

Department of Justice.
Office of Clerk, United States Court
FOR THE
Central District of Indian Territory.

Authe S.T. May 1, 1903.

Hon. R.S. Lester -

Dear Sir;

I had a very important suit
pending here for the past six months - a very
complicated and troublesome case - involving
several thousand dollars. The case was referred to a master
one year ago. Jas. R. Solly was appointed master.
Since our political troubles as you know we do not
get along so well as we once did. The lawyers
on the other side was a rascal and without sympathy.
Solly, Latham and every man here of their gang
took great stock in the case against me; Clayton was
lead to believe some things that were not true
and we came near having some trouble during
Court. Now I am not appealing for aid but one
thing I wish of Governor McCurtain, since I see
Hitchcock will be here soon, is to unseal the
affidavits and evidence against these people
which was taken by Emerson, Latham and Solly
use their official position in every way possible to
make vengeance on some of us. not speak but
sneak around to do their dirty work. If Gov. McCurtain
finds best, I will write the Dept. fully about how things
are here & refer him to Gov. McCurtain. Let me hear, H.C. Wash.

Department of the Interior,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

UNION AGENCY,

(Muskogee, Ind. G., May 1 1903 *190*

Mr. Wm. C. Impson,

Savanna, I. T.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 30th ultimo, you are advised that if a noncitizen's cattle are grazing on lands which you propose to select as your allotment, without your consent or permission, you should report the facts to the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, who will doubtless refer the matter to this office with appropriate recommendations.

Very respectfully,

JFW(E)

J. P. Smith
U. S. Indian Agent.

Savanna L.T.

May 2nd 1903

Kind Sir Mr. Mc
Curtan principle Chief of
Choctaw Nation I will
write to you in regards
of Coby and Bowns are
non Citizens they are
holding about 6 hundred
head of Cattle on my
Allotment that I
have done filed on
So yours Truly

Wm C Simpson,

Savanna L.T.

Capital Trading Company

Shippers and Mine Owners of Savanna Coal

General Merchandise and Miners Supplies

Shippers of Hay on C. O. & G. and M. K. & T. R'ys

Savanna, Indian Territory

5/18/03.

Hdn. Green McCurtain,
Sana Bois, I.T.

Dear sir:

I desire to write you regarding certain parties whose names I have been unable to obtain, who have brought in several *hundred* head of cattle from the Chickasaw Nation and are pasturing them on the range in the neighborhood of Blanco, this county,.

They are cutting the wire fences in pieces, but we have been unable to catch them. They are ruining the hay lands in the part and it seems impossible to stop their depredations.

One of these parties I understand to be one Savage, who has been formerly reported.

If it is possible for you to relæve the situation, you would confer a great favor on a few of us who have taken allottments in that neighborhood.

Trusting that you will give the matter attention at your earliest convenience I am

Very respectfully,





ARMOUR PACKING CO.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

KANSAS CITY, U.S.A.

**PLEASE ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO THE
COMPANY DIRECT, NOT TO INDIVIDUALS**

May 4, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

The U. S. Indian Agent, Muskogee, I. T., writes us that on September 26, 1901, there was sent to you as the principal chief of the Choctaw Nation patent for Lot 1, Block 393, South McAlester, issued to Anna A. Allen, and patent for Lot 2 in the same block, issued to Mary E. McLaughlin. The agent further stated that this patent had never been returned to him. Will you kindly let us know if you have received these documents and if so what disposition was made of them.

Respectfully,

Armour Packing Co.

H. H. Loring

HHC--C.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 4, 1903.

Mr David Gardener,

Red Oak I.T.

Dear sir:

Under the existing circumstances I can not defend you in your case, and I have instructed my son, D.C. McCurtain, to come down and defend you. He will be down there Tuesday or Wednesday, and you can have your case continued until he gets there. He will do good work for you, and you can settle with him. Trusting that you will come out all right, I am.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., ~~April~~ May 4, 1903

Mr J.H. Miller,

Paris, Texas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date with reference to the citizenship claim of Jim Highbarger, and have today forwarded same to the attorneys for the Nation. I thank you very much for the interest you take in these matters.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 4, 1903.

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

South McAlester, I.T.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of the enclosed letter with reference to the citizenship of Jim Highbarger, which explains itself. The information contained will be of some use to you in the disposition of this case.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 4, 1903.

Honorable Tans Bixby, Chairman,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I am just in receipt of a letter from Judge Eugene Easton of Antlers, I.T., to the effect that he has reliable information that several sawmills are cutting and selling lumber below Fort Towson. That portion of his letter is as follows:

"In regard to the sawmill business, I am informed that several mills below Ft-Towson are still sawing and selling lumber just as fast as possible."

Hoping that you will take steps, proper in the premises, I

am,
PSL(W)

Very Respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.

Story J. T.

May 4 1903

Hon Green M. Curtain
Sanctis J. T.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours
of late date. Will say that I
sold the pasture to Mr. Sawyer
and Hark and it was my
understanding that they had
or were going to make a deal
with Winney McKunney to hold
same for them. I have no
further interest in same
Say: How about no inter-
married fellows under stand
me cant file. I am waiting until
I hear something definite before going
down. Ruth Same Hill

Sans Bois, I.T., May 5, 1903.

Mr Wm C. Impson,

Savanah, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter enclosing a letter from the U.S. Indian Agent, advising you that it is necessary for you to make reports to this office. Under the law it is necessary that you give the sheriff of the county the information contained in your letter, and ask him to investigate the facts as set forth against Crosby and Bowen, who you say are holding cattle in the Choctaw Nation contrary to law, and insist that he report to this office the facts as he finds them, giving the number of cattle, with their marks and brands, and the post office address of the owners, and their names. Upon receipt of this information from the sheriff steps will be taken to remove these parties and their cattle from the Choctaw Nation.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



Shawneetown, I. T. May 5 1903

Hon. Green M. Curtiss,

San Bois.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to write you concerning the appraisement of my lands in Red River Bottom. I think they have placed the value entirely too high, in comparison with open prairie land, as it costs us \$10⁰⁰ to \$20⁰⁰ per acre to get the timber off, said timber being of no commercial value. My idea is the appraisement was made by men who live in the west, Kansas, for instance where timber is very valuable and they cannot understand how timber can be a nuisance as in this case. Take no 1 Black Prairie land, & it is already in shape to become a paying property, as it can be used as a meadow, while our land, no 3 & no 4 B. cannot be made profitable until we get the timber off



R.M. LOVE,
GENERAL
MERCHANDISE.

Shawneetown, I. T.

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which will entail an expense of as
stated above \$10⁰⁰ to \$20⁰⁰ pr acre, I can
send you affidavits showing cost
of clearing this very heavy timber.
And would like to know if you do
not think we can get a re-apprai-
ment. I feel that I have as much
right as any other Choctaw and if I
have I don't want to be compelled to take
1600 acres land for which I could not get over
\$4⁰⁰ or \$5⁰⁰ pr acre, and some other Choctaw
could take no Prairie land, and he could
easily sell his 1600 acres for from \$20⁰⁰ to \$30⁰⁰
pr acre.

This applies to a great many others
besides myself in this County, and we
should like to have you look into the
matter & see if we cannot get justice.
Trusting that I may hear from you
at your earliest convenience I am
Yours
R M Love

OFFICE OF **H. D. GARRETSON**

.... DEALER IN

General Merchandise, Cotton, Hay and Grain

Agent for Fort Smith & Western Townsite Co.

Quinton, I. T., May 6th 1902

Hon. Green M^r Curtain
Dear Sir:

Please inform me
how would the proper way to
file on my land.

Your nephew,
O. M. Frazier

Sans Bois, I.T., May 5, 1903.

Honorable Eugene Easton,

Antlers, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 29th ult, and desire to thank you for the interest you display in the tribal matters of this Nation. I have been using my best endeavors to secure the suspension of the sawmill business in the Choctaw Nation, and we have the matter somewhat under control now. I will forward that portion of your letter which is pertinent to this question, to the Dawes Commission and I believe, with our assistance, they will be able to put a stop to these timber deprivations.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 5, 1903.

Mr Robert Harrison,
Lehigh, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter relative to non-citizens erecting improvements on segregated lands, and have forwarded same to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior for such action as he may see proper. I am satisfied that these people do this for the very purpose of wrenching the Choctaw Nation into paying them damages for improvements on segregated coal lands. It might be well for you to inform all these non-citizens that under the Supplementary Agreement, the improvements of the citizens only is contemplated in the payment of damages done to those who have said improvements on segregated coal land, and that the non-citizens can not secure the benefit of that clause, except through a citizen.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Stigler, J. F.

May 5, 1903.

Gov. Green McCurtain

Dear Gov. —

I received your letter to day
May the fifth

it is not agreeable with me
for my sister Mrs Watts to
be my guardian my brother
dont want Mrs Watts to be
his guardian it is a mistake
I never told Mr Watts that
I wanted sister to be my
guardian he has got it all
up within him self I knew
nothing of it

I don't think Mr Watts is
a honest man. I want a
honest man to be my
guardian. I don't think Mr
Watts can give bond for
to be a guardian.

Havent I got time in the
future to select my guardian
yours truly
Myrtle Palmer

Gou. Green m^d Curtiss
Sandsbois
Ind. Ter.

*Dry Goods,
Clothing,
Boots, Shoes,
Hats and Caps
Tin, Glass and
Queensware,
Hardware, Etc.*

R. W. PHILLIPS,

DEALER IN.....

General Merchandise.

ROSEBUD, TEXAS,

May 6th, 1908

To The Chief of the Alabama and Mississippi Choctaw Tribe,

Atoka I.T.

Dear Sir And Cheif :- In behalf of pure justice, alike to our tribe and selves, I make this appeal to you and through you to the other four Chiefs.

It does really appear from all the data before me that the United States has adopted a course, if carried out will keep out many of the actual blood relations from their just share of the land in the Territory, by demanding more in the way of proof than is just, We all believe you are perfectly * willing for all who can satisfy you of their actual near blood relation to have the land justly due them.

Now I will give you a history of our claim, my wife is the granddaughter of James Gill who lived on Rabbit Creek in Clark Co Ala. where she was born and raised, this was about 15 miles from Choctaw Bluff Ala.

Two of her brothers have and two of her sons have been examined by the Dawes Commission and were allowed to register and as having more of the blood than we claim, but because of a like of evidence as to James Gill attempting to enroll in the 1830 treaty we were rejected our rights, Is such proceedings is in keeping with justice to you and us.

The only hope that is left for us and many others to get what I consider to be theirs is for you five Chiefs to demand of the United States to allow who can satisfy you five men as an arbitrary court as to the blood relation that their rights shall be respected, and claims allowed.

*Dry Goods,
Clothing,
Boots, Shoes,
Hats and Caps
Tin, Glass and
Queensware,
Hardware, Etc.*

R. W. PHILLIPS,

DEALER IN.....

General Merchandise.

ROSEBUD, TEXAS.

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The facts are that no person has any right to one foot of that Territory except those of actual blood relation and does really appear that the full bloods are to get a small share of that estate under the present arrangement to say nothing of all the rest getting nothing at all.

Now I hope you will pardon and excuse me for this appeal and suggestion in behalf of what I believe to be in keeping with every principal of right and justice, And I assure you*that if you five Chiefs will make this demand of the United States Government we will do all we can in aiding you through our Congressmen and Senators Henry and Bailey,for the accomplishment of this end.

Again hoping you pardon what ever errors you see in this appeal, I am,

Yours for favors,

J.R.Lane ,

Coleman, Texas,

Coleman Co.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 6, 1903.

Armour Packing Company,
Kansas City, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst in which you state that the U.S. Indian Agent at Muskogee, has written you that on September 26, 1901, there was sent to me, as Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, a patent for lot One, Block 393, in S. McAlester, I.T., issued to Annie A. Allen, and also a patent for lot Two in the same block, issued to Mary E. McLaughlin. In reply I desire to say that the Indian Agent is in error when he states that these patents were sent to me, as Geo. W. Dukes, of Talihina, I.T., was Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation at that time. You might write ex-governor Dukes, at that point, and he may be able to give you some information with reference to the matters enquired about.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 6, 1903.

Mr H.M.Frazier,

Quinton, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter inquiring as to how to proceed in the matter of filing on your allotment. If you will come down I will take pleasure in showing you how to proceed in this matter.

PSL(W)

Your uncle.

Bank of Grant

Capital \$25,000.00

Grant, I.T. May 6, 1903.

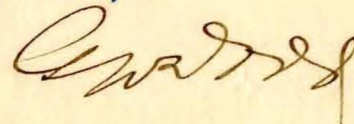
Hon. Green McCurtain,
Kintah, I.T.

Dear Sir;

Mr J.B.Spring, Indian Police was here today to see me in reference to holding cattle in the Choctaw Nation. Beg to say that they are in a pasture which has been allotted to citizens and I have leased this pasture for a term of five years. If I cannot hold them under this lease, please extend me all the time you can

Thanking you in advance.

Respectfully,



Sans Bois, I.T., May 8, 1903.

Mr G.W.Dodd,

Grant, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst in which you state that Indian Police, B.J.Spring, called on you with reference to the cattle you are holding in the Choctaw Nation, in a pasture which you say you have leased from citizens for a term of five years; and wherein you ask me to extend you all the time I can. In reply I desire to say that I think it would be well for you to make speedy arrangements to comply with the law, as I have no power to even suspend the laws as they exist. Personally I would like to grant you any favor in my power, but it is my duty, as Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, to see to it that the laws are rigidly enforced.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 8, 1903.

Mr J.J. McElroy,

Chickasha, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst and note what you say with reference to excessive land holding in the Chickasaw Nation. Under the terms of the Supplementary Agreement it is provided in Section 25, that after the opening of the land office for allotment purposes, any citizen of either nation may appear before the Commission, at the land office in the Nation in which the land is located, and make application for his allotment, and allotment for the members of his family. That after the expiration of 30 days following the opening of such land office, any such applicant may make allegation that the land, or any part of the land that he desires to have allotted, is held by another citizen or person, in excess of the amount of land to which said citizen is lawfully entitled and that he desires to have said land allotted to him or the members of his family, as herein provided; and thereupon said Commission shall serve notice upon the person so said to be holding land in excess of the land to which he may be entitled; said notice to set forth the facts alleged, and name the post office address and the name of the person alleging same. Notice is then served upon that person to appear at once at one of the land offices and select his allotment and the allotments he may be authorized to select, including homestead, and if at the end of 30 days, last provided for, the person upon whom such notice has been served has not selected his allotment as provided, the Dawes Commission to the Five Tribes shall make reserve of said allotments for the person or persons who have failed to act in accordance with the notice aforesaid, having due regard for the best interest of said allottees. After such allotments have been made or reserved by said Commission, then all other lands held or claimed or previously held or claimed by said person or persons shall be deemed a part of the public domain of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and be subject to disposition as such.

Under this section of the Agreement, after the steps have been taken you would then be permitted, by the Commission, to file on the lands selected by you, from the excessive holdings of the citizens who have more than their prorata share. It would be well for you to follow the outline as above stated, and you would experience no trouble hereafter by reason thereof. Hoping you will come out all right, I am,
PSL(W)

Your friend,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 7, 1903.

Honorable Alf McCay.

McAlester, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 6, 1903, enclosing report of the work done by you and expenses incurred while in the performance of your official duty in removing intruders from the Choctaw Nation, who were unlawfully holding cattle in the year 1902.

The amount due you by reason of discounting the National warrant issued you in payment of services is a matter that must be placed before council. I am powerless to authorize the issuance of a warrant covering the difference unless empowered by council so to do. I will take this matter up when council meets and urge that body to make an appropriation covering this amount. I regret that I can not aid you in securing this sooner.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 9, 1903.

Mr R.M.Love,

Shawneetown, I.T.

Dear sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst just received, and in reply I desire to say that there has been many inequalities in the appraisement of the lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations; in fact the complaints have been very general throughout both nations. The matter has been thoroughly gone over with the Dawes Commission and I feel sure that they will not permit a re-appraisement. In most every instance, in the Cherokee Nation, where re-appraisement was granted no changes, as I understand it, were made in the original appraisement. People here in my immediate vicinity feel that the land was appraised entirely too high, as much of it is entirely worthless for any purpose. I agree with you that the men who did this work evidently knew very little about the character of the soil which they were called on to appraise. I am satisfied that nothing can be done in the matter, and we will have to accept the situation.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Print Chief C.N.

Bank of Grant

Capital \$25,000.00

Grant, I.T.

May 9, 1903.

Gov. Green McCurtain,

San Bois, I.T.

Dear Sir;

yours of 8th: Will it be all right for me to sell those cattle to a citizen of the Choctaw Nation? I have phoned, wired and written to all the Banks in north Tex. and cannot find a buyer, but have a citizen who will buy them if you will allow me to sell them.

Thanking you in advance,

My Resp. - C. W. Jones

Sans Bois, I.T., May 9, 1903.

Mr J.R.Lane,

Coleman, Texas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, directed to the Chief of the Alabama and Mississippi Choctaw Tribe, and in reply thereto I desire to say that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court have been vested with full authority to hear and determine all classes of citizenship cases.

Your suggestion that the five chiefs make a demand that Congress give them the power to pass upon this matter is wholly impracticable for the reason that the Cherokees, Creeks and Seminoles hold their land under an entirely different Treaty and patent to that of the Choctaws and Chickasaws. Congress has been endeavoring to settle this matter for nearly ten years, and the rolls have been finally closed. It doubtless has worked a hardship upon some who were entitled to enrollment, but it seemed that this could not be avoided, as there were so many who failed to take advantage of the time allowed them to file their applications. Many forfeited their rights by leaving the territory, and for various other causes I am sorry that it is not in my power to offer a suggestion that would aid you in this matter.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T. May 9, 1903.

Mr P.N. Ishcomer,

Lukfata, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of inquiry with reference to the appointment of freedmen to act as guardian for the children of freedmen. You are advised that they are competent to act as guardian, provided of course they are on the rolls and their children have been duly enrolled.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

(COPY)

Conser, I.T., May 9, 1903.

Mr. Green McCurtain,

My Dear Sir:

I am going to write you a few words, while I do not know if I am right in doing what I am about to do, yet I am anxious to tell you what those parties were doing to establish the rights of those court citizens. A man by the name of Jonas Frazier who was pretending to know over four hundred white people who were court claimants and were used by Henry Byington and Willie Durant as witness in those cases and had him state that he knew these white claimants were descendents of some Choctaw Indians and they had him on the run all the time between Atoka and Durant until he died. These parties who had him to testify in these cases for them did not believe a word what he testified, but was using the old man for what money was in it for them. He himself told me that these parties were paying him five dollars in each case he gave his evidence.

Your bro in Christ.

(Signed) A.H. Homer.

Savanna, I. I.

May. 11, 1903

Hon. Green, McCurtan

San boys, I. I.

Dear sir I wrote
you at Kinta, I. I.
and did not get
any answer, There is
Partys Crosby and
Bourds has got
about 2000 head
of cattle here that
is grazing on my
land with out
my permission.

I Wrote the Indian
Agent about the
matter and he
advised me to Report
to the Gov of the
Choctaw nation and
he would look after
the matter.

Yours Truly
William, Simpson

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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2. Hon Green M. Curtin
Kintah
Ind. - Ter.



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Hon Green M^cCourtain P. C. C. N

Sansbois I. I.

Dear Friend

Kamima & ark inli okla hat
iskali piakt, pita hie ark a pulla
Saryum mi hork yohma hie hork ma
iskali ishk pita Sabanna hork: chi
ponak loli shke. Tali holisso pokoli outok
lo a thocha Tuhlapa iskali issa potak ma
piakt pita hork ma ish ai isha chi ho chui
la hie la Note chimu la hie la 10% interest aing
Wire Pasture in li Sabanna hork) chikma E. D. Benton

Sans Bois, I.T., May 12, 1903.

Mr G.W.Dodd,

Grant, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst and note what you say with reference to your effort to dispose of your cattle now held by the Sheriff, and wherein you ask whether or not it will be all right for you to sell them to a citizen of the Nation. In reply have to say that I have no power to give you right to dispose of these cattle. This matter has gone beyond my control and is wholly in the hands of the Indian Agent. I am satisfied that you are trying to do the right thing, and that you brought the cattle into the Nation in the proper spirit, ie, not intending to violate the law, and if I could do anything to aid you in the matter I would gladly do so, but it now being in the hands of the Indian Agent it is impossible for me to do anything. It is a matter which will have to be adjusted with the office of the Indian Agent.

Regretting that I can not aid you in the matter, I am,

GMcC(7)

Yours truly,

Pr n. Chief C.H.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 12, 1903.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

South Mallester, Ind. Ter.,

herewith enclose letter from A.H. Homer, of Cons. I.T.
h translation which I have made hurriedly, which explains
while I do not know whether or not it will be of any
benefit to you, at the same time I send it to you for what information
it may contain.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 12, 1903.

Mr. A. H. Hower,

Conser, I.T.

I received your letter of the 9th inst and
that you say. There is a part of your letter I do not
understand. Do I understand you to mean that Jones Frazier
is dead, or that the Court Citizen is dead, and that Frazier is still
living. Please let me know whether or not Frazier is living, and
where he can be found, as we want him as a witness if he is living

GMCC(W)

Your friend,

SansBois, I.T., May 13, 1903.

Mr H.T.Lawechubbee,

Janis, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst and in reply have to [redacted] while I was at the land office at Atoka the Commission stated to me that where there were two or more persons on the same forty acres, the person who has the most improvement is the one who will be permitted to file on the same. If the persons who first entered on the land in Township 8 S., Range 26 E were there at the time that township was being surveyed, or appraised, then the Commission is advised as to who is entitled to possession of the same. If, however, the first improvements have been put on there since that time, then these persons will have to appear at the land office and advise the commission as to who is legally entitled to possession of the same, and the Commission will sustain the possession of the person who put up the first improvements. I could have answered you in Choctaw, but from your writing I take it you are an english scholar, and therefore write in english. If you do not understand the same, and can not get it interpreted, advise me and I will write you in choctaw.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 13, 1903.

Honorable S.E. Lewis,

South McAlester, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst and am glad to know that I will meet you at Eufaula on the 20th inst. I expected to see you when I was in S McAlester, but was disappointed. Please be sure and be at Eufaula, as there are some matters I want to go over with you.

I will tell George Sott to send you your warrant at once.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 13, 1903.

Mr William Impson,

Savana, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst and in reply to same have to say that I wrote you some time ago about this matter, but suppose my letter was lost.

I herewith enclose complaint, to be filled in by the Sheriff. You will have this delivered to the Sheriff of the County and have him investigate the facts in this case, and if he finds them to be true he will fill out this complaint, sign the same and send to me, and I will take the necessary steps to remove these parties. All complaints of this character have to come through the Sheriff of the County, and that is the reason I have to send out this complaint to be filled in.

GMcC(W)
Encl.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.H.

Doaksville I.T.

May 13th 1903

Hon Green McCurtain
Sano Bois
I.T.

My Dear Sir:

Wilson Bros bought
of Young + Hockworth and also
of L W Oakes about 75000 feet
of lumber each, before our
Robt Harrison Indian Police
seized the same, I notified
Harrison before the lumber
was seized, by him, that
the lumber belonged to
Wilson Bros - but Harrison
said he had orders to
seize all lumber on the

Mill yard and went ahead
and did so. Now in good
faith we bought this lumber
and paid for it, and I
can assure you that we
have no connection with
the mill men whatever
but we are out our
money and would like
to handle this lumber
bought and paid for
before it was seized by
the U.S. policeman - Can you
do any thing for us -

Yours Friend
W. W. Wilson

The Atoka National Bank,

Of Atoka, Indian Territory.

CAPITAL \$30,000.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., May 13th 1903.

Hon. Green, McBurnain

Sans Bois Ind. Ter.

Friend Green

I am at a loss to know how and by what authority the Secretary of the Dawes Commission can hood up and dictate to me or any other citizen as to what kind of land I shall allow for myself & family & if my homestead was segregated ^{as these lands} and now they are trying to segregate my claims in River County. It is pine lands but every foot of it is subject to agriculture it is equally as good as any timbered land any place. & no rock. I just returned from down there and I find the white man having Indians jump my claims thereby causing litigation & hard feelings. and delays in allotments. What shall I do in the matter I have no section that I want to allow to myself & family. I will have to do something soon to protect myself & family. as I have been hood out of my allotments long enough. let me hear from you. Yours friend
Wm. Harrison

Sans Bois, I.T., May 13, 1903.

Mr S.E.Neil,

Story, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, and in reply have to say that the Intermarried roll has not yet been completed, and for that reason the Commission can not permit them to file. This roll has to be made up and sent to the Secretary of the Interior and approved by him before such citizens can file. If you were married according to the Choctaw law, there will be no doubt about you being placed on the roll. But it will probably be 30 to 60 days before these rolls are completed.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Bank of Grant

Capital \$25,000.00

Grant, I.T.

May 14, 1908.

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Kintah, I.T.

Dear Sir;

Have recieved no reply to my letter to you in reference to selling cattle to a citizen; this citizen wants to buy my cattle and it is the only offer I can get. With your permission I will sell at once.

Thanking you in advance.

Respectfully,

G. H. Dodd

Lehigh Ind Terry
May 14th 1903

Gov Green M^c Curtain

Dear Gov

I write you again

I met Martin Charleston Senator from this county. Several days since he told me that his place or most of it was taken as coal land and he had sold what was left and had or would take his allotment in the Chickasaw nation and would move there some time this summer therefore he said his place as Senator would be vacant and that he wished me to fill it. I told him I would do. So if you would give the appointment therefore I write this to inform you that I am a candidate for the appointment. Now Green if you think

I can assist you as Senator or be
of any use to my people in that
capacity. Send me the appointment
and I will be on hand when Council
meets to do the best I know for my
people.

well about that timber cutting I
wrote about it still goes on. I heard
that there would be or were now two
or three saw mills put up down there
how they expect to get timber I don't know
if they could be they should be stoped

Yours truly

C. S. Vinson

Sans Bois, I.T., May 15, 1903.

Mr Peter Conser,

Conser, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst, and note what you say with reference to the contest of Charles Perry for certain places in that section. My Private Secretary, Mr P.S. Lester, will be at Atoka on Monday next, and if you can have Perry go down there at that time he will assist him in taking up the matter at the land office. All contests of this character must originate in the land office, and if McMurtry has not already filed it may be that he will not attempt to make a contest after he discovers that Perry has already filed on the land in question. Have Perry come to Atoka on Monday or Tuesday, as Mr Lester will be there both days.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen,-

Referring further to your letter of May 15, 1903, relative to the sale of the coal and asphalt lands and coal and asphalt deposits of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and particularly to the decision of the Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury of April 2, 1903, that the expenses of the said sale are payable out of the funds realized from the sale:

I have the honor to respectfully state that it is, and has always been, my opinion that the United States government would bear all expenses in connection with the said sale. So firmly was I of this opinion that I deemed it unnecessary to discuss this feature while the coal and asphalt portions of the Supplementary Agreement were under consideration.

Wherever the Supplementary Agreement creates expenses, the manner of payment is distinctly provided for. It plainly states that the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the United States government shall each pay its own representative on the said commission, and that the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations shall pay for all improvements on the lands to be sold; but no reference whatever is made to expenses.

In the Atoka Agreement, the United States government agreed to pay all expenses in connection with surveying, grading, appraising, and allotting the lands of the Choctaws and Chickasaws; and, while the coal and asphalt lands are not to be allotted, yet the full duty of the United States government towards us will not be completed until our coal and asphalt lands and coal and asphalt deposits shall have been sold. The spirit of the Atoka Agreement and the policy of the government towards us are that all expenses incident to closing our tribal affairs shall be paid by the United States government.

In my opinion, no part or portion of the money realized from this sale should be deducted therefrom. The words of the Supplementary Agreement on this point are plain:

"The proceeds arising from the sale of coal and asphalt lands and coal and asphalt deposits shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the said tribes, and paid out per capita to the members of the said tribes"

No reference is made to depositing the net proceeds derived from the sale. If a portion of the money realized from the sale is deducted therefrom, the law will not be complied with, for then only a portion, and not the proceeds, of the sale will be placed to the credit of the tribes. The salary of the commissioner representing the Choctaw Nation is to be paid by the Choctaw Nation, out of its funds, and not out of the funds realized from the sale. The improvements on the lands to be sold are to be paid for, not out of the money realized from the sale, but "out of any common funds of the two tribes in the treasury of the United States." And the Assistant

3.

Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that the salary of the Commissioner of the United States shall be paid, not out of the funds derived from the sale, but "from the appropriation made for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the Indian appropriation act of March 3, 1903 (Public No.144)". These facts indicate that the parties to the treaty intended that all money realized from the sale should be placed to the credit of the two tribes, and paid out per capita to them.

In the campaign for the Supplementary Agreement we told the Choctaw people that the only expenses that the Choctaw Nation would have in the sale of the coal and asphalt lands would be the salary of its commissioner and its share of the cost of the appraised value of the improvements on the lands sold.

My interpretation of the Atoka Agreement and of the Supplementary Agreement is that the United States government should bear all expenses in connection with the final settlement of all matters between us, including the cost of selling our coal and asphalt lands; and, in behalf of the Choctaw people, I most earnestly and respectfully protest ^{against} the expenses of the said sale being charged to the Nations.

I have the honor to respectfully request that you refer the matter to the Honorable Secretary for further consideration.

Respectfully
Green. M. McLaurin

Sans Bois, I.T., May 15, 1903.

Mr W.H.Harrison,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst and note what you say with reference to the Commission withholding the pine land from allotment. This order was made primarily to protect the fullbloods in that section. Hundreds of complaints have gone in against the slaughtering of timber in that section, signed by Indians who have never entered into any lease whatever with the timber men. Under the terms of the Atoka Agreement the Secretary of the Interior has the discretionary power to withdraw from allotment these lands, or to do anything else that, in his judgment seems necessary to protect the Indians in their holdings. The government data which they have on hand at Atoka shows that these are pine land, and they are controlled by this, and no other proof is permitted to controvert their own information. You will no doubt be permitted to allot the lands which you have spoken of, and I will do what I can to assist you personally to that end, but I could not conscientiously make an effort to induce the Commission to change the order withdrawing the great bulk of the pine land, because I believe I would be guilty of a very grave wrong toward a great portion of the Indians in that section of the Country.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 15, 1903.

Mr Willis W. Wilson,

Goodwater, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst and note what you say with reference to the timber deprivations of Moon and Prior near your place. This matter has been taken up with the department, and they now have their Police down in that section for the purpose of stopping these timber men in their deprivations. Definite action will no doubt be taken in a few days on this score, and I hope that they will succeed in effectually putting an end to this matter.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

J. D. FOWLER,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

Heavener, I. T.

5/16/1903

How Green Mountain
Sawyer
I.T.

Dear Sir: We the un-
designed respectfully
ask you to come
and make a speech
for us at a Picnic
We are to have
here June 24.
We of course will
defray your expenses.

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Respectfully
J. D. Fowler and
J. E. Malone
Jno. Tolson
Comm.

NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILWAY CO

Bluefield W^{va}May 17th 1903

Gw Green M-Curtain

Sir

I thought I would write you a few lines to let you hear from me that my family all have been sick, but though they are getting better now - hope they are still improved, so that I can come home by 10 days of June 1903 to look after my share my family share. I would be certainly glad to have you to use your influence to help me to secure to our share. I will be with you all at Tuskeghomma convention to be held at Tuskeghomma Ind Ter June 16th 1903. Please let me hear from you before I leave at Bluefield June 10th 1903.

Yours Truly
M. L. Adams

Heavenly, N.

May 18, 1903

Hon. Green M^cCurtain,
San Diego, N.

Dear Governor:

We are to have a
Masonic & Odd-fellow picnic here
on June the 24th and respectfully
invite you to come & give an
address - We do not only invite
you to come, but earnestly
solicit your attendance.

Please let me have a
favorable reply from you and
oblige

Yours Very Truly
E. W. Moore

Mayor of the

Incorporated Town of
Heavenly, N.

G.D. 1

Come ask.

May 18 A.D. 1903

Gov. McCurtain

Dear Sir

on the 15 of april Many of us
from this section of Country near
State Line in Washoba Co. ^{can}
appeared Before the land office
at atoka J.N. and got ticket and
returned Home expecting to be
Back to atoka in few days to file
on our land which ~~we~~ we
have Selected for our Home-
stead and allotments as Best
land we can locate in this
Mountain County But after we
returned Home we understand
there is some question about

G. M. 2

Those Timber Land

Hon. I Am Truly Glad That
thou has taken the proper
Steps to Protect your people
Against the timber Speculator
But it seem like to hard for
some few of us in This Section
of Country to Be hindered By
Some other person that Contracted
thy timber for 25 cts per acres
or less than half of them
never been Among us yet
for as I know

Honour Some few of us here are
Waiting for you to have it fit
Some way so we can take
our land in This Country
Where we was Born and raise

G. M. 3

our folks when they moved
from the old country Missippi
and Alabama to this country
they first settled in ^{this} mountain
and lived here many years
and are all dead and they
graves are here now. our
Churches And it seems like
impossible for us to leave our
houses and farms and every
things. Now go and locate
west on prairies where we
could get better land I know
it would, ~~but~~ Be Best for us to
go where we could get real good
land, ^{and take care of it} for its our last chance
But the Claimant would not Suit
us on prairies it Suit us Best to
over

G. M. 4

Live in this mountain where
we was Borned and raised
we want take our home and
farms for our allotments But
they are some commercial value
of timber now What must we
do we are waiting for it ^{to} be fit
some way Before we can file on
our cultivated land

Your information and advised
will be appraised very much
Write soon and give ^{us} information

Chi Kana Bilin
Amasiah S. Robinson
Come ask.

May 18/1923.
String Town I.A.

Hon. Green M^c Curtain
"Kintah I.A.

Dear Sir

I wish you kind
favor if you please.
Will you should happen
to see Bunnie Spring.
Ask him if he ever got -
That - Check order to
B. B. Binkley. Indorsed
I got him to see Mr Binkley
and have him indorse the
check. And either send the
check or ~~ex~~ money order - to
Durant - but I never has
heard from him yet.

The check was amount -
to \$36.¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ The check was
on Green M^c Curtain
I wish you would find out -
And, ask him and let -
me know at once from
yours And Oblige

Jos. B. Williams
~~Sturtevant~~ St

P. S. I am now in Sturtevant
I left - during - on the 12
of this month.

Wish to hear from you
soon.

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

Mr W.W.Wilson,

Doaksville, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and in reply have to say that as soon as the Secretary of the Interior makes up his mind as to what disposition he will make of the timber question, I will take up your case with him. When I saw him in Muskogee, he told me he had seized all the timber that had been cut but had not decided what he would do with it, at that time.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Louisiana Purchase Exposition

ST. LOUIS, 1904.

INDIAN TERRITORY EXHIBIT.

F. C. HUBBARD,
Commissioner and Ex-Officio Treasurer.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

May 18, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Sans Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:

The time within which the Indian Territory must raise \$25,000 in order that it may have the benefit of the \$25,000 appropriated by the last Congress, will expire June 1st. The fund is not yet completed, and I fear will not be unless some of the men of the Territory who are able to make contributions supply what is lacking.

I am therefore today sending this same letter to one hundred of the moneyed men of the Territory, you included, asking you to meet me at South McAlester on Monday, the 25th instant. My judgment is that at that time we will perhaps lack \$5,000. I want you to be one of a hundred, or whatever part of a hundred attends this meeting, to contribute to supply the desideratum.

You will understand I have no personal interest in this matter. My interest is only the same as that of other citizens of the Territory. We have been advertising ourselves to the world through the local press, by delegations to Congress and in every manner possible, as a progressive, active and energetic people who meet all conditions and do not fail in any enterprise we undertake.

To my thinking, failure on the part of the Territory to raise this \$25,000 would be, to say the least, a most serious reflection

upon us. I do not believe we ought to permit ourselves to suffer under the imputation of a lack of public spirit to do this thing--relatively very small.

I enclose you an addressed envelope for reply. I ask you to meet me at South McAlester. If you cannot personally attend this meeting at South McAlester on Monday next, please send some one with authority to represent you.

I enclose herewith a list of the one hundred men who have been asked to meet me at South McAlester for this purpose at this time.

Very respectfully,

J. C. Hubbard

World's Fair Commissioner.

F. C. H.(MS)

CHICKASAW NATION.

B. J. Vaughn,	Alex, I. T.
W. B. Alexander,	Alex, I. T.
Judge Hosea Townsend,	Ardmore, I. T.
Richard McLish,	Ardmore, I. T.
L. P. Anderson,	Ardmore, I. T.
Sidney Suggs,	Ardmore, I. T.
J. W. Bivens,	Ardmore, I. T.
W. A. Lodbetter,	Ardmore, I. T.
Chas. Campbell,	Ardmore, I. T.
W. P. Johnson,	Ardmore, I. T.
Wes Burney,	Ardmore, I. T.
R. B. Dick,	Ardmore, I. T.
C. A. Goode,	Bradley, I. T.
H. B. Johnson,	Chickasha, I. T.
Hick Harrison,	Duncan, I. T.
John Ireton,	Ireton, I. T.
N. H. Byers,	Johnson, I. T.
W. R. Story,	Lindsay, I. T.
Judge O. Love,	Marietta, I. T.
W. N. Tafiaferro,	Madill, I. T.
J. H. Bond,	Minco, I. T.
W. L. Wade,	Marlow, I. T.
Geo. R. Beeler,	Ninnekah, I. T.
Joe Perry,	Purcell, I. T.
Dorset Carter,	Purcell, I. T.
William Castello,	Purcell, I. T.
C. J. Grant,	Pauls Valley, I. T.
Albert Rennie,	Pauls Valley, I. T.
S. W. Ryan,	Ryan, I. T.
F. C. Blakeley,	Rush Springs, I. T.
T. C. Walker,	Stonewall, I. T.
Wm. L. Bird,	Stonewall, I. T.
Robert Gibson,	Sugden, I. T.
Ben F. Colbert,	Tishomingo, I. T.
Kirby Purdum,	Tishomingo, I. T.
M. V. Cheadle,	Tishomingo, I. T.
Thos. Waldon,	Thomas, I. T.
Hon. P. S. Mosley,	Wapanucka, I. T.

CHOCTAW NATION.

Mike Conlan,	Atoka, I. T.
D. N. Robb,	Atoka, I. T.
Jack Russell,	Bennington, I. T.
Tom Hunter,	Caddo, I. T.
Dr. Crowder,	Crowder City, I. T.
Ed Perry,	Coalgate, I. T.
W. A. Durant,	Durant, I. T.
J. R. McKinney,	Durant, I. T.
James Yarborough,	Durant, I. T.
C. A. Shull,	Hugo, I. T.
James Elliott,	Krebs, I. T.
Boone Williams,	Lehigh, I. T.
J. J. McAlester,	McAlester, I. T.
Judge W. H. H. Clayton,	South McAlester.
F. S. Genung,	South McAlester.
C. B. Stuart,	South McAlester.
James Gordon,	South McAlester.
L. W. Bryan,	South McAlester.
Wm. Busby,	South McAlester.
D. M. Hailey,	South McAlester.
Geo. Mansfield,	South McAlester.
I. N. Love,	Shawneetown, I. T.
Hon. Green McCurtain,	San Bois, I. T.
Wm. T. Culbertson,	Savana, I. T.
T. A. Skeen,	Wapanucka, I. T.

SEMINOLE & QUAPAW.

A. J. Brown,	Wewoka, I. T.
C. L. Long,	Wewoka, I. T.
Hotulka Fixico,	
Prin. Chief,	Wewoka, I. T.
W. L. McWilliams,	Miami, I. T.
Mitt Drake,	Miami, I. T.

CHEROKEE NATION.

J. E. Campbell,	Alluwee, I. T.
J. G. Muhlen,	Alluwee, I. T.
Geo. B. Keeler,	Bartlesville, I. T.
N. F. Carr,	Bartlesville, I. T.
Pat Maloney,	Bluejacket, I. T.
Chas. Poole,	Chelsea, I. T.
T. M. McSpadden,	Chelsea, I. T.
Clem V. Rogers,	Claremore, I. T.
Valentine Gray,	Choteau, I. T.
F. H. Nash,	Ft. Gibson, I. T.
R. E. Butler,	Ft. Gibson, I. T.
Frank Conner,	Fairland, I. T.
John W. Breedlove,	Muldrow, I. T.
L. A. Keys,	Nowata, I. T.
Wm. C. Rogers,	Oolagh, I. T.
S. H. Mayes,	Pryor Creek, I. T.
W. H. Graham,	Pryor Creek, I. T.
J. S. Stapler,	Tahlequah, I. T.
Wm. Hastings,	Tahlequah, I. T.
James Beaty,	Talala, I. T.
Judge Jos. A. Gill,	Vinita, I. T.
W. E. Halsell,	Vinita, I. T.
P. L. Soper,	Vinita, I. T.
W. H. Darrough,	Vinita, I. T.
Charles A. Davidson,	Vinita, I. T.
Oliver Bagby,	Vinita, I. T.
Hon. T. M. Buffington,	Vinita, I. T.
E. N. Ratcliff,	Vinita, I. T.
Wm. Little,	Vinita, I. T.
J. O. Hall,	Vinita, I. T.
J. E. Hayes,	Webbers Falls, I. T.
George Dixon,	Welch, I. T.

CREEK NATION.

Wm. E. Gentry,	Checotah, I. T.
Ben Lafayette,	Checotah, I. T.
R. B. Hutchinson,	Checotah, I. T.
C. E. Foley,	Eufaula, I. T.
J. Burdett,	Eufaula, I. T.
C. H. Tulley,	Eufaula, I. T.
Geo. Shannon,	Gibson Station, I. T.
A. B. Dunlap,	Holdenville, I. T.
R. M. McFarlan,	Holdenville, I. T.
Hon. P. Porter,	Muskogee, I. T.
Judge C. W. Raymond,	Muskogee, I. T.
Leo. E. Bennett,	Muskogee, I. T.
William Melette,	Muskogee, I. T.
C. W. Turner,	Muskogee, I. T.
H. B. Spaulding,	Muskogee, I. T.
R. L. Owen,	Muskogee, I. T.
F. B. Severs,	Muskogee, I. T.
A. W. Robb,	Muskogee, I. T.
F. B. Fite,	Muskogee, I. T.
A. P. McKellop,	Muskogee, I. T.
Tams Bixby,	Muskogee, I. T.
S. M. Rutherford,	Muskogee, I. T.
Jas. A. Parkinson,	Okmulgee, I. T.
Bluford Miller,	Okmulgee, I. T.
George McLagan,	Okmulgee, I. T.
W. T. Burnette,	Sapulpa, I. T.
N. B. Moore,	Sowokla, I. T.
J. M. Hall,	Tulsa, I. T.
Fred Turner,	Tulsa, I. T.
T. A. Parkinson,	Wagoner, I. T.
J. W. Wallace,	Wagoner, I. T.
J. W. Gibson,	Wagoner, I. T.
Wm. Edwards,	Wagoner, I. T.
Lake Moore,	Weleetka, I. T.
H. H. Holman,	Wetumka, I. T.

After 10 days, return to

.....
MUSKOGEE, IND. T.



F. C. HUBBARD,

WORLD'S FAIR COMMISSIONER,

MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 19, 1903.

Dr. D. Fowler,

Heavener, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your kind invitation to be present at a picnic to be at your place on the 24th of June, and in reply desire to say that it will afford me much pleasure to be with you on that occasion, and I shall surely be there unless unavoidably prevented.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Turksham, S.G. May 19, 1903.

Gen. Gen. M. C. Linton,
Stintal.

Ind. Ind.

Dear Sir: -

My object in writing
you is this, you offered \$600.
to S. B. M. C. Linton, to have
the yard fence put up in complete
for the Capital Building did you
not. That is, M. C. Linton was
to furnish every thing, lumber,
nails, posts etc. Now, Gen. I
think I can do the work for
that, provided, if one half the
amount offered in advance in
order to enable me to get the
Material. I live right here in at
town, and so, if the arrangement
can be made, I would like to get
the job. Comby M. C. Linton said
he give up his job on that good
fence business.

Let me hear from you about
this matter. We had our Convention
last Wednesday, I appointed S. B. M. C. Linton
E. D. Beaton, and H. D. Anderson
as Delegates to the National Convention.
Yours truly,
S. S. Neal

Sans Bois, I.T., May 19, 1903.

Mr John Pulcher,

Hartshorn, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, wherein you inquire with reference to the allowing of fees for guardians and administrators each year. In reply have to say that they are entitled to but one fee, which is payable when the estate is wound up, and finally settled. By reference to Durant's Code, Section 6, paragraph 10, you will find the latter part to read as follows:

".....And the administrator shall be allowed a compensation not less than five per centum nor more than seven per centum upon the whole value of the estate administered, which shall be allowed by the court in the final settlement of the estate."

By this you will readily see that the fees are only allowable when the estate is finally administered.

Should the court allow these fees each year, it would only take a short time for the administrator to get the whole estate in fees, and thus leave the beneficiaries with nothing; in this way the court would assist in the confiscating of the estate, instead of protecting it, as is his duty.

EMC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 19, 1903.

Mr Alex Johnson,

Iron Bridge, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and in reply have to say that there is no coal land segregated in Sections 18, 19, 20, 21 and 24, in Twonship 9, N., Range 21, East.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Non green Mountain

Sonsbliss & S, May 17 1903

Dear Sir

Is it Lawful for a Non Citizen
to obstruct our Streams with
fish traps and nets and
non fish traps and nets
for Lawrence & Living at
Blue P.O. S. S. who has a
ho of traps in Blue River
and is catching fish often
and selling same I wish
these traps could be taken up
yours res. M. P. Hilbert

Blue S. S.

By B. B. Wood

COMMISSIONERS:

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ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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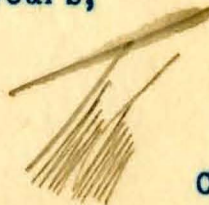
Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 19, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Sans Bois, Indian Territory.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 4, 1903, from which it appears that the sawmills are still cutting and selling lumber below Fort Towson. I will again take the matter up and see what can be done.

Very truly yours,



Chairman.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 19, 1903.

Honorable S.E. Lewis,

South McAlester, I.T.

Dear sir:

I herewith enclose 18 certificates of death, together with Notary's bill for same, amounting to \$9.08. You will please issue certificate for same, and send to Jeff. Gardener, and forward the certificates to the Dawes Commission.

GMcC(W)
Encl.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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Above
referred
to

TOWNSHIP PLAT.

Feathers Ton

For

..... NATION. TOWNSHIP *7* RANGE *17*

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NORMA E. SMISER, EDITOR.

Atoka, I. T., 5-21-1903.

Dear Gen. Mc Curtam—

By this mail I send you the copy of the Caddo Herald containing the Julius Hampton Communication. Mr. T. W. Dillard of Caddo & a staunch Mc Curtam man was my assistant in securing this paper. He is an honorable strong man — my father knows him & his family well & also his family back in Miss. Mr. Dillard says Julius has sat flat down on the stool of repentance & has agreed to assist "Tommy" to beat Geo. Scott for Treasurer.

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Atoka, I. T., May-21-1903.

Tell Mr. Scott he had better
throw up his hands since
Tommy has come out.
I also heard to day, from Ed.
Wilson, that Tom Hunter's
wife was a Hotel girl
at Roswell & that Tom
was flat broke — even
Atwood Risner had shook
him. Regards to your wife
and family. Excuse haste
as I am busy mailing today's
issue. Sincerely
M. E. Smiser

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Geo. W. Scott,

Sans Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

I have just been advised that the citizens of Indianola have petitioned the Commission to have the lands on which Indianola is situated segregated for townsite purposes under the old law governing such matters. This makes it necessary that we have our allottees, Ellis Bohanon and son, petition the Commission asking for a restricted alienation of these lands for townsite purposes. We have the forms for them to sign all prepared, and I would like to know if you can get down to Tuskahoma and have them sign these papers sometime within the next 3 or 4 days.

Kindly advise me, and oblige.

Yours truly,

CES/DAS

C. E. Speer



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LEGAL DEPARTMENT

KANSAS CITY, U.S.A.

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1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Sans Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of May 6th concerning patent to Lots 1 and 2 in block 393, South McAlester. We believe that you are successor in office to Ex Gov. Dukes. It may be that among his files and official documents etc. that were doubtless turned in to you, the missing patents might be found. If you will kindly have an investigation made, and advise us, we will greatly appreciate it.

If these patents have gone astray or been lost in the mails, what action is necessary on our part in order to have duplicates issued?

Respectfully,

Armour Packing Co.

A. H. Craig

HHC--C.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 22, 1903.

Mr W.E.Hailey,

Savana, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and note what you say with reference to parties bringing cattle into this Nation, from the Chickasaw Nation for the purpose of pasturing them on the range in the neighborhood of Blanch, in Tobucksey County and also that they are cutting wire fences and ruining the hay land of that section. I have written Johnson Frazier, in today's mail to the effect that he must investigate this matter and report the parties to this office, who are guilty of this criminal conduct, and I will do what I can to see that they are hunted down, and their cattle removed from the limits of the Choctaw Nation. I hope that you will aid Frazier all in your power in this direction.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Hugo S P.

May 22-1903

Hon Green McBurnian

Sans Bois S P.

Dear Governor.

on the 23 day of
April I appeared before the Dawes
Commission at Atoka and made
application to file upon Section
30 & 31 T 5 S R 20 E as an allot-
ment for myself & wife & was, upon
the privilege by the Commission
I read & reread the supplementary
Treaty and have noted all the
reservations therein made & have
failed to find a single clause
reserving the Timbered Lands from
allotment or delegating that right
to any one man or set of men,
& I have been in peaceful posses-

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of that Land for more than 2
years & have been in the saw
mill Business trying to make
an honest-Living for my self &
family and I intend to remain
in the Business until I am forc-
ed by the Interior Department, at
the point of the Payonette to give
up my holdings to the Big Indi-
an in whose interest the com-
mission is working, Nor am I
a Timber Thief as the Secretary
forceably puts it, and I feel
that I am just as competent
to make my selections of Land
as the Davis Commission if there
is any incompetents in the Timber
Districts make some provisions
for their protection instead of
being robbed by the Commission

I have got no syndicate
behind my Business & don't need
any all I want is my fair share
of this Land & I will take
chances on getting robbed by Mr.
Pinker Thief. The U S Indian
agent sent Mr West down to
my mill Saturday & seized
17,000 ft. of Raie Raal Timber & sold
it in less than 2 hours for
\$38.75 all I'd & have the Bill of
Sale as made out - by Mr West
Now I as you as Governor
of the Chetow Nation to invest
igate this matter - and as the agent
to refund me my money as asst
the Daws Commission to file me on
the section refuse to allow

Yours Truly
L.W. Oates

Sans Bois, I.T., May 22, 1903.

Mr R.W.Harrison,

Lehigh, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst, and note what you say with reference to the pine lands. The department has taken this the matter in charge, but it looks as if nothing would be done for some time. I am urging the Secretary of the Interior to formulate rules and regulations in order that we may appoint Commissioners to appraise the improvements on coal lands at once in order that those whose lands have been segregated may secure the money due them for their improvements, so that they may be able to purchase lands elsewhere for allotment. My impression is that the pine lands will not be allotted, for the present at any rate. I gather, from what I have heard through various sources, that the matter will be laid before Congress for such action as that body deems proper. The sawmill men are continuing to cut lumber in spite of every law to the contrary. The department is badly worked up over the matter, and in my opinion will not recede from its present position, of withdrawing the land from allotment. It may be exercising a very arbitrary power, on the part of the Department, but under Section 24, of the Supplementary Agreement the Department has absolute power in this matter. As soon as I get further information as to the intention of the department I will let you hear from me.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Page, I. T., May 22, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,

San Bois, I. T.

Dear Govenor:-- I take the liberty to write you in refference to the pine timber being withheld from allotment, which is causing a great deal of unarest and anxiety among the Choctaw people. And I hope you will pardon me for making a few suggestions as to what I think would be best. I think the action of the Dawes Commission upon your suggestion in heading off the timber thieves was the only remedy for the time being, but it is certainly time now that there should be something done in order to let the people know what they are to depend upon.

It would be alright if the Secretary would reserve all the pine land from allotment, and sell it together as surplus lands and pay the people for their improvements, but I believe it would still be better, and I know it would give more general satisfaction, to just reserve the timber and let the people allot the land, and then, when the timber is sold, give the parties owning the land the preference to purchase the timber, and of course, have the proceeds paid into the general funds for the benefit of the Indians; and I believe the timber, on an average, will sell for four times the appraised value.

There is a clause in the late treaty that would justify the Dawes Commission and the Secretary of the Interior in making such disposition of the timber as they may deem best for the Indians without waiting for Congress to enact any special law.

Now Govenor, I am living down here in the pine timber country, and I know what the sentiments of the people are, and what I say is no guess work, and I hope you will think seriously over this matter and try to come

to some conclusion as to the best thing to be done for your people. We all know that you have their welfare at heart, and we know you are going to do the very best you can for them, and when you make up your mind as to what is the best to be done in the matter, all you have to do to accomplish it, is simply for you to make the request to the Department, and I hope you will decide to have some deffinant ruling made in order that the people may know what to do.

Yours very truly,

J. H. McClure

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

Mr D.S.Noah,

Tushkahoma, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst relative to the building of a fence around the capitol building. If you will meet me at Tushkahoma on June 16th, I will go over the matter with you, and see if we can reach an agreement for you to do the work. Hoping I may see you at that time, I am,

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

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

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I desire to call your attention to Simon E. Lewis, and suggest that you keep an eagle eye on him, as he seems disposed to be tricky and careless as to whether or not his actions may slaughter the interests of the Choctaw people. I know Simon so well that I always take anything that he may say to me with a very large grain of salt. This is a matter that the Choctaw people are vitally interested in, and no one man ought to block our progress in the direction which we have started.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Armour Packing Co.

Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst concerning lots No. 1 and 2, in Block 393, in S. McAlester, I.T. There were no files of official documents turned over to me by ex-Governor Dukes, when he went out of office. It would be well for you to write the Indian Agent to make an investigation in his office, and have him make demand on ex-Governor Dukes for the patents that were evidently sent him during his administration. The bitter feeling entertained by him against me, as a result of the last campaign places me in such position that I could not render you any aid in this direction.

I think it is the duty of the Indian Agent's office to straighten this matter, and it should be taken up directly, by your company, with the Government Officials there.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.H.

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

Amasiah S. Robinson,
Cove, Arkansas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst, and have noted its contents. I am glad you appreciate my efforts to protect the Indians against the land grabbers and speculators. I made the suggestion to the Secretary of the Interior in order to protect the helpless people throughout the Choctaw Nation. There have been some of our own people who are responsible, by their conduct, for this state of affairs. They have induced Indians to enter into leases with these timber speculators, to such an extent that highway robbery was contemplated. The Secretary of the Interior, upon learning the facts, decided that the only thing to do was to withdraw the timber lands temporarily from allotment. I do not know just at this time what he intends to do finally with these lands. It may be that they will be allotted later on. There is plenty of time ahead for this, and I will take occasion to write you when I learn something of interest.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Mr Edward H. Wilson,

National Secretary,

Doaksv. N. Y.

Dear sir:

I think it would be well for you to secure the laws of the last regular and special session of Council and publish them, as required by Act of Council. Our enemies may attempt to make political capital out of any failure on your part to do this, and for that reason I think this should be done at once.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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May 23 1903

Mr Green McChertain
 Dear Sir and
 Friend

I will drop you a few lines
 at this present I am well
 at this present everything
 quit and feasible at
 this present well

Mr McChertain

I want to Bill me
 at home and I have no
 money to improve
 my place and last
 I you for some

Mr. G. D. Anderson
Antlers. I. T.

Sir:

yours of 23rd
ultimo received, and
I am sorry to say that
I am unable to comply
with your request, as
I am building myself
and while the building
is very common and
nothing fine about
it - yet keeps me
stripped of cash.
and right at present
I am much pressed
for money and I am
not able to do any
thing for you.

Help if you will help
 me I will pay you
 nix I all I will
 plant some cotton
 and I will soon pay
 you full amount the house
 will cost me 100.00
 one hundred and fifty
 dollars you dont no
 me I guess my papa
 was Solomon Anderson
 I am strate Fushka Homma
 ticket I always voted
 for you every since
 I was 18 years old no
 I am 28 years old also

But it may be
some day another
that I will be in
shape to return the
favor you have
for me.

Judge John
G. Farr has never
reported Dick Lock
for any thing let me
know what it is -
your friend

Green McCurtain

I have few words I want
 to tell you I ask if
 the Judge & Far have
 reported Mr Slick to
 you if he has not
 you write and let me
 know and I will tell you
 what it is I would tell
 you this time but there
 may have reported to
 you Also I want to settle
 down and go to work
 I will close write soon
 and let me know if you can
 do me any favors
 Yours I. T.

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your friend
J. L. Anderson

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

Mr W.W.Wilson,

Doaksville, I.T.

Dear sir:

It occurs to me, after duly considering the lumber matter about which you wrote me some time ago, that it would be well for you to lay your case before the Indian Agent at Muskogee, and suggest to him that you have bought this lumber in good faith; that you had reason to believe, as the mills were cutting timber down there un-interruptedly, that it was done with the permission of the Government; and that you are now willing to pay the royalties that may be due on said lumber, if permitted to take the same. You might suggest to him that that course had been adopted in similar cases in the Choctaw Nation, and that you did not feel that you were entirely to blame in the matter, for the reasons above set forth. I make these suggestions in order that you may find a way to protect yourself. I am doing what I can in my humble way, to protect all the Indians in the Choctaw Nation in their property rights, and I do not feel at liberty to ask the Indian Agent to make any exceptions.

I make these suggestions, however, to you, and think if you will make a plain statement, to the Indian Agent, of your connection with this matter, and your further desire to comply with the law by paying the royalties on said lumber, you may be able thereby to convince him that you are entitled to the lumber, ~~and~~ you have paid for.

Hoping that you are well, I am,

PSL(W)

Your friend,

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

Mr W.P.Hiberd,

Blue, I T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th, in which you ask whether it is lawful for non-citizens to obstruct our streams with fishtraps and such agencies. I would advise you to report this matter to the sheriff of the County, and have him take his deputies and go to the points along the river, indicated in your letter, and destroy these traps, as their existence is a violation of the laws of the Choctaw Nation and of the Intercourse laws of the United States. I have written J.W.Durant, Sheriff, to this effect, and advised him to call on you for any information that he may desire.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

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

Mr S.C. Carshall,

Conser, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. have enclosed the same by this mail to W.H. Harrison, of Atoka, I.T. who desires to purchase allotments in the Chickasaw Nation. You will doubtless hear from him in a short time with reference to the same.

Yours truly

PSL(W)

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

Mr W.H. Conser,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear sir:

Enclosed you will find a letter from S.C. Marshall, Conser, I.T., which explains itself. I am not familiar with the character of land he desires to sell, but it may be you can secure information from some one coming to the land office which will enable you to act intelligently in the matter. Hoping you are well,

I am,

PSL(W)
Encl.

Yours truly,

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CELESTE, TEXAS, 5/23 1903

How Green McCurlain
Puskahoma
I?

Dear Sir

as I want to go into the
~~Cherokee~~ Chickasaw or Choctaw
Nation under a lease &
~~to~~ and not - wishing to get
into any thing that is illegal
& Realizing your ability to
advise me will thank you
in advance For Reply to the
Following questions
Would a Lease for 5 years
with parties taking abatement
and before they get patented
be valid

Can parties taking abatement dispose
of such timber as oak ash
& Baldcane before he gets
patented, if so can party buying

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I am this is out of Tully
would a sale of $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of
an allotment be valid with
Bond for title that is could
I force Judson on Bond
to make title 1 year from
date of Patent to $\frac{1}{4}$ of $\frac{1}{2}$ of
the allotment, on a contract made
before they get their Patent
can bond be collected in
case of failure to make
title awaiting your reply
I am Resp
G. D. Henslee

New York, N. Y.

Governor Green McCurtain,
Tahlaquah, I. T.,

Honored and Dear Sir:-

We are forming an Indian Club of boys of the Secon Ave. Y. M. C. A. we are going to have Indian names, and Indian chiefs , but we do not know where to get them. And I think you are the best one in the U. S. to apply for them; could you give us some Indian names and their meanings? An answer to this letter would greatly help the club, and your letter will be treasured in the archives of the association. Enclosed find stamped envelope for reply.

Very respectfully yours,

W. B. Wilsnusen
for the club.

Address:-

617 East Ninth Street,

New York N. Y.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 25, 1903.

Mr W.B. Wilshusen,

New York, U.S.A.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, in which you request me to send you some indian names, for your Y.M.C.A. Club. I give you the names of several of our noted indian chiefs, with the interpretation of their names, and also a name for your club.

Mosholatubbee; (Mo-sho-la-tubbee) was a Choctaw Indian, and a great chief of his people. The interpretation of his name is 'Determined to slay.'

Sakitaya (Sakit-aya) (The dash under the 'a' has the sound of 'a' in 'ah'), was a great medicine man of the Choctaw Indians; and the meaning of his name is 'Keep up.'

Benarhantubbee (Benar-hantubbee) was noted for his wealth, he being the wealthiest full-blood Choctaw Indian of his time. The interpretation of his name is 'Stayed in camp and killed'

Ishkitine Homer (Ish-ki-tine Homer) was noted as a great warrior. During the civil war he was Captain of a company of Choctaw Indians, who served in the Confederate army. Name means 'Red Owl'

Pisshotubbee (Pisa-ho-tubbee) was a great warrior and scout. During the civil war he was 1st Lieutenant of a company of Confederate troops; and was noted for his ability to locate the enemy and take the advantage of location. The interpretation of his name is 'Hunt them down and kill them.'

Okla-falaya (Okla-fa-la-ya) is the name of a tribe, and means 'long people'. When the Indians were still in Mississippi this tribe lived on what was known as long creek, and they were noted for their height and strength, and for that reason got the name of long people.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to know the boys of America are advancing the cause of Christ, by their efforts in the Y.M.C.A.

GMcC(W)

Yours very truly,

San's Bois, I.T., May 25, 1903.

Mr Joseph B. Williams,
Stringtown, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, have to say that I saw B.J.Spring today and he told me he had got the check signed by Brinkley and sent it to you at Durant. He also told me that he got a letter from you at Stringtown, and he wrote you then that he had sent the Check to Durant, and I suppose you have it ere this

GMcC(W) Yours truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., May 25, 1903.

Miss Myrtle Palmer,

Stigler, I.T.

Dear little friend:

Replying to your letter of some days ago, I desire to say that you have plenty of time in which to decide upon who you want to have appointed to act as Guardian for you. It is not necessary that this be done for five or six months. Whoever you desire to have appointed, the court will appoint. I will gladly aid you at any time you see proper to call on me.

Your friend,

OFFICE OF MINING TRUSTEES
FOR
CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS.
SOUTH MCALESTER, IND. T.

May 25, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief of Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Governor,-

I enclose herewith the letter you instructed me to prepare on the question of the expenses of selling our coal and asphalt. While it seems that the Comptroller has practically settled the question, still I believe we can make a very good answer by insisting that the United States government, in the Atoka Agreement, agreed to bear all expenses in connection with closing our tribal affairs. I have tried to follow that line of argument.

With reference to the question of who should sell our coal lands; I have thought over the matter very carefully, and had a long talk this morning with D.C. In view of the importance of the matter and in view of your anxiety and that of the Choctaw people that our coal and asphalt shall be sold to the very best advantage, I believe it would be a good idea for you to make a special trip to Washington and have a personal interview with the Secretary. You can say things in conversation with the Secretary that you could not well write, and could present the case more strongly personally than by letter.

Your friend,

Hampton McKee

Sans Bois Indian Territory May 25th 1903.

C. E. Speer,
Fort Smith Arkansas.

Dear sir:

I have your letter of the 21st instant wherein you request h
that I go down to Tushkahoma within the three or four days to have Ellis
Bohanon and Simpson Bohanon sign papers which you have prepared asking
the Commission for restricted alienation etc., in reply have to say that
I have written them to meet me at Tushkahoma next saturday the 30th inst.
at which time and place I will have them all to sign deeds also.

I put this date thus for the reason that they all live some
distance from the Post Office and they would not have time to meet me
at the station after having received the letter if the date should be named
sooner.

I would suggest that if you need them to sign your papers soon-
er than that date that you wire Ellis Bohanon to come to Fort Smith and
bring Simpson his son with him, and have this message taken to them out
to their residence.

Yours very respectfully.

GOODWATER MERCANTILE
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A. R. FERRIS.

Goodwater, I. T. May 26 1903.

Gov. Green M^c Curtains

San Bois -

I. T.

Dear Sir,

There is an outfit getting out ties & piling along the Rail Road here - and claims they are working under the old contract with the Construction Co when they got out piling & ties for the Construction of the R.Ry. The Indians who are claiming these lands - do not know whether they will ever get them or not - and consequently are timid about defending their rights. Have not you the power to investigate these people's actions

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and impose a penalty if they
are violating the law;-

Could you inform me of the
Rules & Regulations under which
the Construction Company, got out
Ties & Piling when building the
Road-

How was the estimate of the Number
of Ties kept-?

Were they proportioned to each
section as to the number cut.
Who turned in these accounts -
and have you any way of knowing
they are correct-

Could I get an account of the
Number of Ties made by 40' sections
or sections of so I will have a
man look into this matter-

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Now there is an other thing
here that looks very peculiar -
There is a saw mill outfit in
here. came over from Morris Ferry
and located on. sec. 27- 8₅ 26_E

jumped a young fellows claims
and scared him off -

They claim that they have condemned
this land for R.R. purposes. and
that they ~~have~~ intend to build
a Rail Road. But if I doubt
look like a saw mill proposition
I miss my guess.

They are putting up houses and
jumping other people claims -
Kindly let me hear from you.

Respy yours

Wm Spencer

Urkindg Ark

J. LOVIC JOHNSON, C. E.

CONTRACTING ENGINEER, PROJECTOR, PROMOTER
AND PRIVATE BANKER

LOANS

Kansas City, Mo. May 26th 03.
827-New York Life Bldg.

Govenor McCurtin,
San Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

Some friends of mine have just gotten hold of a very valuable deposit of copper and gold, and have given me the privilege of bringing in a few friends on the ground floor prices. I consider this a wonderfully good opportunity for you to invest a few thousand dollars. I base my opinion on assays of the ore, and upon that of experts who have examined the property and pronounced it one of the most valuable in the world. In point of fact, it is on the same range as that of Senator Clark's mine. This mining property is known as one of the richest yet discovered. It lies just south of Prescott, Arizona. I would be glad to have you examine the truth of my representation. I am allowed the placement of 200,000 shares of this stock, and am confident that an investment made by you in this property, would double itself more than once every year, as the ore increases in volume, as the mine becomes deeper. It is my purpose to take a trip through the Territory on my way to Texas in the interest of this mine, and I would be glad to have you name a date during the latter part of June when I may call on you and show you samples of the ore and analysis from eminent assayers.

Please reply to this letter at your earliest possible convenience.
With regards to all of my friends, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. Lovic Johnson

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Fort Smith, Ark, 5/26/1903.

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Geo. W. Scott,

Sans Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday and I do not know of anything that makes it necessary for you to look after the Bohanon matter earlier than the time mentioned.

I presume you will come in Friday. I will have the papers all ready for you.

Yours truly,

C. E. Speer

CES/DAS

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Indiana 27th 24th 1890
Geo Scott Cox

Dear Sir

In the Winter I bought
From John Marks
certain Improvements
adjoining and in the
Plat of Indiana
I wrote the Dept. at
that time as to
status of my title
defining boundaries
of the same the answer
to me was that there
had been no lands
segregated for the
town of Indiana
and it was subject

acting
 to allotment upon
 this advice from
 the department I
 pencil and had
 certain improvements
 made extending
 my improvements
 on 30 acres lying
 south of the RR
 track I went to
 Atoka last week
 and filed on
 all the lands north
 of the track to the
 River condition
 I learned there
 that Ellis Bohannon
 Bohannon had filed

On certain Lands
 in the Town site of
 Indianola on which
 I had Improvements
 I do not understand
 this as nearly every
 one in Indianola
 knows these were
 my Improvements
 before I return to the
 Land office to
 complete my filing
 I would like to
 see Mr Bohannon
 as I understand that
 he is your cousin
 and you advised
 him to make the
 Filing

And I know if you
 did advise him
 to make this filing
 you was misinformed
 and was not aware
 of my Rights in the
 Premises

Very Respectfully
 Monroe Thompson

I Filed a Preliminary
 Declaratory or in
 other words notified
 the com to the five
 civilized tribes in
 Fee of my Possession
 and Interests in
 regard to these
 Premises

I am sure through
 your good offices the
 matter can be
 amicably adjusted
 between Mr. Boston
 and myself. I
 go to Atlanta the first
 of the week to com-
 plete my filings
 as I did not have
 funds enough covered
 when I was down
 and only placed
 my filing on
 what funds I did
 have covered &
 improved less the
 fund in question

E. F. JEFFRIES,

DEALER IN

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Cartersville, G. T., May 27 1903

Hon. Geo. M^c Curtain
Sams Boies IT

Dear sir

I have learned that
a part of M^c Curtain IT was not
segregated as Coal or a Town site
and that some Choctaw Boy had
filed on same, will you please
inform me of the facts in this
matter, & if I could buy a lot
for Residence & Business from
said Choctaw Boy and if it
embraces what is known as
Murphy Town and oblige
your friend

E. F. Jeffries

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

Mr D.S.Vinson,

Lehigh, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, and note what you say with reference to the removal of Martin Sampleston to the Chickasaw Nation, and asking that your claims be considered as an applicant for appointment as Senator, in his stead. Charles-ton has not as yet tendered his resignation, and until that is done I could not, of course, make any appointment for a vacancy that does not exist. I understand that he has told other parties that he intended to move away, and also informed them that he would like to have them succeed him. However, I desire to say that should Charles-ton resign, I will give your application my earnest consideration.

I wish you would write me another letter, complaining against the parties who are cutting timber, without saying anything else, as I want to send such a letter to the Department, and ask that steps be taken to stop such depredations.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

THE SOUTHERN

(FORMERLY THE TILLES)

F. F. STEVENS, PROPRIETOR AND MANAGER.

Fort Smith, Ark., _____ 190—

Green Mountain = You will
notice this is free to
Choctaws by blood —

WV

52	pieces	1x10 - 16 ft long dressed,
104	"	2x4 - " " " "
52	"	1x2 - " " " "
50	"	4x6 - 14 " " "
6	"	6x6 - " " " "
1800	"	$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$ " " " "

1 keg nails & 2 wire rough

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

Mr John H. McClure,

Page, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and note your suggestions with reference to the disposition of the pine land. If the Indian were permitted to file on the pine land, that would necessarily carry with it the right to all the timber thereon. and the Government could not prevent the allottee's disposition of it at whatever figure he might see fit. I have made up my mind to take a trip through that country shortly and make a thorough personal investigation of the conditions; after which I propose to make my report to the Secretary of the Interior, recommending some final action in the matter. The wholesale attempt, upon the part of timber speculators, to secure this timber, from the Indians, at a price shamefully inadequate, led me to take the steps I have relative to the withdrawel of these lands from allotment. I hope I may see you soon, and that the best way out of this will be adpoted.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Mr G.D.Henslee,

Celeste, Texas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst, in which you ask the advice of this office relative to the leasing of land in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. In reply thereto I desire to say that there are certain provisions to be complied with which will enable a party to make a five years lease, with citizens of these Nations. Under Section 15 of the Supplementary Agreement lands allotted to individual persons shall not be effected or incumbered by any debt or obligation of any character, contracted prior to the time at which said land may be alienable; that is to say; one year after the issuance of the patent. The Indian is so hedged about by rules and regulations of the department, that it would not be safe to undertake to make a lease of any with the members of the Tribe unless it is first submitted to the Interior Department for its approval. There have been so many unfair advantages taken of the Indian, that the Secretary of the Interior is disposed to look on all these matters with very great suspicion. The only advice I could offer you, in this direction, would be not to make any such contracts without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. After an Indian has filed upon the land selected for allotment, he has the power and right to dispose of such timber as may be found upon it

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

May 27. 1903.

Aloka I.

Hon. Green McCurtain
Principle Chief C. N.
Sawbois I.

Dear Sir.

I will write you in regard to
my Citizen Ship.

I am an Intermarried Citizen
my wife is dead.

and I am holding a farm
with the expectation of
allotting it. but the Commis-
sion I am told wont issue
numbers to adopted Citizens
now if there is any Contest on

uncertainty as to the Rites
 of all Legally ^{And} Lawfully
 Intermarried Citizens
 participating in the allot-
 ments of lands of the
 Choctaw Nations,

If there ^{is} any Question of
 uncertainty in regard to my
 rites to participate in the
 allotment I would consider
 it a valuable favor if you
^{would} kindly inform me ~~of~~ of
 the fact.

If I should have to dispose
 of my farm (you can readily see)
 it would be to my interest

To do so now rather than
 to wait and be compelled to
 see under a "force sail"
 I have been recognized by
 both Choctaw and Dawes
 Commission^s

as you are "Chief"
 I trust you are fully
 aware of how the matter
 will finally ^{be} settled -
 and hoping to hear from
 you at an early date with
 your honest opinion on
 the subject.

Yours very truly
 Robt. O. Sumner

Indianola 27th 27th 1908
Ellis Behannon Esq
Dear Sir

Learning from the
Land Office at
Atoka that you
had filed on the
Land on which
Indianola stands
I beg to say I
settled on the
North Half of 27
awaiting the time
when I could buy
the same I desire
to know by Return
mail the lowest-
cash figure
that will buy

is Half Black
You are aware I
suppose that this
is a Short-Black
or Rather a Rough
Black there is but
2 good lots on this
half Black. I have
been settled on
this Black about
10. months waiting
for an opportunity
to buy and as
I learn from a
Reliable Source
that you are
now in time to
let me have
these lots I

ought - I Would
write you in
reference to the
matter I would
have contacted
for these lots long
ago but I did
not like the shape
things were in
I am better satis-
fied now in this
Respect.

Very Truly
J T Dodd

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

Mr E.T. Jeffries,

Cartersville, I T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst in which you inquire whether or not a portion of the town of McCurtain is subject to allotment.

There is 80 acres that was not segregated, in the town of McCurtain, 40 acres of which four parties are contesting over in various ways, and the other 40 Cornelius Brandy has filed on.

I am unable to give you any advice, at this stage of the game as to how to proceed in order that you may protect yourself in purchasing business and residence property, until the matter is definitely settled. At this time I do not think it would be safe for a man to make an investment. What is known as Murphy town is being contested for by the railroad company and three other parties, and the forty acres filed on by Brandy is clear of contest so far as I know, or have been able to learn.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Honorable D.C. McCurtain,

South McAlester, I.T.

Dear son:

I enclose herewith protest which I desire to have you present to the Secretary of the Interior, with reference to the expenses in connection with the sale of the coal and asphalt lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

I also enclose, for your information, copy of a letter from the Dawes Commission, dated May 15, 1903; and also copy of letter of the Secretary of the Interior, dated April 6, 1903; and also letter from the Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury, dated April 2, 1903, relative to the appointment and payment of Commissioners, by the United States, under the provisions of section 59, of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, providing for the sale of coal and asphalt lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

It is my desire that you take this matter up, personally, with the Secretary of the Interior, as soon as you conveniently can, and go over the matter with him in such a way as to convince him that, while this expense was not provided for, in plain terms, in the Supplementary Agreement, yet it has been contemplated all along the line, that all these expenses were to be borne by the United States Government. This fact had much to do with inducing the Choctaws and Chickasaws to enter into the Atoka Agreement, and had much to do with the people who voted for the ratification of the Atoka Agree-

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

(D.C. McC-2-)

ment; and it certainly cut a very wide swath in the last campaign for the ratification of the Supplementary Agreement, because that fact was exploited by the friends of the Supplementary Agreement on every hustling.

I hope you will urge this view upon the Secretary with all the power you possess, and induce him, if possible, to accept our view of the matter, by having the United States Government assure all expenses that may be entailed by reason of the selling of the coal and asphalt lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. I think the protest is about as strong as I can make it, and I hope you may be able to do something toward securing final action by the Secretary.

I enclose the original protest, which I desire you to rail to the Dawes Commission about the time you get ready to depart for Washington, D.C. on this mission. I would be glad to hear any suggestions you may have to make in connection with this matter

Your father,

Prin. Chief C.H.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 29, 1903.

Mr William Spencer,
Arkinda, Ark.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst and in reply thereto I desire to say that the rules and regulations formulated by the Interior Department require that a record be kept of all piling and ties taken from each forty acres, said records being in the possession of the Indian Agent, at Muskogee, I.T., who will be able to give you detailed information on this subject.

Upon information, I have power to investigate the actions of all parties who are violating the laws of the Choctaw Nation, and the Intercourse laws of the United States, with reference to the cutting of timber on the public domain, and upon definite information I will act in this case. If you will send me the name and post office address of the parties, I will be able to take the proper steps to stop any violation of the law in this connection.

I wish you would ascertain, if possible, the name of the parties who are moving the saw mill outfit from Morris Ferry and locating the same on Section 27, Twp. 8, S., Range 26, E. It may be that these people are acting under an Act of Congress. At any rate no harm will be done by your forwarding this information to this office.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 29, 1903.

Mr R.O. Sumpter,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th inst, I desire to say that if you were married according to the Choctaw law, and have not married out, or deserted your wife during her lifetime, you will no doubt be placed on the final rolls, which are now being prepared for the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. All these matters are peculiarly in the province of the Interior Department, and you will no doubt be notified when action is taken.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Crowder City(Junita,P.O.) I.T.May 29,1903.

Hon Green McCurtain,

Kenta,I.T.

Dear Sir:--



Should a citizen of the Choctaw Nation after filing on his allotment desire to mine for coal,oil,gas,asphalt or other mineral and be able to find the same in paying quantities,could he be interfered with in the development of the same by the U.S.Government of the Choctaw Nation.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Very Respectfully,

M. E. Crowder.

May 30 1903

Low Ind. Tm.

Hon. Gomer McBurnin
dear Sir

I want to ask you
a few question and
I would like to for
you to give me
some I dear or
what you would
do and that is
this we has a
place land $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles
west of what is
now as Craig town
it is where Will Craig
has his ranch
we own the place

for 3 years up
 till about march
 father sold Craig
 the improvements
 but still held the
 land for incultment
 at the time when
 he sold those
 improvement he
 give a bill of sale
 to them but since
 Craig has change
 it to a quit claim
 deed. and he agreed
 to let it stand
 that him buy all
 improvements and

we could keep the
land and so he
came up here and
I showed him and
offer for what
wire was round
the pasture ~~and~~
I and the rest of
the children taken
our allotments in
this pasture
making the improvement
was sold but did
not know there
was any bill of sale
was given and when
I mention of buying

this wire he said
that he could not
give me any answer
and so he lets
Wallice & Murtry
have those improvements
and so Wallice & Craig
come over the following
Sunday & told father
to ~~quit~~ ~~quit~~ quit work
that he has come
possession but
still none of our
children has ever
sind any papers
in any way shape or
form ~~you~~ are a quainted
with my father, his
name is Robert Thompson
yours truly
H. L. Thompson

Smithville St.

May, 30, 1903

Dear friend Mr. Carlson

Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation

Excuse my writing on
a matter that does not directly
concern me but does the business and
the Indian Citizens of this section of the
nation —

Just is the allotment of the
Timber Lands. As you probably
know many house places are on timber
lands and also much of the land here
with timber on it here is valuable also
for agricultural purposes. I myself
have no timber interest but am
interested in the agricultural development
of the Nation and for this reason I write

Every thing in the way of Commerce &
Farming development is at a stand-
still owing to timber lands not being
allotted. The Indian Citizens are the
principal sufferers, as the contracting for
their timber at appraised value (as has
been done here) was a means of much
needed support. All are disappointed
as the immediate opening of timber lands
was looked forward to by the Indians.
Those operating here had the confidence
of all - In fact all of these men
have met seemed to have a sense of
fairness & justice to the citizen, and
being desirous of being first in the field.
A number desirous of investing
money in here are holding off on account
of the uncertainty caused by the holding over
of some timber. And it is certain that

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investment of money here will be
greatly to the financial benefit of
the Ludlow Citizens. Any number of
timber men could not do the harm
to this section that this uncertain condition
of affairs is doing. I am approached
every day by Citizens who are desirous
of knowing & are anxious about what
they will be allowed to file on this
Place.

I would be a great
favor to them and to myself and
to every one in this locality if you
could give us a ray of light as
to the opening of this situation.

Respectfully Yours
W. L. Burkhardt
Smithville, Tex.

Sans Bois, I.T., June

1903.

To the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Referring further to your letter of May 15, 1903, relative to the sale of the coal and asphalt lands, and coal and asphalt deposits of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations; and particularly to the decision of the Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury, of April 2, 1903 that the expenses of the said sale are payable out of the funds realized from the sale:

I have the honor to respectfully state that it is, and has always been, my opinion that the United States Government would bear all expenses in connection with said sale. So firmly was I of this opinion, that I deemed it unnecessary to discuss this feature while the coal and asphalt portions of the Supplementary Agreement were under consideration.

Wherever the Supplementary Agreement creates expense, the manner of payment is distinctly provided for. It plainly states that the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the United States Government shall each pay its own representatives on the said Commission, and that the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations shall pay for all improvements on the lands to be sold; but no reference whatever is made to expenses.

The Bates Hotel

GEORGE M. EWING. Proprietor.

ATOKA, IND. TER.,

June 2nd 1903.

Gov. Green M. C. Burton.

St. Louis, Mo. I. T.

Dear Gov: Have been down in the lower districts and find that some few of our men have gone back on us. And suppose you know that certain people here are going against you because you stoped the saw mills in which they were interested. And now they claim that they and these big lumber Co's are going in with Dukes and Hunter faction and defeat you. Blue county held a convention yesterday at Caddo. Think I know their nominees.

They also talk that Senator Quay and others are coming down here to investigate matters - Now I write these things which I think might be of some interest to you, ~~would you~~
over

Would you like for me to continue to look
after these things and tell you about them?

Cambell Lillore, is very sick indeed. - Hampton
Tucker, was here few days ago. He
advised me to write you about these
things. - My name was approved of at last
but you didn't help me a bit.

~~But~~ They won't let me file because I
have some timber on it and you said I could
file - How is that? May I hear from you?
Yours very truly - Edmund Wilson.

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

J.G.Ralls, Attorney,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst and note what you say with reference to Captain Stanley's request to have the case of C.B.Stanley, et al, in the Choctaw Citizenship Court, advanced for hearing at as early a date as possible.

With reference to the certificate, purporting to have been signed by me, as Principal Chief, with reference to enrolled citizens of the Choctaw Nation, I desire to say that it was reported to me that when the revisory Board met at Tushkahoma, to go over what was to be the revised rolls of the Choctaw Nation, many persons were placed on the rolls that were not entitled to enrollment as Choctaw citizens. When this information reached me, after the rolls were presented to me for my approval, I refused to approve the same for that reason, and so wrote the Dawes Commission. Any certificates that may have been issued by Wallace Bond, my then Private Secretary were issued without authority, as said rolls were not the duly authenticated rolls of the Choctaw Nation, by reason of the fact that did not bear my approval.

I am more than willing to do anything that I can to accommodate Captain Stanley, in this matter, but I felt it was necessary for me to first make this explanation with reference to any certificates that might have been issued by Wallace Bond, my then Private Secretary, during my absence, as to the enrollment of various parties, by this revisory Board. I have written Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish, a letter in today's mail, to this effect and have asked them if they could advance the case in order that Captain Stanley might testify, without doing great damage to the Nation's interest, to do so.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

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

Messrs Mansfield, Murray & Cornish,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of a letter from J.G. Ralls, to the effect that Captain Stanley is a witness in the C.B. Stanley, et al, citizenship case, pending in the Citizenship Court, and that Captain Stanley desires that it be set for hearing at as early a date as possible. He seems to be in very bad health, and desires to get away to some health resort as soon as possible. Anything you may do that will not hazard the interest of the Choctaw Nation, looking to an early hearing of this case for this purpose only, will be satisfactory and meet my approval.

I also wrote Ralls with reference to certificates purporting to have been signed by me as Principal Chief. He says that there is a certificate purporting to have been issued by me, showing that all these people, except Geo. Washington Wheeler, are on the Choctaw Roll. If such is the case, such certificates were given by my Private Secretary, Wallace Bond, without my authority. When the Revisory Board met at Tushkahoma for the purpose of going over these rolls, there were many names added to the same, corruptly, by Alex Durant, Davis Homer, and those acting with them as Commissioners. When the rolls reached me, after learning these facts, I refused to approve them, and so notified the Dawes Commission, giving my reasons therefor. I want to say this at this time, in order that you may be fully informed in this matter should similar certificates show up in other cases. Mr Bond innocently did this, not knowing that I had refused to approve the roll prepared by the Revisory Board.

PSL(2)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Mr W.C. Adams,

Bluefield, W.Va.,

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and have carefully noted its contents. There is no doubt about your citizenship. Everybody who knows you here is prepared to admit that, but there is a serious question as to whether or not your family will be permitted to enroll, having never been in this country. The courts have held that where an Indian leaves his country for a great length of time, and makes his permanent abode elsewhere he forfeits his citizenship in his tribe. I would advise you not to bring your family until you come yourself and make thorough investigation. I will do what I can to assist you in this matter.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Prin. Chief. C.N.

Department of Justice.
Office of Clerk, United States Court
FOR THE
Central District of Indian Territory.

August 9, 1903.

Gov. Green McIntire.
Sinton, I.T.

Dear Governor;

I was informed that in
your conference with the Dawes
Commission recently, it was agreed
that adults could allot prime lands
but Commission still refuses.

I am not complaining as they
are preparing ~~the~~^{to} rob the Indian
part of the timber, but I am
desirous of allotting some land
that has some prime as it is of enormous
value, but not for value of the timber.
If this ruling is made and ad-
hered to I can not allot it.

Can you suggest any way for

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Department of Justice.
Office of Clerk, United States Court
FOR THE
Central District of Indian Territory.

_____, 190
a few adults to secure some
mountain lands - not for price
but for other reasons?

I am not certain which would
fit the worst of it, the Indian
who takes his allotment in price
or in Chickasaw grazing lands
and turn it over to cattle men
for a song. It would surprise you
to hear men east of here talk of
how they are working the Indians
in selecting his allotment in
Chickasaw Nation & selling him
goods, winchesters &c at 3 or 4
prices to pay for the lands. They
are putting in big stocks of
goods in the mountains and selling
to the Indians and applying it
on their allotments in the

Department of Justice.

Office of Clerk, United States Court

FOR THE

Central District of Indian Territory.

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Chickasaw Nation. The timber plot
is attracting more attention than
it deserves, compared with the
Chickasaw Nation plot. I have
no doubt of the wisdom of selling
the pine lands but there is not
much protection in it for them, as the
Chickasaw thieves will rob them
just the same. I think this Chickasaw
move should be checked if possible.
We'd appreciate it if you can suggest
any ^{way} to prevent a few allotments where
there is some pine, not you will
understand for the purpose of speculation
in the timber.

Very truly A.C. Nash

Sans Bois, I.T., June 2, 1903.

Hon. J. W. Everidge,

Grant, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo. Our meeting at Eufaula was very satisfactory. The body was pleased. I think it is the understanding that all the old officers will run again except the National Attorney. There is a move to run Jacob Jackson, and he has partially agreed to run. With reference to the coming campaign, keep a stiff upper lip, and fight to the finish.; 'SAY NOTHING AND SAW WOOD'

In my interview with the Secretary of the Interior, I did not waive anything. I simply asked him, in making his recommendation for the appointment of a representative of the U.S. on the Commission to appoint some one who had a scientific knowledge of the coal field. The Treaty provides for the appointment of three members of the Commission, one who must be a Choctaw by blood and one who must be a Chickasaw by blood, and one to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, to represent the United States on the Commission. The Choctaw Nation having no one who had a scientific knowledge of the coal field, I requested the Secretary of the Interior to appoint some one who did have such knowledge, on the part of the United States, in order that prospective purchasers might get all information necessary with reference to the property they propose to buy.

My negro, as you call him, was here last week, but was duly sober. He, I think, brought some with him, but was fool enough to

leave it in his saddle pocket at the barn, and another negro I have working for me stold it and got drunk.

Be sure and be at Tushkahoma on the 16th. This leaves us all well, and hope it will find you same.

GMcC(W)

Your friend.

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cans Bois, I.T., May 28, 1903.

Mrs Norma E Smiser,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear Mrs Smiser:

I enclose you an exact copy of a letter I received from L.W.Oaks relative to the action of the Secretary of the Interior in withdrawing the timber lands from allotment, and my reply thereto. I hope you will see proper to publish both letters in order that the Choctaw people may understand the situation. There is a disposition upon the part of some of our leading Choctaws, who have a selfish interest in this unlawful business, to make political capital out of this action upon the part of the Secretary. As for my part in the transaction, I have nothing to be ashamed of, and am anxious that the people understand the motives that prompted me to act in this matter.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Encl.

principal Chief C.H.

gansBois, I.T., May 27, 1903.

Mr L.W.Oaks,

Hugo, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, in which you state that on April 23, 1903, you appeared before the Dawes Commission, at Atocha, Ind. Ter? and made application to file on Sections 30 and 31, Twp. 5, S., Range 20, E., as allotments for yourself and wife, and were refused such privilege, by the Commission; and wherein you also state that you have read and re-read the Supplementary Agreement, and noted all the reservations therein made, and have failed to find a single clause reserving timber lands from allotment or delegating that right to any one man, or set of men.

I respectfully call your attention to Sec. 24, of the Supplementary Agreement, which is as follows:

"Exclusive jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes to determine, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, all matters relating to the allotment of land."

When my attention was directed to the fact that timber speculators were fencing the pine land in that section, and that saw mills were being moved there, and that the pine timber was being cut into lumber by the wholesale, I wrote the Dawes Commission, sending in these complaints made by various citizens throughout that section of the Choctaw Nation. The complaints continued to come in and I continued to send them to the Commission, at Muskogee. Finally my information was of such character that I was convinced that a robbery was being perpetrated upon the Indians generally, by outside speculators, and I called the attention of the Secretary of the Interior to this condition of affairs, and it was upon these reports, through this office, that the Secretary of the Interior notified the Dawes Commission to withdraw these lands from allotment.

It is my duty to protect you and every other citizen in their rights. The pine lands, along with the coal and asphalt lands was and is the common property of the Choctaw people. I felt then and feel now that I would have been neglecting my duty, as Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, if I had not made an effort to stop this wholesale slaughter of the common property of the people.

We must not forget the fact, in dealing with this matter, that it is the common property of the people, and that no individual has rights superior to the common rights of the people themselves.

I propose to make a personal investigation of this matter during the summer, by taking a trip through that country. I am determined on one thing, however, and I want that thoroughly understood that this timber belongs to the Indian in common, and must be protected until it is allotted, or some other disposition made of it.

You certainly must see the justice of this course, and ought not, according to my judgment, complain. While you, as you say, are perfectly capable of making your own selection, you can and must realize that the Indians generally, in that section of the country

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are not capable of coping with the situation as it exists there, and knowing this fact, it seems to me that you would not be so intemperate in your remarks, simply because this land has been temporarily withdrawn from allotment, in order to prevent a great wrong, that is being practiced upon the Indian people generally.

I feel pretty sure of my ground, in this matter, and I hope you will accept this statement of the situation, in the candor in which it is written.

Your prominence in the affairs of the Choctaws, leads me to believe that you are committing a very great mistake in the course you propose to adopt. All prominent Choctaws should lend their active aid and assistance in the protection of the more helpless Indian. When you violate a law, it sets an example that leads others into trouble.

I hope, after due consideration, you will see this matter in the light herein presented, and will abide by the laws as you find them.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.W.

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

Mrs Norma E. Smiser,
Atoka, I.T.

Dear Mrs Smiser:

Enclosed you will find communication which outlines the situation in the Choctaw Nation, and touches up the educated Choctaws who are lending their active assistance to those who are robbing their people. I hope you will see proper to publish the same.

Governor McCurtain desires that I thank you for the paper containing Julius Hammon's letter, and also for the information relative to Hunter's ambitions.

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

TO THE 'CITIZEN'

The Unique and various methods adopted by the schemers and adventurers to obtain possession of the Indian allotments, even before the Indian secures patent, is little short of marvelous.

The writer had an opportunity, a few days ago, to go over the matter with the Governor of the Choctaw Nation, Green McCurtain, at Sans Bois, Indian Territory, who has proven a veritable stumbling block to those who expect to reap rich harvests in fleecing the Indian. The Governor, with his usual directness of thought, went straight to the point by saying:

"That these schemers and adventurers who come here with the expectation of finding the Choctaw Indian easy picking ^{gradually} are finding ^{out} that there are many obsticles in their way. Notwithstanding the fact that the courts offer no protection to the Indian's property right, the enthusiastic support ^{which} the Interior Department has given me, in my attempt to secure a fair deal for the indian is cause for congratulation. We have jointly blocked the game all along the line, and will continue to do so. The adventurers are taking another tack; they are seeking to enlist the young educated Choctaws in the nefarious designs. These Choctaws are attempting to make contracts looking to the leasing and ultimate sale of the Indian's allotment. These attempts will fail, as the Department will not approve these contracts when made. The Department is able, and the ^{love} of through its officers, ~~to~~ co-operate ~~with~~ my administration, to track these fellows daily, and keep a complete register of all their acts."

This noted Indian ^{was} silent for a moment, and then lowered his voice; pathetically described what an uphill fight it was to preserve the betterment of the Indian against the onslaught of the vast hoard ^{to} that were trying to take advantage of their ignorance and inexperience. He said: "That the most humiliating feature of this underhanded movement was that many educated Choctaws were employed by these adventurers to betray their own people into ruin. The Choctaw people had a right to expect different treatment from

then out
this source. They educated these youngmen, at the public expense,
upon the theory that the knowledge thus gained would be used for
the betterment of the condition of their own people. Instead of
display of gratitude for the great advantages enjoyed, these young
men are now engaged in the work of aiding and abetting these ad-
venturers in the attempt to rob their benefactors. All these
is regrettable despicable methods will fail," said the Chief, brightening up. "As
long as the Secretary of the Interior, E.A. Hitchcock, and the officers
under him are at the head of affairs the Indian is safe. The Inter-
ior Department has no intention ~~in~~ of abdicating any powers here-
in this country tofore exercised. This will be made clear when the tumult is over."

As I departed from the presence of this big, braney Choctaw
my mental machinery took a lightning survey of all he had said, and
the logic of his words convinced,

John Provisé.