

Sans Bois, I.T., July 18, 1903.

Mr Henry Ansley,

S. McAlester, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date enclosing carbon copy of letter to P. J. Hudson, Auditor, relative to your lost warrant. Your position in this matter is entirely correct and the Auditor, in issuing duplicate under these circumstances, would seem to me to be the proper course. You might say this much to him as coming from me, if you desire.

I have just returned from a trip to the timber section and feel somewhat exhausted ~~from~~ that long tiresome journey. I shall prepare report ~~as~~ to my findings there and forward same to the Department at an early date

Hoping that the Committee is exercising due diligence in the conduct of the campaign, and that we may come out on top, I am
PSL(W) Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 18, 1903.

Messrs Dyke Bros.

Pt. Smith, Ark.

Gentlemen?

I am just in receipt of your bill of the 6th inst for \$10/89, and herewith enclose my check for this amount, together with \$2.05, the balance due on former bill, as per my letter of the 9th inst. Please credit my account with this amount, acknowledge receipt of the same and oblige,

GMCC(W)
Wncl.

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., July 18, 1903.

Mrs Emy Nail,

Featherston, I.T.

Madam:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date and note what you say with reference to the taking away from you of an orphan child by parties who claim to have adopted her. I will investigate this matter and see what can be done in the premises:

It may be that they have induced the court to grant letters of guardianship; however, I can not at this time give you any information until I hear from the county officers.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

~~8050~~

~~850~~

Allison J. T.

July 18/903.

Mr Green M^r & curtain

Dear Sir.

I want to. As now about
least Land that I & Brother
George Burrey done file
on our land and we want
Persession of our land.

and I want you to turn
Mr Guest and Mr McStay
of the place and we will
rent third and fourth to
them or somebody else,
that is if you have
rite to do that. I suppose
you know all wanted

They claim that they
Paid \$80.50 Dollars
on the place but
we find out better they
never Paid but \$600.00
six hundred Dollars
on the place of J. D. Ranch
place old settle place.
the land done paid for
it self. if you need
write and let me know
if one what you
do can do for me

Yours Truly
Lee Barney
Allison 57

Sans Bois, I.T., July 18, 1903.

Mr N.M.Woolridge,

Box 712, Ft. Smith, Ark.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date inquiring as to when the land office will close. You are hereby informed that the land office will remain open until all the lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations are allotted, which will likely be three years from this date.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., July 18, 1903.

Mr R. [redacted] ain,

Benah

ar:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst in which you ask if it would be possible to secure the re-appraisement of the land.

In reply desire to say that there is not the least likelihood of the Government taking this matter up for that purpose, as there has been many thousand allotments already made under the present appraisement, and the Government could not be induced to change the appraisement for that reason alone.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 16, 1903.

Mr G.D.Henslee,

Celeste, Texas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst and in reply will say that the member of this tribe who desires to sell you one half of his allotment in this Nation can not legally do so, nor can he make a contract to this effect at this time.

The safe plan for you to adopt will be to keep your money as none such contracts can be legally entered into at this time.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 18, 1903.

Mr Frank Perry,

Stigler, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am jut in receipt of your letter of recent date and in reply desire to say that you would not be permitted to dispose of one half of your allotment, except, $1/4$ in one year from date of Patent, $1/4$ in two years thereafter, and the balance in five years.

Replying further to your inquiry, I desire to say that you can find plenty of land here that you can file on? If you will come over I will take pleasure in assisting you in every way I can.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Tamara Ind. Terr

July 18th 1903

Hon Green M. L. Cartain
Principal Chief.

Wash Bois Ind Terr.

Dear Sir:-

I understand you give the
Commissions to the Circuit Clerks and if
that is the case would like for you to
send me my Commission and the amt
of your Charges And I will forward the amount
at once

Yours Humble Servant
A. G. Harrison

P.S. Now I can't express my gratitude
to you for your assistance in helping me
to secure the Clerkship of the circuit court.

Yours very truly
A. G. H.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 18, 1903.

Mr W.A. Steele, Cashier,

Peteau, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst enclosing check on the Sans Bois Trading Co., purporting to have been signed by me, and requesting that I advise you whether or not there has been a mistake made in drawing the same. In reply I desire to advise that my signature to this check is not genuine, and I do not know anything about the Sans Bois Trading and Investment Company. There is no such concern doing business in this section of the country. This check is forgery, pure and simple.

I herewith return the same to you, as requested.

GMcC(W)
Encl.

Yours truly,

So McAlester
7 18 / 903

Honor Green Mcburtain of.
Samo Bais 9 T

P.S. sir I request you
of a matter I wish to know at
once whether or not you will
help Israel Cooper fill my bail
and get me home. I will
tell you that Gov. Scott has
the blank and promise to
help fill them for me
for Israel was gone to some
camp meeting so George said
some as Israel come back the
would fix them and send them
in so I want you to look
after this for me I will not
drink a drop of whiskey while
out on bond. If you

will assist me out of
this one and I'll go and
stay with uncle Fred Cooper
and go to court as
I always did so let
me hear from you soon
and let me know
if you all will get me
out by next week
I am yours
friend

J. D. Cooper

Wormabaton

P.S. box 56 I T

I have promised you faithful
your honor and I'll stay
to as I say J. D. C.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 18, 1903.

Mr C.T.Perry,

Houston, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date and note what you say with reference to the pine on the allotment you propose to select. I shall insist, at a later date, and at the proper time, that citizens be permitted to file on this character of land. I will shortly prepare my report relative to the allotment of pine lands, and hope to obtain speedy action through the department in reference to this matter. I will do what I can to urge the Department to act as soon as possible.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

J. T. COURTS & CO.
DEALERS IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

QUINTON, IND. TER..

July 20-1903

Gov. Green M^{rs} C. Martin
Dear Sir:-

I would like to know
when you want me to come up and
file on that paper
Let me hear from you
at an early date.

Yours H. H. H.
C. M. L. W. Gier

Sans Bois, I.T., July 20, 1903.

Mr G.W.Dodd,

Grant, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst and in reply thereto would call your attention to the laws of the Choctaw Nation, as follows: (Stock Laws, Sec. 3, paragraph 1)

"Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: No non-citizen shall be allowed to own, control or hold any stock of any kind within the limits of the Choctaw Nation, except they may be under permit according to the laws of said Nation, and then only so much as may be necessary for their own use, and family consumption, not to exceed ten head of cattle in all; team necessary for the cultivation of the land they may have rented, or to carry on their particular business for which they may have permits; and such other stock as may be kept in an enclosure."

This is the law that obtains in the Choctaw Nation, and it occurs to me that unless the same is modified or repealed it would be unlawful for you to go into the rule business at this time.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., July 20, 1903.

Mr Johnson Ott,

Coalgate, I.T..

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date and note what you say with reference to the contest between you and G. W. Harkins. I would suggest that you go to the land office and get a copy of the complaint filed against you by Harkins in this contest and forward the same to this office, and at the same time ask the Commission for a continuance of the case until such time as you can get your answer prepared. It will be absolutely necessary, under the rules and regulations of the Commission for you to file an answer. You had better go at once to the land office and get the copy of the complaint filed, and ask the commission that the case be deferred until such time as you can procure the proper witnesses.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 20, 1903.

Mr W.W.Wilson,

Ft.Towsen, I.T.

Dear sir:

~~and found everything very satisfactory.~~
Dukes got drunk on his way home and lost his hat and disgusted every body by his conduct. Gilbert Thompson came up to Ft/Smith and over home with me, and is here now. He says he is disgusted with Dukes conduct, and proposes to quit him. I don't know whether he means it or not, but am inclined to think that he wants to make peace before the land-slide takes place. I feel more than pleased with my trip in your section, and am on the whole satisfied with the outlook.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Sans Bois, I.T., July 21, 1903.

Mr Lee Burney,

Allison, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst and in reply will say that it will be necessary for you to apply to the Dawes Commission for certificate of allotment, which they will issue to you nine months from the date of filing on your land. Then you take this certificate of allotment obtained from the Commission and call on the Indian Agent at Muskogee for possession of the land thus called for, and he will immediately put you in possession of the same. This is the only way you can obtain possession of your allotment, and this can not be done for nine months from the date of your filing on the same at the land office.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 21, 1903.

Mr E.M.Frazier,

Quinton, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th inst, you can come down any time it suits you and I will assist you in getting your land fixed up for allotment. There is plenty of land here and I will gladly assist you in any way I can.

Your Uncle.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 21, 1903.

Mr J.D.Cooper,

S.McAlester, I.T.

Dear Jeff:

I received your letter, and will in a short time have
your bond fixed up and send the same to you so you can get out.

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., July 21, 1903.

Mr Houston Nelson,

Hartshorn, I.T.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th inst I beg to advise that I am unable to find the map referred to and therefore have not sent it to you, as I promised. I will continue to search for it and when I locate it will forward to you.

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., July 21, 1903.

Mr W.A. Harris,

Iconium, Okla.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst requesting me to send you application blanks for enrollment as a Choctaw, and in reply I desire to say that it is now too late for you to make such application, as the rolls are now completed so far as new applications are concerned. However, if you desire to get further information on the subject, you might write the Dawes Commission, at Muskogee, I.T.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.W.

Hampton 2-2

July 22. 1903

Mr. Green, Mountain

~~I will write you~~
this evening asking some
information a Bait a Place
i have which is serraged
for a town want i get
no pay for it and other
things i have some improve-
ments on another section
right gaining my own section
cant i hold 10, or 20, acres
to hold my improvements
i had the first claim
on it

a Bait to town there are
a Bait no saplation in it
i dont feel like just selling
my fence back and giving
it to them

another thing there is a
church on my land just
in the ~~side of the~~ ^{side of the} ~~gate~~ ^{gates} section
can i have it moved
on the line yours most truly

Hampton Burris

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.



Mr Green Mountain
Danbais
Ind, Tex

Must Kage 99-7-23-1903

Mr Green Mountain
Sarr bris

I cant tell Dear sir
When I can come you just
died yezday and just as
soon as I can get ever
thing abt at hand I will rite
D W McCubbin

Palihua I., July 23-1903
Gov, McCurtain

Kiuta I.,

Dear sir:- Well. I

think every thing is all
right for Levi- do all
I can for him and others-

Yours Truly
L D, Vaughan

Sans Bois, I.T., July 23, 1903.

Mr A.P. Harrison, Clerk,
Taraha, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and herewith enclose commission, as therein requested. I am pleased to know you like your appointment so well, and trust you will get along nicely with the duties thereof.

Wishing you success, I am,

GMcC(W)
Encl.

Your friend,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 24, 1903.

Mr Hampton Burris,

Newburg, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst and in reply desire to say that the town of Newburg only contains ten acres and any part of it that you have improvements on you are entitled to have scheduled to you by the townsite Commission, when they resume work September 1, 1903, and you can then buy it. Out side of the town you are entitled to allot land anywhere in the Choctaw nation, and your improvements give you the right of possession. You do not have to have your whole allotment in one section. I do not know the conditions that exist with reference to the church and can not therefore advise you about it.

GMCC(11)

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., July 24, 1903.

Mr Joshua McCurtain,
Allison, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and in reply will say that your brother-in-law can not dispose of the land his children are entitled to. He will be advised by the Commission when ever they take action with reference to his citizenship but there is no doubt about the citizenship of his children, and they will be entitled to their allotments, but the same can not be disposed of until they become of age.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

July 24, 1903.

Mr. Sam Downing,
Atoka Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date and note what you say about the segregation of coal lands along the Ft. Smith & Western Rail Road. I noticed the article that appeared in the "Citizen" to which you refer. I assume that the Ft. Smith & Western people have induced citizens to file on lands along their right-of-way for townsite purposes, under the Indian Appropriation Act, approved March 3, 1903, a part of page 16 of which reads as follows:

"And provided further, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the survey and platting, at their own expense, of townsites by private parties, where stations are located along the lines of Rail-roads, nor the unrestricted alienation of lands for such purposes, when recommended by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior...."

I believe however that the statement, that certificates have been issued, is erroneous, for the reason that the time in which all of them can be contested, has not expired, and further for the reason that I have not been informed of any such action by the Commission.

Replying further to your letter with reference to the segregation of coal lands, this was a matter that was more peculiarly within the province of the Secretary of the Interior, who delegated to Mr. Joseph E. Taff, the power to make such recommendations with reference to the segregation as he saw proper, and there may be some detached pieces of coal land that were not segregated. Council memorialized the Secretary of the Interior to the effect that where there was any doubt as to the commercial value of the coal, and the lands were valuable for agricultural purposes, that such lands be not seggre-

Secretary of the Inte-

Sam Downing (2)

rior to the effect that he should observe the wishes of the memorialists as far as it lay in his power. This matter of course being left to the judgement of the coal expert sent here by the Government, and his report having been made to and approved by the Secretary of the Interior and it being a matter with which the Choctaws were more or less unfamiliar, it is perfectly reasonable that misunderstandings should prevail as to the experts reasons for failing to segregate certain lands, and segregating other lands not supposed to contain coal. If the coal expert left any land unsegregated for the benefit of some rail road company or any private citizen, or any corporation, and if there is any foundation for such report, it becomes your, or any other citizen's duty, to make it known to the Interior Department. There is no doubt in my mind but that the Secretary will be glad to unearth such work, if any is going on. I want to make it clear to my people that in the final winding up of this estate that there ought to be no stones left unturned to secure all the rights that the Indian People possess unto themselves. Your inquiries are entirely proper. The records of the land office are public records, and are open to the investigation of all, and I feel sure that any further information along this line that you may desire will be furnished upon application.

Yours very respectfully.

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Sans Bois, I.T. July 20, 1903.

Mr Sam Downing.

Atoka, I.T.

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I do not see, however, how the Commission could issue certificates of allotment to lands along railroads, or anywhere else, under nine months from the date of filing, as required by Sec. 23, of the Treaty, and I believe that the statement is erroneous for that reason.

Replying further to your letter with reference to the segregation of coal lands, this was a matter that was more peculiarly within the province of the Secretary of the Interior, who delegated to Mr Joseph E. Taff, the power to make such recommendations with reference to the segregation as he saw proper, and there may be some detached pieces of coal land that were not segregated. Council memorialized the Secretary of the Interior to the effect that where there was any doubt as to the commercial value of the coal, and the lands were valuable for agricultural purposes, that such lands be not segregated. No doubt Mr Taff had instructions from the Secretary of the Interior to the effect that he should observe the wishes of the memorialists, as far as it lay in his power. This matter, of course being left to the judgment of the coal expert sent here by the Government, and his report having been made to and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and it being a matter with which the Choctaws were more or less unfamiliar, it is perfectly reasonable that misunderstandings should prevail as to the expert's reasons for failing to segregate certain lands as coal lands, and segregating other lands not supposed to contain coal. If the coal expert left any coal land unsegregated for the benefit of some railroad company, or any private citizen, or any corporation, and if there is any foundation for such report, it becomes your, or any other citizen's duty, to make it known to the Interior Department. There is no doubt in my mind but that the Secretary will be glad to unearth such work, if any is going on. I want to make it clear to my people that in the final winding up of this estate that there ought to be no stones left unturned to secure all the rights that the Indian people possess unto themselves. Your inquiries are entirely proper. The records of the land office are public records, and are open to the investigation of all, and I feel sure that any further information along this line that you may desire will be furnished upon application.

Green McCurtain

Crowder, I.T.

July 24, 1903

Hon. Genl McCurtain

St Louis Mo

Dear Governor, I went to
The Land Office last week
and they hadn't recognized
me yet. I found my wife
and daughter name but my
name wasn't there. and I want
you to see about it.

I have worked for you and
I want you to work for me.

I want you to write to the
Secretary and find out.

My oldest brother Dick
Crowder and his child went and
filed and I don't see what is the
matter.

My given name is Van Crowder
and my nick name is Bob or Pober.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 24, 1903.

Mr J.T.Perkins,

Wade, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst and in reply desire to say that any citizen has a right to file on any land not held by another citizen. You could not legally make a contract with a citizen until after he had filed on the land, and then your lease would have to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior before it would go into effect and be valid. Any citizen can collect rents on any land he has filed on even before he gets his deed. I can not advise you in regard to get your money out of your improvements unless you can find some citizen who will buy them from you.

GMCC

Yours truly,

Kintah, I. T.,

July 25 1903

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IN ACCOUNT WITH
GEORGE W. SCOTT
DEALER IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE

ELEVATOR PRESS, FORT SMITH, ARK.

Misc

1230

To Sat. includes

No article included in the above
amt. is chgd to you or you.
No curtains etc.

Kintah, I. T.,

July

25

1903

M

Spring Moore

IN ACCOUNT WITH

GEORGE W. SCOTT

DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

U. EXAMINER PRESS, FORT SMITH, ARK.

To Order

21/23

Kintah, I. T.,

July 25

1903

M

Paul Baker

IN ACCOUNT WITH

GEORGE W. SCOTT

DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

ELEVATOR PRESS, FORT SMITH, ARK.

To Mr -
By orders

12 95

750

545

12 95

Paul Sue G. W. Scott

No items charged on Gov. Mc Curtain's
acct app is included in the
above -

You are not credited with
one order you turned in as
you took up the critter amt.

Facihina Ind - Ted

July 25th 1903

Hon Green McCurtain

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation

Kinta Ind - Ted -

Dear God

Enclosed: Please to find an affidavit of Elington Pitchlym ^{and} also the Commission referred to in affidavit.

Elington wishes to keep this Commission as a souvenir. Therefore after you have seen it you will please return it to him. I understand that a complaint supported by affidavits has already been sent in to you against Judge Bryant but as I am very anxious for his removal ^{and} for fear the affidavits were not of sufficient strength to cause this removal I asked Pitchlym to make this affidavit which he very willingly consented to. He is just as anxious for the Judges removal as I or any one else is.

The Judge is entirely influenced by Dan Bryant and Dan's Construction of the law is entirely different to the Constructions of others or at ^{least} $\frac{3}{4}$ of the people in the County which makes the Judge the most disagreeable Judge the County has ever had

2nd

It looks to me that law books is laid aside and
the only idea is who can be befriended the most
and who can be slighted the most,

we are very glad to have him removed
coming term of the County Court, because there is
several important cases on docket for that term ^{and}
we know that we will not get justice unless a
change is made. I understand that Simon Woods has
been favorably spoken of as Bryant's successor in
case a removal is made, but my information
is that Woods is at Atoka I. T. ^{and} if such is
the fact I am afraid we cannot get him before
the first Monday in ~~August~~ ^{and} for this reason I
would suggest our friends L. D. Vaughn
as Bryant's successor in case a removal is
made which I hope will be made soon.

Woods could be appointed Clerk. Now do not take
this as attempting dictation because I merely say
this to hasten the appointment and for a successor.
Dukes ^{and} Abel Williams are losing ground
any day. I would not be afraid to swear that they
will not get even as much as ten votes out
of the County, Vaughn, Pitchlym ^{and} the Billips
have quit them which carries several votes,
I have not yet seen Dan Dancy but I
believe I can get him just by talking a
little to him.

3rd

Have already got Dany's son. We all
aim to go to Trushkdomma Precinct
to vote

I made a personal visit to Jesse
to see if I could carry him over
he says he is a Dukes man out and out
and will not change.

Since my visit to him he has been out working
among those he thought were his friends but to
his sorrow he has found he slept too long.

Vaughn has gone to work in earnest, which is
a great help.

I'll bet my hat Abel Williams won't get
more than 5 votes in the county Dukes
might get 10

Let me hear from you soon

Yours Very Truly

C. J. Anderson

Sans Bois, I.T., July 27, 1903.

Mr J.L.Hickman,

Lukfata, I.T.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd, have to say that in matters of the nature stated in your letter, the Indian Agent always refers the matter to me for final recommendation, and when he does this I will recommend that you be appointed. I do not feel that it is the proper thing to do to write a letter to the Agent in advance, knowing that the matter will be referred to me for recommendation.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.H.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 27, 1903.

Mr H.A. Johns,

Kosora, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst., you are advised that I have investigated the matter with reference to the payment of the Leased District Money, (\$103.00), to Miss Agnes John, and find that same has never been paid to her.

You will therefore have her present this letter to Peter J. Hudson, Auditor, together with her affidavit herewith enclosed who will draw Choctaw National warrant in her favor for the sum of \$103.00, together with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum from June 6, 1893, up to this date.

GMcC(W)
Encl.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.W.

A. W. ROBB, President.

W. H. SANSON, Vice-President and General Manager.

R. Y. MORRISON, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE ROBB MERCANTILE COMPANY,

....General Merchandise....

Atoka National Bank.
Population, 2,000.
Phone No. 8.

M. K. & T. Ry.
Am. Exp. Co.
W. U. Tel. Co.

Hon Green McCurtain
Dear Sir
As you are doubtless aware your
Harrison has got back into the race again.
He was for a while somewhat disgruntled
over the withdrawal of pine timber lands from
settlement. Although he admitted all along
it was done with good intention. But he was
deeply reconciled to the situation. He is the most
patient worker over here & seems the best selection
to fill Martin Chasleau's place in the Senate. In
view of the unpopularity of avoiding any

Atoka, I. T., July 27th 1913

A. W. ROBB, President.

W. H. SANSON, Vice-President and General Manager.

R. Y. MORRISON, Secretary and Treasurer.

THE ROBB MERCANTILE COMPANY,

....General Merchandise....

Atoka National Bank.
Population, 2,000.
Phone No. 8.

M., K. & T. Ry.
Am. Exp. Co.
W. U. Tel. Co

Change of administration next year or until
the close of Choctaw Autonomy. We would
like to hold all efficient workers. The
other side seems to be growing worse
all the time.

Atoka, I. T.,

Cordially Yours
A. W. Robb

Kullitukla I. T.

7-27-'03.

Hon. Green McCurtain
Saw Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

I have a small Meadow
on my farm, which is
in the same inclosure
as my farm, and I
cut from 75 to 90 Ton
of hay off of it, and
sell the surplus to
the people in my own
County here, don't ship
any at all out of the Territory
at all. have selected it
as part of my allotment
I would like to know if

it is the intention of
the law in regard to
Royalty on hay, to have
me pay a .50¢ Royalty
per ton, on every ton
of hay sold here in
the country or not?

I have paid it many years,
but I know of none
that have been selling
much more hay than
I have who never pay a
cent Royalty. I don't
think it hardly right
to pay Royalty on hay sold
here at home -

Waiting to hear from you soon.
Affectionate Yours Truly,

A. H. Anderson.

The Bates Hotel

GEORGE M. EWING, Proprietor.

ATOKA, IND. TER.

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Hon. Gen. M^cCartain
Kintak St.

Dear Sir.

Yours of 24th to hand in
reply to mine of recent date.

As you say the records of the
land office are public records and are
open to investigation. Yet the
information I ask for has nothing
to do with the land office directly.

In my former letter to you I
asked about Mr Spear of Ft Smith
having located Choctaws along
the Ft Smith & Western RR. You will
remember that on or about April 30th
you with Mr Spear were in Atoka and
had with you twelve Indians. These
Indians were located, according to the
records, along the Ft Smith Western RR.
The report is that the expense of these

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Indians was paid by you and
that the filings were made
according to your knowledge of the
location of coal

In my former letter to you I ~~said~~ that
this was not a matter for publication
but for my own use in answering
questions that come up every day

Yours
Owen Downing

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, JULY 27, 1903.

DEAR SIR:

Under instructions from the Secretary of the Interior, through the Dawes Commission, I am now in Meridian, Mississippi, for the purpose of aiding indigent and identified fullblood Mississippi Choctaw Indians to remove to the Indian Territory, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 3, 1903.

On February 14, 1903, you were identified by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as a fullblood Mississippi Choctaw. The six months provided by law, within which you may remove to and make settlement in the Choctaw-Chickasaw country, expires on Friday, August 14, 1903.

Therefore, if you wish to acquire lands in the Indian Territory, but are in destitute circumstances and do not have the money to take you there, you are requested to call on me or write to me immediately at Meridian, Mississippi, and I will at once investigate your condition and provide free transportation and free rations as your status and circumstances may justify and require.

Prompt action in your case is absolutely necessary as the six months' limit has nearly expired. It is desired that all identified fullblood Mississippi Choctaws shall avail themselves of this effort of the government's to assist them in getting their Indian rights.

A special train will leave Meridian, Mississippi, for the Indian Territory, on Wednesday, August 12, 1903, and, if you wish to go, you must be in Meridian on Tuesday, August 11th.

In replying to this letter use the enclosed envelope, which does not require a postage stamp.

Very respectfully,

H. VAN V. SMITH,

Special Agent of the United States Government.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 27, 1903.

Mr Johnson Ott,

Coalgate, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst and in reply will advise that you employ D.C. McCurtain to defend you in the suit you are being prosecuted in down there, as he will take a personal interest in the matter.

In the matter of the vacancy in your county, it has been my intention all along to appoint you to fill the same, but I do not want anyone to know it, and you must not say a word about it to any one.

Your friend,

We
Recommend

Swamp Chill and Fever Cure

Dixie Fever and Pain Powder

Cures Headache

Cools Fever

Relieves all Aches and Pains

W. P. HOPKINS

DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

EAGLETOWN, I. T., July 28 1903

Gov Green M^cBurstein

Sans Bois I.T.

Dear Sir

Yours of July 23rd 1903
received to day,

since E. E. Dyer has been here,
he has not done any good I know
off, he got on a spree, went
to a negro church, interfered with
them, and he has been reported
and I expect a Marshall will be
after him in a few days.

The way he acted was against us
very much, I wanted him to go back
home, but I think he will stay till
after election, (that is if the Marshall
don't get him)

George Thompson is now a candidate
for representative, I heard that he
has told some parties, that you

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DEALER IN

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

EAGLETOWN, I. T., 190.....

Told him to run for representative
get elected and to go to council.

I think the Tuska homma party will
get a fair vote in this county.

Marcus Batise was in this county a few
days ago. but have not heard any thing
what he has done.

Yours Respectfully
Jeff Gaudin

COMMISSIONERS:
TAMM BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,
W. E. STANLEY.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Choc. R. 5511

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

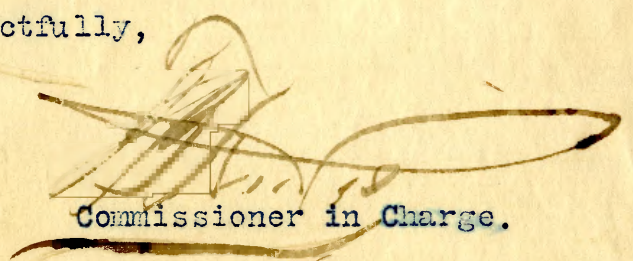
Atoka, Indian Territory, July 28, 1903.

Ellis Bohanan,
Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Find herewith enclosed allotment certificate, exclusive
of homestead number three hundred, twenty three (323).

Respectfully,



Commissioner in Charge.

Register.

FVK Enc.

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Sans Bois, I.T., July 28, 1903.

Mr Robert Crowder,

Boswell, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst and note what you say to the effect that the Secretary has failed to send in your name as an approved citizen of the Nation. I will do what I can for you in this matter. There is a large number of names that will appear upon the approved rolls of the Choctaw Nation that are now in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, being held up for some reason unknown to me. I will make inquiries about your matter at once and let you know.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 28, 1903.

Mr Sam Ott,

Coalgate, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent relative to the arrest of your father, at the instance of G.W. Harkins. I have written D.C. McCurtain that your father had been advised to employ him to look after his interests in this matter. I think he will be able to render valuable service in your father's matter, and he should write him at once to come down and investigate the case.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 28, 1903.

Honorable D.C. McCurtain,

South McAlester, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Sam Ott, of Coalgate, the son of Johnson Ott, to the effect that Johnson Ott has been arrested, at the instance of G.W. Harkins, alleging that he had sworn falsely at the land office. I have suggested to him, by today's mail, and heretofore, that he at once employ you to defend him in this criminal proceedings and have urged him to write you at once, so you should hold yourself in readiness to go down there and attend to the matter.

Your father.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

H. L. MALLOCH, Proprietor.

South McAlester, I. T.,

July 28th - 1902

Hon. Green McCaslin,

Chin-ta, I. T.

Dear Sir: - I wish to ask
a favor of you; which I hope
you will find in your
kindness to grant.

I wish the names and
addresses of the Co. Judges
of the Choctaw Nation.

You will be surprised if I
should attempt to explain
to your excellency the trouble
I have had to find out
not a single name or add.
of us many as one Co. Judge.
I wish to ask one of the judges
whose name and add you gave
me for a certificate that will
admit a younger brother of
mine to Jones Academy
and if you could

COMMERCIAL HOTEL

H. L. MALLOCH, Proprietor.

South McAlester, I. T.,

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give me any information
in that regard. I certainly
if would feel grateful
to you.

The Supervisor of Ind. Sch.
- Mr. Ballard of So. McAlester
referred me to you to say
in a personal conver-
- sation, and I certainly
hope I shall not, in this
ask too much of your
time or service.
My address is Hogover,
Ind. Very

Very Truly
J. B. Aikew

Christian Minister
at Hogover,

Ft Towson D.T.

July 29-03

Hon Genl McBurnie
Saus Bois
D.T.

Dear Governor

Your letter in regard
to E E Dyer received. I do not believe
in young Dyer and was carefull
to give him no hold in any way.
We have asked Gardner to watch
him. I have sent following amt
to parties -

15⁰⁰ to Albert Gable Eaglestown

15⁰⁰ to Walter Hopkins to employ John Jonika

15⁰⁰ to Andrew Colbert Lukfatate

20⁰⁰ - Jno Taylor for 2 negroes designated by him

We are on the watch & will
do all we can -

Your Friend
W. W. Wilson

Sans Bois, I.T., August 1, 1903.

Mr. W. V. Wilson,

Ft. Towson, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult and have fully noted its contents. I have become thoroughly convinced that W.E. Dyer is all wrong, and I think it would be well to act accordingly.

I feel well satisfied with the situation in this county, feel sure that we will elect the County ticket, and roll up a large majority for the National ticket. I am getting very favorable reports from all over the Nation, and feel well satisfied with the prospect, however the time is near and we must all keep our working this on until after August 5th, 1903.

Your friend,

July - 29 - 03 -

Pali'mna I. I.

I the Hon Green McClellan

Wears Good

Kintak I I

The Executive Committee stated
that we will get our fine timber
when any provision - make so that
no Choctaw will be in contact
- but after we get 1040 worth
of land which we entitle according
to our agreement, in some where
else then we will get those lands
that we have been failed to fill
by the Wears Commission which I
know & you know that Choctaws been
living on such lands for all their life!
will you let Council claimants to
file on it! instead of the Indians!
let me hear from you -

Early date -

Respectfully - Levi Billy

Ryan J J

July 29th 1903

Gov Green McCurtain

Dear Old friend

I was over ^{to} Tishomingo
last week I had an order
from Margri Pickins
for her ticket and the
Land office department
would not issue a ticket
on the grounds that she
Margri has never been
approved of by the Secretary.
She claims that ^{her} Father
Dave Pickins was

a Chickasaw by blood
and that she drawn money
from the Chickasaw
Government also the Choctaw
Government let me know
at once what to do In
the premises could you
not ask James Rixby
to put her on the Chickasaw
roll as you ^{know} she did
not know any better
It is throwing a hardship
on her and my self
too as she cannot receive
any money with ^{one} a law

sent unless she can file
I saw. Jeff Hardie
says that Margie's mother
was old Jerry Hardie's
sister I would be glad
you would assist her
at once as she is in
need of the money at
once ^{for me} at once what can
be done and if you think
there is any certainty
as to her getting through
I will know what to
do we are all well

Your friend
Walton Patterson

Monroe, La.

July 30/90

Governor McCurtain,

I have just received the enclosed paper and knowing that you feel an interest in the matter I enclose it herewith. It would appear that the case is up to the Lawyers now and I thought that you would not mind telling them to handle me with "gloves on" so that they would not enter a protest. I feel the same interest in the election next week that

I always feel for our party
and shall now try and go to
the election, have been sick
several days and can only sit
up a short time. I had decided
not to go to the election as
such votes as mine might
cause trouble, but since this
decision by the Commissioners
I guess it will be safe to go.
So if I get well will take my
papers and go. Hoping the
boys may succeed I remain
your friend.

C. C. Mahan.

Department of the Interior,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

UNION AGENCY,

Muskogee, Ind. T., July 30 1903

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, I T.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of recent date, requesting the removal of one _____ Miller, Widow Dement, and _____ Mr. Crabbs, you are requested to furnish the Christian names of the three persons above mentioned, and also advise me whether or not they have paid their permit tax, and again request, if you desire it done, that they be removed from the Choctaw Nation and Indian Territory for good and sufficient reasons, and the matter will then receive consideration.

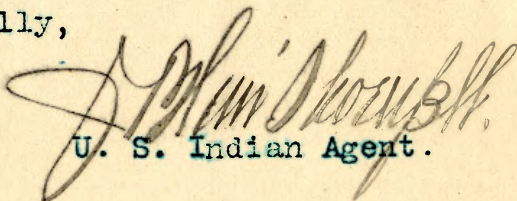
For your information on this subject, you are advised that the other persons mentioned in your complaint, numbering 201, will be removed; that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs has directed me, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to remove them from the Choctaw Nation and Indian Territory, under and by virtue of section 2149 of the Revised Statutes of the United States..

I have this day directed Policeman Spring to proceed to remove the said 201 persons from the Choctaw Nation and Indian Territory, at the same time directing him to call upon you and request you to furnish such light horsemen as, in his opinion, will be necessary to effect a speedy and safe removal.

In this connection, you are advised that I have directed Mr. Fred C. Lawrence, clerk at this Agency, to confer with you in reference to this removal, and he will call upon you in the very near future; and you will please advise him fully and render him such assistance as he may need.

Very respectfully,

JFW(E)


U. S. Indian Agent.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 30, 1903.

Mr S.J. Herndon,

Kullituklo, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your communication of the 27th inst and note what you say with reference to cutting hay on an enclosure adjoining your farm. I have uniformly advised the heriffs of the various counties of the Choctaw Nation that where a citizen had filed on his land, not to exact the royalty from them.

The Interior Department, however, has instructed the officers to the effect that they must collect royalty the same as heretofore, and that this rule will be strictly adhered to until certificates of allotment are issued to the various allottees.

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Kinta Indian Territory July 30th 1903.

Sam Downing,
Atoka Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

I have your letter of July 27th instant and replying thereto I desire to say that my letter of July the 24th fully covered the subject which you refer to and was written in good faith. It occurs to me that you should have addressed the last communication to Mr. Spear of Fort Smith as I am not assuming to act in this matter as his counsel, guide or friend, nor am I responsible for the reports of which you speak, that have no foundation in fact. With reference to the mere assertion that I paid the hotel bills or any other expense of the Indians in question on the date mentioned in your letter, a casual inquiry of Mr. Ewing at the Bates Hotel, would have had a tendency to put that rumor to rest.

As to the further statement of Indians filing an unsaggregatdd coal lands peculiarly within my knowledge; the proposition is absurd. I filed on land where I have resided for twenty six years and if there is any valuable coal under the same I have no knowledge of that fact.

It is the duty of those who lend a willing ear to the reports that favoritism has been shown, in the seggregation of coal lands, to demand an investigation. I assume that if you would address a letter to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to the effect that you desired a copy of the report of Mr. Taff, the Government expert and on whose recommendation the Secretary acted, that the same would be readily furnished you. If you are striving to ascertain the fact on which the expert based his opinion as to the valuable coal lands seggregated, I think this

Sam Downing (2)

the only proper method, to arrive at a just conclusion, and any criticism in which you may indulge, in the absence of that report, may or may not be correct.

It is entirely proper for me to say in concluding, that the expert did not ask my advice, or consult me in this matter. Public officers sent here by the Government, ought to and will be punished if proof can be had that they are guilty of the charges you set forth.

Yours truly.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 30, 1903.

Honorable Tans Bixby, Chairman,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I am just in receipt of a letter from Johnson Jacob, who is temporarily residing at Coalgate, I.T., but whose post office address is Atoka, I.T., to the effect that he had written the Commission about his enrollment, and had received a reply to the effect that his name was not on the approved rolls of the Choctaw Nation. Jacob is a fullblood Choctaw. His name did not appear on the roll of 1898 for the reason that at that time he was scouting. He had been sentenced to be shot, by the District Court, and had escaped jail, and it was during this time that the roll of 1898 was made. He was afterwards pardoned, by Act of Council, in either 1899 or 1900. I merely state these facts in order that you may understand why his name did not appear on the 1898 roll. I hope you will take the trouble to investigate this matter, and see that he is properly enrolled, as there is no question as to his citizenship.

PSL(W)

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., July 31, 1903.

Messrs Weldon, Williams & Lick,

Ft. Smith, Ark.

Gentlemen:

Please fill the following order and ship to me at Kintah
at the earliest possible date, and oblige.

2000 letter heads, same size as this,
2000 " envelopes,
1000 legal "
2000 manifolded paper, letter size,

I would be greatly pleased if you would change the printing on the letterheads so that it would look a little more attractive, and at the same time modest. I desire the printing in the corner of the page, as on this. Have the return card on the envelope "Kintah, I.T." Early shipment will greatly oblige,

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.W.