

LAW OFFICE OF
YANTIS & MCCURTAIN,
SOUTH MALESTER, I. T.

March, 1st 1904.

Hon. George W. Scott,
Kinta, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of the 28th, we will say that from what you write and the letters you enclose we believe you could maintain replevin for the horse. If you bought the horse and paid for it, and then agreed that Mr. Green could purchase it from you by paying you the price you paid for it, and he not being able to raise the money you then agreed that whenever he paid for her he could have her, the contract would be a contract of future sale, and not a present one, hence the title would remain in you, and the right to possession. This right of possession is all that is necessary to maintain replevin. It seems to us the letters would be almost overwhelming evidence that the horse was to remain yours until paid for.

Of course it is simply a question of fact, and you know that no man can say how a jury will decide a question of this kind.

Very resp'y,

Yantis & McCurtain

Kinta, Indian Territory, March 1, 1904.

Gantis & McCurtain,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Under contract November 14, 1903, Ellis Bohanan bought of Nanie Crowley a certain farm lying directly North of the town of Indianola and under this contract she was paid during the first part of the month of January 1904, for said farm, \$1,000.00.

Between the time she contracted to sell and the time she received the money, Mrs. Crowley contracted to rent the farm for 1904 to C. W. McDowell.

On December 2, 1903 and January 15, 1904, McDowell wrote me indicating his desire to rent the farm from me and at the same time stating that he had rented from Mrs. Crowley.

McDowell, besides writing these letters came down to see me to rent the place but we could not agree on the price; he had contracted with Mrs. Crowley to pay as rent the one-third of the corn and the one-fourth of the cotton; he offered me five dollars per acre; he refused to give it.

I had some talk and some correspondence with T. J. Rice about renting him a portion of the land but had not concluded any contract.

On February 19, 1904, Mr. McDowell advises me that he proposes to hold the place under his contract with Mrs. Crowley.

Now I understand Clayton has ruled that he has no jurisdiction and that the Dawes Commission only have jurisdiction under treaties. I understand that through the Interior Department we can have no relief in case of this until we have Certificate of Allotment. Now then I was thinking

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that I could have my land-lord from whom I had rented this place to serve notice on McDowell that he had rented place to me and not to him, demand possession and also notify McDowell that any work of any kind done by him on this place would be considered as having been done at his (McDowell's) own peril etc.

If there is no question about getting possession by entering suit of course I would do that but if there is I would take the next best plan. My land-lord will get Certificate of Allotment in first part of October in time to demand possession of place, crops and all.

I enclose herewith some correspondence which you may return with your reply.

Very respectfully,

C W Scott

Kinta, I.T., March 1, 1904.

Mr C.T.Cleveland,

McCurta n,

Dear sir:

With reference to your application for appointment as a deputy marshal, I desire to make this suggestion; I understand through recent advices that the Marshal intends to visit the various localities for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the community with reference to the appointment of deputy marshals. He states that he is new here and wants to make no mistakes. I would suggest under the circumstances that you defer making application for awhile, as I think it would add to your chances of being appointed. Ofcourse you can do what you think best in the matter, I merely offer this for what it is worth. I enclose herewith your petition.

Yours truly,

Kinta, I.T., March 1, 1904.

Mr John Wyers,

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear sir:

Since I had the conversation with you relative to your application for appointment as a deputy under the new marshal, I understand that the marshal would refuse to appoint on the ground that you are postmaster at McCurtain. The rule of the Department of Justice requires that the Deputies shall have no other business that may interfere with their duties. This was one of the reasons why Hackett's deputy at Poteau was removed. Anything however that I can do for you I am willing to undertake.

Yours truly,

Kinta, I.T., March 2, 1904.

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
South McAlester, I.T.

Gentlemen:

This will introduce to you Mr John R. Smoot, who is an applicant for appointment as office Deputy, under the new Marshal, at Poteau, I.T. While I am not personally acquainted with Mr Smoot and can not therefore personally vouch for his qualifications, he comes recommended to me by Mr John H. McCluer, of Page, I.T., whom I am personally acquainted with and know he would not recommend a man of whom he had any doubts about. I would therefore consider it a favor if you would do anything you can to assist Mr Smoot in securing this appointment.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Academy, I. T., March 3rd, 1904.

Hon. Green McCurtain, Governor, Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

On last Saturday, February 27th, I received a letter from Mr. Hampton Tucker, written under your direction, relative to your recommending me to the Hon. George Pritchard, U. S. Marshal, Central District, for the position of Office Deputy at Antlers, I. T. On receipt of Mr. Tucker's letter, I went to South McAlester and had a conference with Mr. Pritchard who told me that you had recommended me very highly and that he had been considering my name in connection with that office. He told me that the salary of the Office Deputy at Antlers is \$900.00 a year, or \$75.00 a month.

As you know, my salary here is \$100.00 per month. Since there would be no increase of salary and since a change would occasion a con-
expense, I feel that I could not afford to accept the office, should Mr. Pritchard offer it to me.

I should like very much to have a position of the kind if the salary were even the same per month as my salary is here, for it is my desire to get out of the school work by, or before, the time the Tribal Government ceases. I do not think that I should act wisely to accept a less salary as long as I may hold my present position.

I thank you most sincerely for your kindness in recommending me. You have done me a favor which I appreciate.

Trusting that I have made myself clear, I am,

Very respectfully,

(Gov. McCurtain)

Gabe E. Parker,
Academy, Ind. Ter.

Kinta, I.T., March 3, 1904.

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

Dear Mrs Smiser:

I herewith enclose copy of letter recently written by Governor Mosley and myself urging the early disposition of the coal and asphalt lands of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Nations, and urging that no further legislation on this subject be had. I also enclose copy of letter written by Gov Mosley and myself to the Secretary of the Interior with reference to the treaty he urges as necessary for us to enter into. These letters explain our position on these subjects and I would be pleased to have you publish the same in order that the people may see what is being done in the matter.

Yours truly,

EASTON & ROWELLS,

LAWYERS.

COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SOLICITED.

No.

vs

Antlers I T 8/8/1904

Gov Green McCurtin.

San-Bois

I-T,

Dear Sir.

It seems from the way affairs are moving on that the Court-House ring of this District would like to get in anti McCurtin men as the Deputy Marshals under Mr Pritchard ,now in my judgment and as your friend I think we should get Deputies that are at least favorable to you and one that if necessary will keep order at the next Choctaw election ,without fear or favor,and to this end I hope you will aid us in this Country in getting in good men. I want you to endorse Frank Moyer for Office Deputy at this place Frank is a strong staunch friend of yours is a Republican ,and a competent man,and I do not think you will make a mistake in helping him to the place.

I have also endorsed John Roberts for Deputy at Ft-Townson ,and have refered Mr Pritchard to you as to who I am &c. I will get Willie Wilson to endorse both of the above named parties.

With best wishes I am

Your friend

Barney Vael

P S Write me at Ft-Towson.

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vs

Antlers I -T , 3/3/1904

Dear Gov

The time has come for us to prepare to at least stand even with the Court -House ring in the next Choctaw election ,and to further that end I think it the best policy for us to get McCurtin men as Deputies under Mr Pritchard, you will at least have men that will not take any advantage of the voters in your favor and who will not permit the voters to be bulldozed against you. Barney Noel is now writing you ,and I heartily endorse what he asks ,and hope that you will send a strong letter to Mr Pritchard endorsing Frank Moyer for Office Deputy at this place ,and John Roberts for field Depty at Ft Towson. They are both competent men and you will make no mistake in endorsing them . You know of course that I am not interested in this affair as an Indian ,but as your friend ,and as a Republican and a fighter against Clayton and his ring rule in this Division. With best wishes I am

Your friend

Eugene Easton

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Krebs, Ind. Ter., March 4th 1904

To The Hon Green McCurtain P.C.E.N.

Dear Sir and Friend

No doubt you will be surprised to get a letter from me, but am seeking information, that if if you can give me, will be certainly appreciated

I surmise you know how and why I have and do consider myself a citizen of the Choctaw nation.

My Brother in Law P. H. Littlepage His wife Lucy E. and myself made application to the Dawes Commission in 1896 and were accepted, in the mean time before they passed upon it. The Choctaw commission enrolled us as citizens. and when the Dawes com- were making their final Roll. They enrolled us all O.K. although our names have not been approved. we have considered we were allright. Now I will tell you the cause of me writing you, is one said Dr E. N. Wright told my sister (some days since) that we would certainly be rejected and that we had better employ some legal talent to look after our case. I cannot see for the life of me how he can know, and have thought that if there were any complaints

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or stones thrown in our way, he might be the
cause and was trying to work us. We never have been
rejected anywhere along the line, and only filed a
copy of the law making us citizens, which was
passed in 1854 ~~after~~ ^{two} affidavits one made
by A. Telle and one by Thomas Long of Atoka that
we were descendants of John P Ma Hannah Maria Kingsbury
Pardon me for troubling you with this letter
but any information you can give me will
certainly be appreciated, and will try and
repay you for any trouble I might cause you

Yours very Resp

C. H. Kingsbury
Krebs

J. T.

Kinta, I.T., March 4, 1904.

Mr Robert Crowder,

Boswell, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and note what you say with reference to your enrollment. I have written the Dawes Commission in todays mail inquiring into the exact status of your application for enrollment, and when I hear from the Commission I will write you in detail. I will do all I can to aid you in this matter. The citizenship of your wife is unquestioned: and you should be accorded the right to select your allotment aside from any claim that you might make as a citizen by blood. I feel very kindly to you and will do what I can for you.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.H.

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Atoka, Ind. Ter.,

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Dear You. Mc Curtain -

Your letter inclosing
copies of letters to the Secretary and
Pres. duly recd.; but just too late
for this week's issue - which I re-
gret as I am so anxious to pub-
lish same and thereby naïl the
lies being told by some folks kin
to me! I am not like some, in-
clined to be ashamed of my poorer
kin; but I am ashamed of those
related & connected who are void
of truth and principle. Well, You.
Mc Curtain I am just back from
a visit to my dear, brave father! God
knows how my heart ached to say
Good Bye & leave him so far away
in such a pitiable, helpless and lonely
condition! Every comfort & advantage
he had but oh! money buys so little
or few of the real comforts or solace
of life. He is so, so poor & weak, he

Creeps from his bed to his chair & from
the chair to his bed & just sits all
day long. His humble and complete
submission is the most touching con-
dition. He knows every detail & full
truth concerning his precariousness,
and talks freely on the subject. He never
murmurs, never complains and expresses
pleasure & gratitude for every & all
things done for him. Had the consump-
tion remained confined to his lungs
he might have lived several years,
but the tubercular ulcer had formed
in his throat just below the wind
pipe and he can't speak only in a
whisper and can't swallow any thing
but a perfectly smooth liquid diet.
He takes milk, raw egg or broth every
two hours & his throat had to be contrac-
ted by spraying before he can take
that. The specialist treats his throat
every day, and has so far been able
to keep the ulcer from enlarging or
giving pain, but says that is all
he can ever do & more than he first
thought he could do. All the pleasure
life holds for him is getting letters
from friends or being visited by friends.
He is blessed with a number of
kind, sympathetic friends there
and many write to him.

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Not with standing Judge Ralls great
real and dilligent efforts to poison
his mind and heart against you
& your administration of affairs, he
is just as true to you, just as
much faith in you in every way
as ever. He said he many, many
times longed to be able to help
you in your great fight & struggle
now. He said so many, many such
things about you & he said the
day I left - "Norma is there any dis-
position or chance of Gov. Mc-
Cutan not being the last Chief?
I told him I thought not & he con-
tinued by saying "A greater mis-
take could not be made than
to allow him to refuse or back
out now." He has deep & keen in-
terest in all affairs here. He
seemed to brighten & become
better when I would give him all
the details I knew. Write to him
some time. I know you are so

taxed & so busy, but I cannot
refrain from this request. I wish
you & Mr. Lister could find time
& would send me more items
& points bearing upon all matters
than you do. Please remember
that the Citizen space is at
your command & we feel when
filled by your contributions the
people are better served and
informed than when left to me
to fice. I would be greatly aided
and guided in editorial comments
by confidential points from you.
I will always zealously guard any
confidence placed in me.
Mr. Lister has been very kind to
call & push me on some matters,
but you know he is so very cautious
about what he gives out. If con-
sistent with your judgment please
instruct him that he can be free
to give me pointers.
Regards to your wife, family and
Mr. Lister. With best wishes for
your health, final success and
always a prayer
Sincerely Yours
Mrs. Thomas E. Smiser

Kinta, I.T., March 7, 1904.

Captain J.S. Stanley,

San Antonio, Texas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Smiser in which she states that she has just returned from a visit to you in San Antonio. I regret very much to hear that your health conditions are exceedingly bad. I certainly miss the good advice which you have been ever ready to offer in trying times. The Government of the United States has entered into solemn treaties with the Choctaw people; which if carried out to the letter would give us no reason to complain; but it seems that the officials of the Government here spend the most of their time trying to find objections to carrying out that portion of the treaties which are beneficial to the Indians and are bent upon putting in force only those things in which the Indians have no concern. In emergencies of this character the Choctaws have always found in you a valuable adjunct. I hope, notwithstanding the reports that have reached me, your life will be spared many years yet. We certainly need you to aid us in securing to the Indian the things that belong to him. I feel great solicitude for your welfare, and here and pray that you may be spared for many years to come.

Your friend,

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Fort Smith, Ark, 3/7/1904.

Geo. W. Scott,

Kintah, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

I am advised by wire from Washington that the Indianola application has been approved. I suppose I will receive notice from the Commission today or tomorrow naming a date when we will go there to pay the money over to the allottees.

I think it would be well enough for you to notify Ellis Bohannon to come along with Simpson, as I am going to try to have this settlement made while we are over there on the 10th.

As I have not yet received copy of application I think it is the intention of our attorneys to have the allottees to sign the application while we are there.

Yours truly,

C. E. Speer

GES/DAS

P.S.—

I will see that tickets are furnished for all of the parties that will go with you.

Kinta, I.T., March 7, 1904.

Mr Barney Noyes

Ft. Towson, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and note what you say with reference to the appointment of the new men under the new Marshal. I have forwarded to Judge Easton an endorsement of Frank Moyer as office deputy at Antlers. I would suggest that you see the Wilson boys at Ft. Towson, and secure their recommendation for anyone there they may want at that point, and upon that recommendation I will give my endorsement. I am not acquainted with John Roberts, and I can not for this reason endorse him. Mr Pritchard is anxious to secure reliable and sober men for the work under him, and has assured me that he desires to select persons who are not distasteful to my administration. For this reason I feel that I should be very careful as to who I endorse in order that I may not impose upon him.

Yours truly,

Kinta, I.T., March 7, 1904.

Honorable George K. Pritchard,
U.S. Marshal, Central District,
South McAlester, Ind. Ter.

Dear sir:--

I take pleasure in recommending Mr Frank Webb for a position under you as jail guard. I have known Mr Webb for a number of years, and desire to say in his behalf that he has made a very efficient officer while in the service of the Government as U.S. Indian Policeman. He is sober, Reliable and honest and favors that you may show him would be appreciated by me.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.N.

To Hon. George K. Pritchard,

U.S. Marshall Central District, I.T.

Sir:--

I hereby make application to you for appointment as United States Deputy Marshall to act under you in the Blaine District, Indian Territory.

Have lived most of my entire life in the Indian Territory, and ~~x~~ am a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory and have property interests in the Blaine district.

Haveing been in the Territory for about twenty years I am thoroughly conversant with their people, their characteristics etc., and am perfectly well acquainted with the country and especially so with that in and around Blaine.

J. W. Myers

Kinta, I.T., March 7, 1904.

Mr John W. Wyers,

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am not in a position just at this time to comply with your request with reference to an endorsement to the new Marshal of you for a place on his force. Mr Pritchard is an utter stranger to me and I do not feel like it would be just to him or to myself to load him down with endorsements for my friends. It may be later on that I would feel able to help you in this direction, but just at this stage of the game I do not feel that it would be right for me to comply with your request. Another thing, I know that there is no money in this position, and I can not understand why a man of your standing would want it. I feel that I am doing you a favor in not lending you my endorsement at this time.

Your friend,

Kinta, I.T., March 7, 1904.

Honorable George K. Pritchard,

U.S. Marshal, Central District,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

I desire to recommend Mr Frank Moyer as a suitable man for the position as office deputy at Antlers, I.T. I have known Mr Moyer a long time and it affords me pleasure to say in his behalf that he is sober, industrious, honest and conscientious, and if given the appointment would make an efficient officer.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.M.

Kinta, Indian Territory, March 7, 1904.

Yantis & McCurtain,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

I write for some information about validity of chattle mortgages in instances which I will name.

Say Sawyer & Mason have properly executed mortgage on the property of Riley Hicks- say Hicks lives in Central District and that this mortgage is filed by Sawyer & Mason in the Western District at Eufaula; would a mortgage subsequent to Sawyer & Mason's to me on same property properly executed and filed at South McAlester in the District in which he (Hicks) lives take preference over mortgage filed by Sawyer & Mason at Eufaula, Hicks not being a resident of that District?

Say Hicks lives near the line of Central and Western District would that have any bearing?

I understand that mortgage filed first will take preference even if executed last. I understand of course that failure to file first or in proper recording office does not cancel the indebtedness. I understand also that Hicks could be prosecuted for giving two or more mortgages on same property.

Very respectfully,

C W Carter

Kinta, I.T., March 7, 1904.

Mr Eugene Easton,

Antlers, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date and note what you say with reference to the Court-House ring, and the placing in position of McCurtain men as Deputy Marshals under Mr Pritchard. I have met the present U.S. Marshal and he assures me that he is desirous of selecting good, sober, honest men for deputies in this district, and that he is anxious to secure men that are not distasteful to my administration. I appreciate the kindly spirit that prompts that gentleman in saying this. I take pleasure in enclosing a letter of endorsement to Frank Mosier for office Deputy at Antlers. I would suggest that since I am not acquainted with John Roberts, that he secure an endorsement from W.W. Wilson, or John Wilson as to his character and standing and upon their recommendation I will write a letter in his behalf to Mr Pritchard.

Hoping this will find you well, I am,

Yours truly,

Kinta, Indian Territory, March 9, 1904.

Yantis & McCurtain,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

I may have asked you this question once before but it is not clear in my mind so pardon me if I trouble you unnecessarily. I desire to know if a mortgage filed first will hold in law against a like mortgage on the same property to another person dated first and filed last.

It seems that I asked you this question once before but I do not remember that you replied to that portion of my letter.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

C W Scott

George W. Scott
Treasurer Choctaw Nation

Kinta, Indian Territory, March 9, 1904.

Green McCurtain,

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Governor:-

Herewith enclosed please find letter from Gabe E. Parker which you sent to me the other day. I have not written to him about the matter; suppose you will need the letter to make reply and also to communicate with Mr. Pritchard on the subject.

With reference to the recommendation of Spring and Walker have to say that I did not understand whether or not you desired that I write Mr. Pritchard about these parties; at any rate have to say that I that I have not written. So whatever you desire in the matter you can do; probably you will want to write to him laying the matter before him.

Your friend,

Dictated.

George W. Scott

LAW OFFICE OF
YANTIS & MCCURTAIN,
SOUTH MALESTER, I. T.

March 10th, 1904.

Hon. G. W. Scott,

Kinta, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 7th is just at hand as well as that of the 9th. Absence from town is why we did not get the former sooner. If the mortgagor of personal property is a resident of the Territory the mortgage must be recorded in the county (recording district) of his residence. If not it gives no lien. Hence in regard to the Hicks property we would say that if Hicks lives in this district and the Sawyer & Mason mortgage was not recorded here, whilst yours was yours will hold, even though you may have known of the other mortgage.

In your letter of the 9th you ask: "I desire to know if a mortgage filed first will hold in law against a like mortgage on the same property to another person dated first and filed last." Yes.

It is the filing that creates the lien. If the filing of the mortgage given first was prevented by the fraud of the second mortgagee the fraudulent mortgagee would not acquire a superior lien by getting his mortgage on the record first. Nor where the second mortgage recites the former one and provides for its payment will the second mortgagee acquire priority by first getting on record. In all other cases except these two the law is: ^{the} first recorded ^{gets the} first lien.

Very resp'y,

Yantis & McCurtain

ANTLERS,
ATOKA,
POTEAU.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE,

CENTRAL DISTRICT, INDIAN TERRITORY,

TERMS OF COURT.

SOUTH McALESTER:
First Monday January, Third Monday April.
ATOKA:
Second Monday February, First Monday October.
POTEAU:
First Monday March, First Monday November.
ANTLERS:
Fourth Monday March, First Monday December.
COURT OF APPEALS:
First Tuesday April and October.

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Hon. Green McCurtain, Governor,

Kintah, I.T.

My dear Sir;

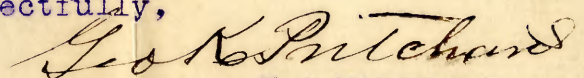
I am in receipt of yours of the 7th, instant, recommending the appointment of Frank Moyer, as a suitable man for Office Deputy at Antlers I.T. I am very sorry to say Governor, that your letter reached me too late as I had already made up my mind on the subject. I have appointed Mr. Clark Wasson, whose record with the Department is good, and who, I am satisfied, under my management of affairs will make a good and efficient officer.

I also desire to report the appointment of Mr. Thos. Sexton of Durant I.T., as Office Deputy, located at Durant. I think he will make me a good and efficient officer, and I thank you very much for your endorsement.

Mr. T. K. Walker of Featherstone, after talking with me, declined to accept the position. Also Mr. Gabriel Parker, who you recommended for Office Deputy at Antlers, declined on account of the amount of salary.

None of the parties mentioned in your letter of the 26th, ultimo, will be recognized by me. Rest assured Governor, that I am specially desirous of favoring you and your policy in every way that I can.

Very respectfully,



U. S. MARSHAL

Kinta, I.T., March 11, 1904.

Mr Thompson Sexton,
Durant, I.T.

Dear sir:

I received your letter of recent date, and am glad to hear that you got the appointment as office deputy at Durant.

I have to advise that I requested your appointment without your request, and without your knowledge, and I want to impress upon you the necessity of your making a good officer. I do not write this to you with any view of making you feel indebted to me but to impress you with the importance of making a good officer, and doing your whole duty. Should there be anything go wrong in your office the Marshal would feel inclined to hold me responsible for it, and this is the reason I write this letter.

Your friend,

Kinta, I.T., March 11, 1904.

Mr C.H.Kingsbury,

Krebbs, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 4th inst and have fully noted its contents. In reply have to say that you have no cause to worry about your rights, as there is no question but that you will eventually be approved by the Secretary, Dr Wright's statement to the contrary notwithstanding. I was under the impression you were acquainted with Dr Wright and his methods of procedure. The only purpose he had in advising you as he did was to secure the employment of some of his cronies, and thus get some money out of you for nothing. If you are not acquainted with the reputation of Dr Wright, or with Dr Wright himself, I will give you a letter of introduction.

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

Kinta, I.T., March 11, 1904.

Honorable George K. Pritchard,

U.S. Marshal, Central District,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

Referring to my recent visit to S. McAlester, and my recommendation to you for appointment of Tandy Walker for a Deputy at Featherston, and Benjamine J. Spring for a Deputy at McCurtain. I beg to say to you that neither of these men are totalers. They are men who will take a drink, and sometimes get drunk. However they are absolutely fearless, and when they get instructions they will carry them out regardless of danger. As I did not say anything to you about the sobriety of these men, I thought it due you to make this explanation. As to the appointment of Walker, I can not insist upon the same, but only state his qualifications, and I believe he would make a good officer to work among the class of criminals with which he would have to deal. Both these men, when they requested my aid in securing these appointments, promised me they would quit drinking.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Kinta, I.T., March 11, 1904.

Mr J.H. Everidge,

Grant, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter wherein you state that you have been to S. McAlester to see Marshal Pritchard with reference to your appointment as a Deputy, and wherein you request me to use my efforts in your behalf for appointment as Office Deputy at Antlers or Atoka. In reply have to say that when Mr Pritchard first came to S. McAlester I went over there to see him and recommended your appointment as office Deputy for Antlers. During my conversation with him he told me he wanted men who were sober, honest industrious and gentlemen. He also told me the duties of office deputies; that they had to keep a correct account of all processes issued and returnable to that court and a correct account of all expenses of that court; in fact a man for office deputy has to be a pretty good book-keeper. I consulted with our friends at S. McAlester and we decided it was best to recommend Parker for office deputy and you for field deputy, which I did. Now the thing for you to do is to accept this appointment offered you, and if you can demonstrate that you are capable for office deputy you will win promotion, as I think Mr Pritchard is a man who wants merit to win, and I think he is going to know what is going on in all his offices. I trust you will see proper to do as herein suggested, and that you will win promotion.

Your friend,

Searcy, Ark.,

March 13, 1904.

Gov. M^c Curtain,

Tuckahoma, L. T.

Dear Sir:—

Will you do our
club, the "Choctaw Club of
Galloway College," the honor
to translate the following,
which is our motto, into
the Choctaw language?
"Long live the Choctaw."

The Club will appreciate

this favor very much
and we will be pleased
to hear from you at your
earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
Kate Mathies.

(address) Kate Mathies,
Galloway College,
Searcy,
Ark.

Washington, D.C.

March 14, 1904.

Gov. Green McCartain,
Xinta, Ind. T_y.

Dear Father;—

As you are aware, there is pending here a bill providing for the establishment of probate courts in the Indian Territory. There is likelihood of this or a similar bill passing at this session.

The bill, as I see it, aside from the general objection that it puts our Courts out of business, is objectionable specially for the reason that it gives the appointment of the probate judges to the district judges. I don't think this would be the best for the Indians, especially the Choctaws, for

in my opinion they would have inflicted upon them such men as Latham, Foltz, Ralls and the deposed Hackney.

If it is seen that there is danger in the bill passing, I think we had better try to get the appointment of the judges changed so that the Attorney-General will have the appointment of them instead of the District Judges. What do you think of it?

Let me hear from you.

Yours son,

A. C. M. Curtin,

1714 - 15th St, N. H.

I sent you copy of Secretary's report in response to House Resolution asking for certain information.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
Union Agency.

Muskogee, Ind. Ter., March 15, 1904.

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

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your communication of March 7th, in which you state that you are in receipt of a letter from J. J. James, a Choctaw citizen residing at Red Oak, in which he complains of one James Tedford, a citizen of the United States, who has taken charge of a certain farm belonging to the said James and is holding possession of same against his will and consent. You also say that you are not positive as to whether said James has filed on said land or not and therefore are not in a position to ask that definite orders be issued.

In reply thereto, you are advised that unless the said James has been allotted the lands from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, no action can be taken by this office to place him in possession of lands not allotted to him.

You also ask to be advised whether or not this office is removing objectionable persons from the allotments of Indians.

Replying thereto, you are respectfully advised that

where allottees have received their certificates of allotment from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and the party in possession is not there under a legal contract from the allottee made subsequent to the allotment, I am placing allottees in possession and removing objectionable parties therefrom.

I enclose you herewith a blank form of complaint, which, if said James has made his allotment and received his certificate therefor, you will please have him fill out, sign and return the same to this office, when the matter will receive prompt attention.

Very respectfully,

John Stewart

U. S. Indian Agent.

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Kinta, I.T., March 16, 1904.

Mr J.B.Tims,

Ft. Towson, I.T.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date, I have to advise that I have instructed my Private Secretary, Mr P.S. Lester, to go to Atoka on Wednesday of each and there make application for permission to file on lands that have pine timber thereon. If you will get the numbers of the land upon which you desire to file and go to Atoka on any Wednesday he will prepare your petition for you.

There is no doubt but that you will be permitted to file on your home in the pine region, but the filing of this petition is necessary, under the ruling of the Secretary. This petition will be filed for you without cost to you.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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R. E. VICK, Secy & Treas.
F. B. DUNLAP, Asst. Secy & Treas.



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Fort Smith, Ark. 3/16/1904.

STEWART'S LITHO & ENG. CO. ST. LOUIS.

Geo. W. Scott,

Kintah, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

I received your telegram about 9:30 last night and called on Mr. Hufford and had a short talk with him, instructing him to use the deed you prepared for Sim Bohannon. I am this morning sending Zevly & Givens a check to make this settlement with the Bohannons, and telling them that you would be there Friday with them. When you get all their affairs rounded up come down and we can straighten it out.

Yours truly,

C. E. Speer

CES/DAS

OSAGE TRADING COMPANY,
Dealers in General Merchandise and Miners Supplies.

Krebs, Ind. Ter., Mar 16 1904

Hon Green McCurtain

Dear Sir and Friend

Please allow me to thank you for the satisfaction the reply you made to my letter gives me. I have known Dr Wright for some time, in fact all of my life, but could not see the point he was trying to make until I recd your letter. Please accept my thanks, with well wishes and success in the coming campaign

I am Yours very Truly
C. H. Kingsbury

ZEVELY & GIVENS,
Attorneys at Law.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

March 18, 1904.

Mr. George Scott,
Kinta, Indian Territory.

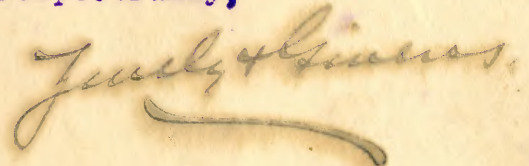
Dear Sir:

We herewith enclose you two deeds which we have prepared to be signed by Mr. Ellis Bohannon and his wife, and by Mr. Simpson Bohannon and his wife. In having these deeds signed, we desire to call especial attention to the fact that the signatures should correspond letter for letter as they are written in the body of the deed. Please instruct the Notary Public to insert the name of the Judicial District in the blank which is left for that purpose. We are not informed as to whether these deeds will be acknowledged in the Western District or in the Central District. You will please see to it that the Notary who takes the acknowledgement is qualified to act in the District in which the acknowledgement is taken, because, as you know, a Notary who is appointed for the Western District has no right to go over into the Central District, and there take an acknowledgement, and the same is true with reference to a Notary appointed in the Central District acting in the Western District.

We are ready to turn the money over to the Messrs. Bohannon just as soon as the deeds have been executed, and regret very much the delay which has been occasioned.

Very respectfully,

JMG.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Zevely & Givens", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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Antlers I -T- 2/18/1904

Dear Gov,

Your letter received ,and contents noted. There is something radically wrong in this matter, on the 7th day of March I had a conversation with Mr Pritchard, and from what he said I took it that Mr Wase son would not be appointed, in that conversation Mr P told me that when I got home to get some of the Republicans to recommend a good and competent man, and on my arrival on the morning of the 4th I met Frank Moyer ,and a few of us sent in a recommendation ,writing a letter that we would get your endorsment for Mr Moyer, and I also wired Mr Pritchard that your endorsment was coming, and I cant see how this appointment was made in advance of these endorsments. When I heard that the appointment had been made I wrote Mr Pritchard and asked him to return the endorsments sent him for Mr Moyer, and especially asked that the one sent by you be returned, he answered and returned all but yours and said he had never received any endorsment made by you ,I replied that it was sent to him ,and that I also wired him, he again answered and sent me your endorsment ,and said it had been mislaid in the Office, and that he had written you giving satisfactory reasons why the appointment had been made. Now I have taken considerable interest in this matter and a part of it was at Mr Pritchards sugrestion, and I also wanted a man that was not against your administration ,as well as one that could not be controlled by Latham ,Dicke Locke et al., and in Moyer we had the right

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man., and a man that would be your friend through thick and thin as he has always been, and besides a man against whom no man could truthfully say a word ~~against~~. The mislaying of your endorsement has a peculiar look to me, and I fear it is as I told Mr Pritchard that he has in his Office some one not in strict accord with him and his administration. Personally I have nothing against Clark Wasson, we are good friends, but he is the friend of my enemies and is against my friend and for people who I know are unworthy, and his association with Latham and his ring makes him in my opinion the wrong man for the place, and he certainly is if your administration is to be given any consideration. I have no charges to make against Wasson and know of none except that he is the friend and confederate of Latham and his gang that are opposed to you and your administration. I do not want or ask anything at the hands of Mr Pritchard or any one else, but it does hit me hard to be turned down for my friend, and to be turned down by a man that I looked on as friendly to the best interests of his party, and to your administration. While I laxx dont like it yet I can stand it if my friends can. Dr Nash tells me that he is going to take a hand in this matter, and I hope his efforts will meet with better success than mine.

With best wishes I am

Your friend

Eugene Easton

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 R. E. VICK, Secy & Treas.
 F. B. DUNLOP, Asst Secy & Treas.

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Fort Smith, Ark, 3/19 1914

Dear Geo: I got your letter
 last night and regret very much
 the mistake made by the lawyers
 in making deeds. I am sick
 today and can't write much.
 I suppose you will go back
 just as soon as it is possible
 to get the deeds properly signed.
 Your friend
 Cliff E. Speer

W. L. BONER,
Attorney-at-Law,
DURANT, I. T.

Notary in Office.

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Durant I. T.

Mar. 19-1904.

Hon Green McCurtain

Pointa I. T.

Dear Sir Ed Friend: I have applied to
W. Marshall. Ditchard for a position
and have referred him to you. You
know. I have never applied for any place
with the Choctaw or. U.S. Government and
being a young man. I would like to
have a chance.

W. L. BONER,
Attorney-at-Law,
DURANT, I. T.

Notary in Office.

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All I ask for is a chance. do what you
can for me.

and I will always remember. you
in our politics as I have always done.
most Resp.

Tom McDaniel

EASTON & ROWELLS,
LAWYERS.
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Antlers I T - 2/19/1904.

Hon Green McCurtin .

Kinta.

I-T,

Dear Sir .

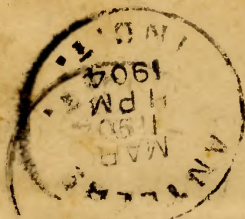
You will doubtless remember me I am a Colored man ,and have been acting as posse and Deputy U S Marshal in this Country for the past 25 years ,and in all that time no charge has been made against me,I was a Deputy under Maj Hackett until his removal ,and was located at Grant I T , and to the people of Grant I can refer you as to my standing as an efficient Officer. I would like to have your recommendation to Mr Pritchard for reappointment at Grant,you are aware of the fact that in the Red-River portion of this District there are a great many colored people ,and I beleive that I would be more efficient in working among these people than a white man because I could find out more ,and they would tell me more about the crimes being committed than they could to any one else. I am U S Citizen ,and have in no way ever meddled with Choctaw politics. If consistent with your duty and what you beleive to be right I would be more than pleased to have you write Mr Pritchard a letter in my behalf
Thanking you kindly for anything you may do for me I am
Yours respectfully &c

*Halley is one of our
best colored Citizens
Easton* W M Halley

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Kinta:

Gov. Green McCurtin.



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Fort Smith, Ark, 3/21/1904

Mr Geo N Scott,
Kinta, I.T.

Friend Geo: I am in receipt of
yours of 3/19 regarding arrangements
you have made with Bohannon.
As you say Ellis owes \$300⁰⁰ and Jim
\$100⁰⁰ - I figure their settlement as
follows -

Ellis 149 acres @ 15⁰⁰ = 2235⁰⁰

Jim 49 + ⁵⁹/₁₀₀ " 15⁰⁰ = 743⁸⁵

You of course will make your deductions
which will reduce Ellis to \$1490 - and
Jim to \$495⁹⁰ - From Ellis you will
take \$300⁰⁰ money advanced and \$500⁰⁰ ¹/₂ pay on
the farm making 800⁰⁰ off of the 1490 leaving him
\$690⁰⁰ From Jim you take the \$100 leaving "
\$395⁹⁰ - The settlement you propose on the farm
is satisfactory to me of course the note must
draw 100% int. When will you be in Ft Smith?
I have rheumatism so bad I can not leave. ^{now} Cliff & Speer
407 friend



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Fort Smith, Ark, 3/17 1904

Mr Geo Scott

Smith, I.T.

Friend Geo: I am in receipt of
yours of yesterday regarding my going
to Muscogee today with you. I
recognize the force of your statement
and under ordinary circumstances
would go, but Dunlop is away
and I was never as busy in
my life and I feel so sure
of these two that I go with
you this time that I will not
go but I assume you this
is the only case I will
dump on to you in this manner.

I just received word this
morning that our other applications
were signed and forwarded to
Washington in good shape -
Your friend C. E. Speer

Kinta, I.T., March 22, 1904.

Honorable D.C. McCurtain,

1714-15th St., N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Dear son:

I am in receipt of your communication of March the 14th and also of the 17th inst, and note what you say relative to the bill providing for the establishment of probate courts in the Indian Territory. I fully agree with you that we had better try to get the appointment of the judges changed so that the attorney General will have the appointment of them instead of the District Judges. I feel sure that it is absolutely necessary that some provision of this sort must be made here at an early date, in order that the estates of the Indians may be properly acted on by a competent court. The present arrangement of course will lead to much confusion unless this is speedily done. I am glad to know that the Secretary has reported favorably on the townsite bill. I hope the Secretary's bill will not go through, and that the pine timber lands may be released and allotted to the Indians who live in that section. Hamp Tucker and Henry Ansley were here yesterday and thought it best that the National Convention should be held on May 9. Chairman Wilson has been written to this effect and no doubt a call will be issued shortly to that end. I agree with that if the townsite money is paid and the pine lands released, it will leave the Dukes-Hunter ground without one single sensible issue. I have written Mr McMurray in today's mail and suggested to him that if further res-

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HALLEMAN, L. T.

3/23

1904

Hon. J. Blair Shornfelt

Muskogee St.

Hon. Sir:

I rendered Mr. McBay
some services last Fall in
removing cattle from the
Choctaw Nation. I have
been unsuccessful so far
in securing my money
which is \$200.00 Two hundred
+ five dollars. 41 days
work for my Wagon Team
+ camp outfit at \$3.00 per day
and 41 days with myself + horse
at \$2.00 per day. Total \$200.00

Mr. Shornfelt I am badly
in need of this money +
I wish you would urge the
payment at once. Yours Truly

W. C. Holliman

JAMES A. YANTIS
D. G. MCCURTAIN

LAW OFFICE OF
YANTIS & MCCURTAIN,
SOUTH MALESTER, I. T.

March, 24, 1904.

Hon. George W. Scott,
Kinta, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed form is all right.

I start for Washington to-day and will not be back until about the first.

Very resp'y,

J. A. Yantis

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR

FOR

INDIAN TERRITORY,

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Muskogee, Ind. T., March 24, 1904.

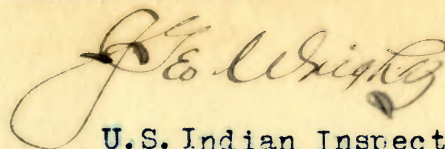
Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Kintah, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

For your information, I have to respectfully state that the act of your National Council providing for a tax on live stock introduced in the Choctaw Nation, to be collected under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, was approved by the President on March 12, 1904.

The matter of regulations has been submitted to the Department, and as soon as same are approved by the Secretary of the Interior, steps will be taken to enforce the provisions of said act.

Very respectfully,



U.S. Indian Inspector
for Indian Territory.

D.H.K. (C)

At 109 S. E. 3/27 1/2 1904

To the Honorable Grand R. Curtin
Gov. of Choctaw nation.
Dear Sir

As A Citizen of this nation, I will take the
Liberty of asking you A few questions as I
can ask the same questions every day and hear
so much comment on this subject. Please tell
us what has become of the money that was in the U.S.
Treasure ready for Payment so long ago, has the
Bottom fell out of the Treasure, or has it been loaned
out to some big Syndicate At A Percent and all hands
get their part of the take off. if that be so why not.
Let all of us poor Choctaws have A hand in the
Percent for that about all we will ever be able to get.
if not so why cannot we get some of the money that belongs
to us. we see the Chickashaws are all the while getting
money to help them along. there something wrong
our head men must be in the combine. Some way
or is this same property that belongs to some poor Indians
that some moneyed fellows want to gobble up before.

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the Poor Indian gets his money, for they will know that ~~they~~ ^{they} can't cheat them out of their holdings when they get money. But at the present time the man with money can get all of the best lands and stock the Poor Indian has if that can't buy them they will tie it up in a way that it will never do the Poor Indian any good. If you our Chief Executive should look in to this matter and urge an early Payment. If not leave the Poor People Robbed any longer by a lot of Sharks. My Dear Sir I don't know how you look at this matter But I do know how the mass of the People look at it they hold you responsible and think you should see to it before the real Indian is so far gone in the clutches of the Sharks that they are beyond Redemption. You know that the Government has not complied with the last treaty for they was to receive a per capita Payment in one year from the ratification of the Alaska agreement. Have they did so if so we have failed to see our part Please Tell us if the ones that has control of the money has stole it all. Not let the Poor Indian any why don't they tell us so then we will know what to depend on. Respects A. Citizen

McAlester I.T.

March 28- 1904

Hon J Blair Shampelt
U.S. Indian agent
Muskegee I.T.

Dear Sir

your communication of 26th inst
Regarding W.G. Hollenman's claim of
\$200 Just Replied Will say that the claim
is a just one he assisted me in gathering
and removing cattle from the Choctaw
Nation and Indian Territory he & Hollenman
Worked himself & Saddle Horse and also
Furnished Wagon and Team and camping
outfit this is what he claims the \$200 for
and Reason it is that he is Paid is that
the amount of money the Nation
sent for to Pay all Expenses Was Not
enuff to Pay all of the Expenses
So Hollenman Myself & Dabbs and
2 or 3 others have Not got our money

yet and I have ^{been} waiting for a
hearing on my Report which I sent
in for your investigation I sent
the Report in on January 25 - 1904
as Directed by you - by a letter
Dated Jan - 23 - 1904 in said Report
I sent in Sub Vouchers signed up
by Parties that Worked for me and
all other Expenses Incurred in making
the Bonds Crosby Hall & Craig
batter I think you will find in my
Report of Jan - 25th I explained
Everything fully

Very Respectfully

Alf McElroy
U.S. J.D.

P.S. The Hamley and Pete Erwin
batter was Included in this same
Round up

Respt -

Alf McElroy