihni Ka chi mala chishki. Yohmi
Kat uhti atukla Eyali tuk at
Ninak ash o falamot Kossoma I.S.
Elappa alali tuk ash a Chuka a Kiyo
moma hosh Binnilit anumpa chi
Malishki. hattak ut moyoma choysh
mi hosh Ettikafilla hosh aiyasha
katuk o Nana tunkasalli Elappat
Kallo Kat aiyahlishki. Yohmi Ka
Kaniyihni Kano A Kistini^{chi} li
aiyahli^{tuk at} anumpa aiyahli^{chi} yotano
Chi malishki. Kana hosh itti
Chopa tuk a hohchifo ya Chimali
mak Anoti Kana hosh, ~~Kana hosh~~^{itti}
Ka chi tuk aiyina Ka Chimalistki
Nana tunkasalli Elappa aiyahli Saban
na Kat aiyahli^{chi} katintli^{chi} Nana isht
Elopilla Chit-mohowalla hiyak Tohat
aiyammodhmit at aniya hosh
falamalishki. yokni yamma
pilla ka Section micha half Section
moyoma Ka Company yotomi Kat
Chakta okla yateni Emopowochi ko mia

isht alot towat Kaniza Mahlishki
yohmi Kia nana isht illofillan
Chit mdkowalla
hi yak osh eksam mischo hatuk, osh
mozoma ak aiyahlo hosa
miko yat Kanimeh chit ish
and fillashki

P.S

Yours True Friend
J. J. Simpson
hoping to hear from you
at once

J. J.

Antler P. S.

Box 101

Moon Shine Lumber Co
R. S. Allen head contractor
Horatio
Ark

Moon Skin Lumber Co

Contractor Horatio ark

R. S. Allin

Horatio ark

this Co has got mill near Norwoods

97

And Running there mill.

Buying the Timber from citizen

And this is list of the Name who sold
the Timber to these Co

- 1 Simon Byington
- 2 Alington King
- 3 Thomas Byington
- 4 David McKinney
- 5- David. Billy
- 6 Joe Thompson
- 7 P. J. Thomas
- 8 J B Dyer
- 9 Samuel McKinney

Red River Lumber Co

Good Water

Ind Terr

Red River Lumber Co

Good Water I.T.
H. J. Whiteman . President
Spencer Vice
Armstrong Sec and Treasure
Wm. H. Harrison
H. A. McBride
J. B. Faltz.

this is the company.

and this list is the list of the names
who sold the timber to this Red River Lumber Co

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Samuel McKinney | 19 Madie Byington |
| 2 John. Billy | 20 Simon Byington |
| 3 John Moore | 21 Daniel Jefferson |
| 4 Sulphin. McClure | 22 A Sicking Wade |
| 5 Edward Jones | 23 Mallie Watkin |
| 6 Abel. Butler | 24 Mrs. Brown |
| 7 Levi Sampson | |
| 8 Noel Sampson | |
| 9 Ben Hoing | |
| 10 Willie James | |
| 11 Isamon Brown | |
| 12 Jerry. Wilson | |
| 13 Hopill Lawachabbe | |
| 14 Sampson Hall | |
| 15 Willie Gibson | |
| 16 Johnson William | |
| 17 C. J. Prodon | |

Man Running Saw Mill

In
Ind. Ten

S.B. Scratch

of Norwood

Incl Tenn

is cutting Lumber for this
Red River Lumber co. and all So
head Manager to that mill

And

Ed Randall of

Arkinda Ark

is also cutting Lumber
for Red River Lumber co
for so much a Thousand feet

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 20, 1903.

Mr Jeffy Fulson,

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear sir:

Enclosed find communication from Jos. A. Taff, which shows that the land described in your recent letter to this office, about which you made inquiry, will doubtless be segregated as coal land. So you see it will become your duty to at once find desirable grounds for your allotment. I hope you will bestir yourself and get ready, and be certain not to get on coal lands next time.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

C. M. RANDALL
NOTARY PUBLIC

QUINTON, I. T.

Feb 20 1903

Gov.
Hon. Green, M. C. Cantine
Saus Bois
D. C.

Dear Governor:

Joseph Moore
Came before me
Last Spring & made an
Oath that he was
going to take certain land
as this allatmud & Nohpua
R.R. Co. or its agt. Met
to cut any timber they
quit & there got none
until now have found
notice on him that actual
Cutting all the timber on
his claim at once is
all on the outside of his
fence he asked me to
investigate the matter for

C. M. RANDALL
NOTARY PUBLIC



QUINTON, I. T. _____ 190__

Him.

Will you please advise
what step to prevent them
from destroying his timber
Your obedient
Friend

C. M. Randall

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. "er., Feb. 20, 1903.

Honorable J.S. Stanley,

c/o Menger, San Antonio, Texas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst in which you recommend J.D. Fulton for appointment as one of the Allotting Commissioners recently provided for by Act of Council. I will give his application serious consideration when the matter is taken up. I had a very satisfactory talk with the Secretary of the Interior, while in Washington, about this matter, and he suggested that he recommend that the President disapprove this Act, and that instead of this act, upon my recommendation he would appoint three men from each District, two of whom should be surveyors and one able to speak English and Choctaw fluently, they to be under his immediate supervision and in the pay of the United States. I have accepted this compromise, and think it altogether a better plan than the act passed by Council.

I also went over the matter with reference to the Townsite Commissioner, and the Secretary told me that Hunter was instructed to desist from further participation in Governorship contest or that his resignation was in order. I told him that Hunter was holding himself out here, secretly, to this people, as a contestant for the Governorship. He said that Hunter had promised him that he would not make any further contest in that direction if he was let along in his present place. He assured me that if I would furnish proof to the Department, after the adjournment of Congress, to the effect that Hunter was encouraging that idea among this people, he would certainly take pleasure in ousting him from office. I will have no trouble in furnishing this proof, as I have much of it already at hand. J.W. Zevely, Acting Inspector, inquired of the Interior Department whether or not he should send the acts of the Dukes-Hunter Council for the approval of the President. The Secretary of the Interior replied, telling him that he could do as he pleased with said Acts, but that he must not send them to the Interior Department.

I hope this will find you well, and that you will be spared to your friends and family for many years.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 21, 1903.

Mr T.S. Bates,

Wilburton, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst, I am sorry to have to inform you that if you have unfortunately placed your improvements on coal land that is under lease, there is nothing for you to do but to move your improvements.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.M.

TO THE PERSON RECEIVING THIS LETTER:—Do not come to visit prisoners on Sundays, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas or Saturday afternoon. **You will not be admitted.**

Parties corresponding with prisoners must observe carefully the following directions, Viz:—Write plainly in English. Confine yourself strictly to business or family matters. In directing letters, write prisoner's name and number plainly, **in ink**, on the envelope. In sending letters, newspapers, etc., use stamps enough to insure delivery. Write nothing on newspapers except prisoner's name and number. Daily and weekly papers of a respectable character, magazines, religious papers and books, family photographs, plain towels, comb, brush, tooth powder or soap, tooth brush, a small hand mirror, suspenders and **plain** white handkerchiefs are admitted during prisoner's good conduct. All letters and papers are closely examined. Money may be sent by draft or postal order. Money so sent will be kept in the office to the prisoner's credit and paid to him on his release, or it may be sent on his order, upon the approval of the Warden, to relatives or friends. **No eatables, liquids, tobacco or cigars, will be admitted, nor any articles except those mentioned above.** Chewing tobacco and toilet soap are furnished by the Government. No smoking permitted. Prisoners can write but once every two weeks, and see friends or relatives **not oftener** than **once** in four weeks, except on special written permission of the Warden, obtained before coming to the Penitentiary. All letters to prisoners should be addressed in care of **P. O. Box 7, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.**

TO THE PRISONER:—Write plainly in English. Do not interline. Put but one line of writing on each ruled line. Letters addressed to "General Delivery" in large cities will not be mailed.

PUT YOUR NAME AND REGISTER NUMBER HERE.

Name Abel McGilberry
Register No. 2970

☐ Prisoners are permitted to write only on this style of paper and with pencil, except by a special order.

PUT FULL ADDRESS OF YOUR LETTER HERE: GIVE TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE,

Street and Number in Cities of Free Delivery.

Name Gov Green McLaurin
No. _____ Street _____
Town Sanne Bois
County _____
State Ind. Terry.

1903

Dear Friend
I will write a few lines to you, being as I am well today. And I hope you, and your family are all well. it is been long time since I saw you, or any of your good people. it makes me feel very sorrow some time. All though. I have good hopes to get out and be with you all again. Some days another. Cal Wm M. Cramps wrote to me her while back. And stated to me that he wanted more money. And I have studied the matter over. that you the only one I look to for assist me. And could do any thing for me And I would like for you to assist me with this amt of money. the amt is 200 or two hundred dollars. And if this amt will turn me out, or give my freedom, it would be worth the world to me. And I would do any thing in the world to pay you back. for your Good Commendation. I dont like to bother you so much. but you the only one could do any thing for me. And has done be fore today. I have writen a letter to Bud White in regard af this money business last week. I havent heard from him yet. I told him to see you but I thought I

would write to you my self - all the
he may of saw if any. I wouldn't want you
to loose any thing at all, on account of
my trouble. I will pay you back the amt.
and more to. I think if this amount
would be paid in hand the Co. would believe
he would do some good for me in the
case. And so I look to you for assist
me. And it would be the greatest of
pleasure to me. And your good commutation
will never be forgot. And it is just like
I said. I have give you more trouble than
any body else I guess. but then, you would
be the only one could do any thing like
this for me. I use to have Brother in Laws
Bois County. I dont know whether he is living
yet or not. I havent heard but once from
him since I been hear.
If it could be done, I would like aw-
full well. to get out before the allotment
of land takes place.

So I will close for this
time. Hoping to hear from you soon

Che. Kama Abilin
Abel McElberry
Din Horse

Mr. Morris Battiest
Cavanaugh Ark.

Sir:

You can take your
allotment in one body if you
wish. But you can take land
at different places. in 80 acres
or 40 acres - 20-acres or as small
as 10. acres tracts.

I am not certain
whether the land office at Atoka
will be the only one that will
be established. But notice will be
given out
your friend

Cananauh Alk. Feb 17-1903
Gov Ab. C. McCertan
Sandbaugh, I. T.

Dear Sir I want you to give
me some information about
the allotment. I have been a
friend to you and I want you
to give me full information
will we have to take all of
our land together or take
some land at difference places
your friend

Morris Ballase

P. S.
Will we have to go to atoka
or where write and let me
no

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind., er., Feb. 23, 1903.

Mr Morris Battiest,

Cavanough, Ark.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst will say that you can take your allotment in one body, or in separate tracts each tract not less than ten acres. The better plan is to get it as near altogether as possible.

I can not say whether or not the land office at Atoka will be the only land office, but notice will be given out in the event there are others.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.H.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. _er., Feb. 23, 1903.

Mr Isaac J. Irpson,

Antlers, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst and desire to congratulate you on the good work you have done in your section of the country in securing this information for the benefit of this office. I have copied your reports, and herewith enclose same, which you will please sign and return to me, in order that I may use the same with the Department to prevent the sale of this timber. You will also please keep yourself informed with reference to this and kindred matters, and advise me with reference to the same. Again, I desire to thank you for the splendid manner in which you have done the work with reference to this matter, I am,

GMcC(W)
Encl.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.M.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., Feb. 27, 1903.

Honorable Tams Bixby,

Acting Chairman Dawes Commission,

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

Sir:-

I have the honor to herewith enclose report of Isaac Impson, National Lighthorseman for the Choctaw Nation, relative to the Red River Lumber Company, who are cutting timber in the Choctaw Nation in violation of law.

I also enclose similar report with reference to the Moon Shine Lumber Company, who are operating a sawmill near Norwood, I.T.

PSL(W)

Very respectfully,

Encl.

Principal Chief C.N.

Fort Smith, Ark., FEB 28 1903

Green M. Custard,
Prints, I. T.

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