

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FHE
WASHINGTON.

I.T.D. 9061-1904.

November 2, 1904.

H. B.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Indian Territory.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your communication of October 26, 1904, relative to the impossibility of the Town-site Commission completing its work within the present appropriation.

You are advised that your letter has been referred to the United States Indian Inspector for Indian Territory for report.

Respectfully,

F. L. Campbell
Acting Secretary.

McCurtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South St. Alister, I. C.

Nov., 2, 1904.

Gov. Green McCurtain,
Tushkahoma, Ind. Ty.

Dear Father:

Mr. Hill tells me that you are in receipt of a letter from the U.S. Indian Agent asking that you forward to him all bills passed by the council. We have just wired you, as follows:

"Send no bill not required by the law to be sent. The law excepts regular and necessary expenses of the government including, in our opinion, any contingent fund of the Principal Chief. Send all others and law is satisfied".

This request of the Agent is but a repetition of a similar request made last year, if I am not mistaken. When you comply with the requirements of the law you have then done everything that the Agent or any one else can lawfully demand of you. And you will have complied with the requirements of the law when you send up all bills not providing for the regular and necessary expenses of the government. Bills providing for the regular and necessary expenses of the government are not required by the law to be sent up for executive action.

It is quite clear to me that the purpose for which they want these bills is to pick flaws and, if possible, defeat the operation of a great many measures. The Department would disapprove the General Appropriation bill if it was submitted, and there can be no doubt about that. I would suggest form of letter to the Agent, which I enclose herewith.

Your son,

D. C. McCurtain.

Furthermore, the law directs
The National Sec'y, and not you,
to send whatever bills are to be
sent. But it would be well for you to tell The Nat. Sec'y what bills to send.

Hon. J. Blair Shoenfelt,
U.S. Indian Agent,
Muskogee, Ind. Ty.

Sir:

Replying to your request of a recent date, that I cause to be forwarded to you all bills passed by the general council, will say that I will direct the National Secretary, as I have always directed him, to forward for executive action all "acts, ordinances, or resolutions of the council, in any manner affecting the land of the tribe, or of the individuals, after allotment, or the moneys or other property of the tribe or citizens thereof, (excepting appropriations for the regular and necessary expenses of the government of the respective tribes), or the rights of any person to employ any kind of labor, or the rights of any persons who have taken or may take the oath of allegiance to the United States". The law directs the National Secretary to send such acts to the President, prescribing the time when and the manner how, etc., and further than this I have no power to direct him, but will take pleasure in complying with your request, as above stated.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Canada, Ind. Ter.

Nov 8th 1904

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Dear Sir & friends, I understand
there was an Act, Pass at the
Last Genl. Council. Authorizing
~~a~~ Commission for Examination
of Children. &c. If such act
became a law, I would
be pleased to be one
of those Commission. As I
have been one of the hard workers
of our Party, would be pleased
to get the Prize;

Very Respectfully

A. E. Folsom

Arroyo Grande, Calif.
Nov 4th 1904

Mr Green McCurtain

Dear Sir,

For information I will state at Cause and ask your opinion.

My Daughter married a white man under a license from the U.S. Court at Antelope. She was not able to go to the land Office and file her lands. I filed for her with the power of attorney. Since that time she died leaving no children. Now then will I draw her share of the Townsite money without procuring administration papers from the United States Court or what shall I do again we have a Orphan Boy from Holston half Brother of my Wife. I was appointed Guardian for him through Judge Murray. please inform me what to do in both cases.

By so doing you will greatly oblige
Yours truly
G.W. Oakes

Know all Men by These Presents: That I, the undersigned,

S. Moore
of the Choctaw

an Indian of the

Choctaw Tribe and *resident*

Nation, in the Indian Territory, having all of the rights and privileges conferred by section 2137 of the Revised Statutes of the United States for 1878, and by all other statutes relating to game in the Indian Territory, have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents, do make, constitute, and appoint

J. W. Armstrong

of

Stringtown

in *Indian* Territory, my true and lawful attorney in fact, for me, and in my name, place and stead, and to my use to capture, purchase or secure, and to haul, handle, and ship live game for me, from any place in the Indian Territory, to any other place, city, railway station, or shipping point in said Indian Territory, or outside of said Indian Territory, and to place my name as an Indian on the crate, crates, or other receptacles in which said live game may be hauled, handled or shipped, and to make any and all contracts necessary and proper to be made for the handling, shipment, disposition, in any manner, of said game, and to collect all moneys for the same; it being expressly stipulated herein that said game shall be handled and shipped alive, and for scientific and propagating purposes only, giving unto my said attorney full power to do everything whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in the premises, as fully as I could if personally present, with full power of substitution, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney shall lawfully do, or cause to be done by virtue hereof: it being expressly stipulated that my said attorney shall have authority to deliver and ship said game to Charles Payne, naturalist, of Wichita, Kansas, or to his authorized agent or agents, and to them only.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this

day of

Nov.

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WITNESSES.

Christopher Moore [SEAL]

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central Judicial

Be It Remembered, That on this

day of

Nov.

A. D., 190

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before me

S. S. Kennedy

a

Notary Public

in and for said Territory, and

district

personally appeared

Christopher S. Moore

, to me well and personally known to be the identical person whose name appears upon, and who signed and executed, the within and foregoing instrument, and duly acknowledged, and stated to me that he executed, the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth, and I do hereby so certify.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at

Stringtown

in the territory aforesaid, this

8th

day of

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S. S. Kennedy
Notary Public

Garnier J. P.

Nov. 5 1904

To the Hon. Gen. McCurtain

Dear sir

I will write you again this morning
you said that you just had favored
me to the Executive committee
but they have not settled it yet
if they have sent it you must
find out where they sent it to
if they have not sent it to me
and are going to send it. Tell them
to send it to Garnier J. P.

The mount is small but I would like
to have it. it is only \$47.00 I all as
so let me hear from you at once

Yours truly
Isaac Winship

Nov. 8, 1904.

Mr Wilson Shoney,

Kullituklo, I.T.

Dear sir:

I herewith enclose you Commission as one of the Commissioners to enroll the newborn children, as provided for by the Act of this last Council. You must not consider that you are on the payroll by receipt of this Commission, but as soon as I have thoroughly mapped out instructions for you I will issue a call for you all to come to this office for instructions, at which time I will issue certificate placing you on the payroll.

Hold yourself in readiness to come here on short notice.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

McAlester, Ind. Ter.

Nov. 14th 1903

Green McCurtain, P. C. C. N.

Sir;

I herewith enclose itemized statement of my account of expenses of removing cattle from the Choctaw Nation. You will find ~~the~~ same to be itemized and proved by vouchers as per requirement of the resolution of the late Council. Hoping to receive certificate at an early date, I am

Respectfully

Alf McGay
Police

~~Mr. Pollock: States that since 4 Sep
Pollock was with McGay 30 days.
Harc Pollock says that Pollock & Lee
Pollock was with McGay 30 days
and that Lee Pollock was with
him one week.~~

ITEMS OF EXPENSES.

✓ Alf. McCay,	4I days work at	\$2.00	82.00 -
✓ H. E. Morrison,	4I " " work at	\$2.00	82.00 -
✓ W. G. Holleman,	4I " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ Walter sloan,	4I.00 " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ J. J. McCay,	4I " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ Lee Pollock,	4I " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ Alex Pollock ,	4I " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ W. H. Davis,	4I " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ J. R. Davis,	4I " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ J. G. Davis,	4I " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ Geo/ Davis	4I " " "	\$2.00	82.00
✓ Joe Moncrief,	4i " " "	\$2.00	82.00
Wagon, team and camp outfit,	4I days	\$3.00	123.00
Bud Thompson,	15I-2 " " "	\$2.00	31.00
Bob Thompson,	15I-2 " " "	\$2.00	31.00
✓ D. Pollock,	15 I-2 " " "	\$2.00	31.00
✓ J. K. Dobbs,	Buggy & team 20 days	\$3.00	60.00
J. K. Dobbs	Two saddle horses 4I	\$1.00	82.00
J. K. Dobbs,	Buggy & team 1 day		3.00
Lee Fisk,	30 Bu. corn	\$0.50	15.00
W. H. McHenry,	36 Bu corn	\$0.50	18.00
Jack Turner,	20 Bu Corn	\$0.50	10.00
John Collins,	20 bu corn	\$0.50	10.00
H. G. Hancock &Co.,	Groc eries		107.00
✓ W. A. Walker,	Groc eries		50.00

Amount carried forward 1555.00

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To Amount brought forward		1555.00
John? Brimedge	Board bill	36.60
R. B. Thompson	" "	7.75 <i>Chickama</i>
J. H. Reynolds	Hotel Kiowa " "	16.05
A. D. Pollock	Hotel Kiowa " "	25.00 <i>✓</i>
Amount spent No Vouchers		20.00
Interest at Kiowa Bank		8.00
Oct 10th By National Warrant		400.00
Oct 23by National warrant		400.00

		1638.40--800.00

To Bal. due Alf. McCay		868.40

DURANT HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENT CO.

Durant, I. T., Nov. 14th, 1904.

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir & Friend:-

Please give me your answer to the proposition
that I suggested to you in Ft. Smith, some time back.

Hoping for a favorable answer I remain,

Yours Truly,

Marion W. Daniel

DOUGLAS BROTHERS AND PATTERSON CO.

Gov. Green McGowan

Miner, I. T.

Dear Sir & Friends:-

Hoping for a favorable answer I am writing you
first I suggested to you that

I have not yet decided
~~yet~~ as to who to appoint,
want a man that is
fully acquainted with the
Dist. I have six beside you
offering for the position

Please Give me your answer for the proposition

Alinta. Ind. Ter

Nov-16th 1904

Mr. Will Yirsing
Fort Smith Ark.
Sir:

Enclosed herewith
find my check for \$6⁷⁵/₁₀₀
which I am sorry that I
had overlooked this so
long a time, and I would
never thought of it unless
you had ^{not} called my attention
to which I hope I will
never let such happen any
more. yours respectfully
Green M. Curtin

McCurtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South McAlester, I. T.

November 17th 1904

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Ind Territory.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of November 15th, 1904, enclosing one from P. J. Hudson, in which Mr. Hudson forwards letter from Simon Winshop, stating that quite a number of Choctaws are claiming that they have made deals with one Ed. Stewart of Du Queen, Ark., concerning their land, has been received.

From the best we can understand, it seems that these people have, after leasing their lands to parties in the Chickasaw Nation, voluntarily gone to this man Stewart at DuQueen, and have made further deals with him concerning the same land and have turned over to him their allotment certificates. Inasmuch as this seems to be a voluntary transaction on their part it will be difficult to interfere in the deal unless they have attempted to lease, or in any other manner encumber, the property of minors. We are satisfied that these people are induced by Stewart, who seems to be a saloon keeper of Du Queen, to make these deals in derogation of the rights of the parties to whom they formerly leased the lands, if any rights such parties have; at the sametime, if they persist and are willing to fritter away their stuff in this manner it is going to be difficult to protect them.

We think it might be well if these parties, or each of
that
them, are notified before patents are issued to these lands the certificates will have to be forth coming and from parties lawfully and

McCurtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South McAlester, I. T.

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rightfully entitled thereto. If anything occurs to you that could or should be done by us to extricate these people from the destruction of their own folly we would be pleased to have you suggest it to us.

We will write Mr. Hudson along the same line and get his co-operation wherever we can.

Yours very truly,

McCurtain & Hill

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JOSEPH G. RALLS.
Attorney and Counselor.
ATOKA, IND. TER.

Nov. 18th, 1904.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief of the Choctaws,
Sans Bois, I. T.

Dear sir:

There is now, or should be, in your possession deeds for the homesteads of Eva A. Ralls, my wife, Eva Claude Ralls and Sarah Ralls, my children.

These deeds left the possession of the Commission To The Five Civilized Tribes about the 25th day of August of this year, after having been duly checked and were all prepared ready for your signature. The word now comes to me if it is your intention to refuse to sign these patents. If that be true I wish you would kindly notify me, so I may take the proper steps for the patents to the homesteads. I presume if the Chief of the Five Civilized Tribes does not sign the patents he will write to me, and I would be glad if you are for not signing the patents.

Very respectfully,

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE,

CENTRAL DISTRICT, INDIAN TERRITORY,

SOUTH MCALESTER, Nov 18, 1904

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 17th inst. relative to the case of John P. Hopper to hand and contents noted. In reply thereto I beg to advise you that Hopper's commission has already been withdrawn, and you can rest assured that he will not be re-commissioned. I thank you for this information.

Respectfully,

G. M. Pritchard
U. S. Marshal.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF CHOCTAW TOWNSITE COMMISSION,

South McAlester, I.T., Nov. 19 1904.

Personal
Confidential
Gov. Green McCurtain,

Tuskahoma, I.T.

Sir:-

Mr. Wright has again notified us that Mr. Smiser will be furloughed on November 30th, and that probably I will be retained through December to finish the contest cases.

Personally and officially I wish Mr. Smiser's judgment, knowledge and assistance. The interests of the Nation will be at a disadvantage otherwise.

Can you not, in your own way, arrange that Mr. Smiser may say to Mr. Wright, "I will serve through December without pay" ? I think it is worth while for the Nation.

Respectfully yours,

Charles C. Shepard

Chairman Choctaw Townsite Commission.

H.J.D.

Nov.21,1904.

Mr S.B.Spring,

Hugo,I.T.

Dear sir:

I have determined to appoint yourself and D.C.McCurtain as the Commissioners to seek a settlement with the Chickasaws and the purpose of this letter is to so advise you, and to earnestly request that you do not refuse to act. I think the Bill creating this Commission provides for \$5.00 per day and expenses. I would be pleased to have your acceptance by return mail and I will then advise you of the time and place of meeting with the Chickasaws.

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.M.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
I.T.D. 10728-1904. Washington. November 21, 1904.
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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of November 4, 1904, relative to the request of the Indian Office that you be directed to forward a schedule with each batch of patents covering allotments in the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Cherokee Nations. You state that a schedule of the character desired would necessitate much additional clerical work; that duplicate records of allotments in said nations are being prepared for the use of the Department.

Reporting in the matter November 14, 1904, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs again calls attention to the fact that it is impossible in many instances for the Indian Office to furnish information as to what land had been set aside for a particular individual, and states it is deemed advisable that the Indian Office have at least in the form of schedules a description of the land allotted to the various members of the tribes, and he recommends that notwithstanding it necessitates additional work on the part of your Commission to furnish the desired schedules, that such schedules be furnished.

As it is proposed by you to furnish duplicate records of allotments, as heretofore stated, the Department will await such action before instructing you, as these records may answer all the purposes the schedules would. Report at once about when the records of allotments will be furnished. It is presumed they will include a description of the lands allotted in each case.

It also appears from your letter that of the 19,523 patents prepared by you covering allotments in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, 5,850 were transmitted to Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish for the purpose of securing the signatures of the chief executives of said nations and the fixing of the seals of these two nations thereto.

None of these patents have been returned to you for forwarding to the Department for approval, nor has any reason been offered or suggested by the attorneys for the non-execution and return of the patents. It is anticipated by you that about 10,000 additional patents will be ready for transmission to said attorneys.

The Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs states that it has come to the notice of the Indian Office "that the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation and the governor of the Chickasaw Nation challenge the right of the Department to approve allotment deeds in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations," and he recommends, since the officials of the two nations have not explained why the patents have not been returned for trans-

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs .
Washington.

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November 14, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated November 4, 1904, acknowledging receipt of Departmental letter of October 21, 1904, enclosing for report and recommendation a copy of letter of this office of October 18, 1904, recommending that the Commission be directed to forward a schedule with each batch of patents covering allotments in the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Cherokee Nations.

The Department suggests that the schedules desired by this office would apparently in addition to what the Commission's letters of transmittal usually contain, also include the description of the land involved.

Reporting in this manner in the preparation of a schedule of the character desired by this office would necessitate much additional clerical work and errors would probably creep into a work of this magnitude, despite the care used in checking and comparing the schedule with the patents and other records of the Commission's office.

He also states that duplicate records of allotments in the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Cherokee Nations are being prepared for the use of the Department.

1 Inclosure.

Acting Secy

Respectfully,

closed.

A copy of the Acting Commissioner's letter is in-

Chickasaw Nations heretofore.

You will advise the Executives of the Choctaw and

the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, or anyone else, until further advised. Letter follows. "Discontinue delivery of patents to attorneys for

follows:

On the 18th instant, the Department wired you as

factually adjusted.

patents and the recording thereof by your Commission is said to
until the question of approval by the Department of allotment
more patents to the officials of the two tribes for execution
mission to the Department, that you be directed to deliver a

by the Commission that probably 10,000 additional patents will within the next 30 days be ready for transmission to the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for the purpose above indicated.

As to the preparation of the schedule suggested by this office, it has been demonstrated that the recommendation of the office of October, 1902 that the patents for allotments be not entered upon the tract books of this office has rendered it impossible in many instances to furnish information to the Department and to others as to whom a particular tract of land was allotted or as to what land had been set aside for a particular individual, and it is now deemed to be advisable that the office have at least in the form of these schedules a description of the land allotted to the various members of the tribes, and I therefore believe that notwithstanding it may necessitate some additional work on the part of the Commission to add descriptions of the land, it should be done.

It has come to the notice of this office that the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation and the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation challenge the right of the Department to approve allotment deeds in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The failure of these officials to return the patents already furnished them for execution would tend to support the presumption that they are delivering the patents to the allottees, notwithstanding that the Department has held it has a func-

The Department also in its letter of October 21, 1904, desires the submission of some reason why patents to allotments in the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, heretofore prepared and transmitted to the attorneys for the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in order that the signatures of the chief executives and the seals of the respective nations might be affixed, have not been submitted to the Department.

Reporting upon this matter, Mr. Bixby states that the Commission has, up to and inclusive of October 29, 1904, prepared 19,523 patents to allotments in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, as follows:

Homesteads, -----9387.

Allotments exclusive of

homesteads, -----3955.

Freedmen, -----6181.
19523.

5850 of these patents have, during the months of

August, September, and October, 1904, been transmitted to Messrs. Mansfield, Melanby & Cornish, for the purpose of securing the signatures of the chief executives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes and the affixing of the seals of these two nations thereto.

None of such patents have, as yet been returned to the Commission for forwarding to the Department for approval, nor has any reason been offered or suggested by the attorneys for the non execution and return of the patents. It is anticipated

tion to perform before 3 days. Since the
officials of the two nations have
any explanation to the Commission
not been returned for transmiss
mend that the Commission be

to the officials of the two tribes for execution until the
question of approval by the Department and record by the Com-
mission is satisfactorily adjusted.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tonner,

Acting Commissioner.

B:B.H.-L.M.

Nov.21,1904.

Hon.D.C.McCurtain,

South McAlester,I.T.

Dear son:

I have determined to appoint you and S.B.Spring as the Commissioners to the Chickasaw Nation, and hope that you will not refuse to act in this capacity, as I want someone who is conversant with the treaties and laws, and you are the only one I can rely on. I wish you would advise me by return mail of your acceptance and at what date would be most convenient for you to meet the Chickasaw Commissioners at Atoka.

Your father,

Nov.21,1904.

Mr Emmerson Folsom,
Caddo,I.T.

Dear sir:

After considering all the applications for appointment as a member of the enrolling Commission,I have determined to appoint you as one of said Commission. You will hold yourself in readiness to come to this office for conference with the other members of the Commission,and instructions. As soon as I have fully matured plans for this work I will call you together. I will in a short time send you your Commission

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

McCurtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South Mc Alester, I. T.

Nov., 22, 1904.

Gov. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, Ind. Ty.

Dear Father:

This is to advise you that I accept the appointment of Commissioner to meet the Chickasaw Commission, which said appointment was tendered by your letter of yesterday.

As to when it will be convenient for me to meet the Chickasaw Commission, I shall leave that to your pleasure entirely. However, I would like to have a few days previous notice of any meeting to be held so that I can plan to avoid a conflict of duty.

Your son,

D. C. McCurtain

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Nov.23,1904.

Honorable B.S.Smiser,Townsite Commissioner,
South McAlester,Indian Territory.

Sir:--

I am in receipt of the following communication from Hon.
Chas.O.Shepard,Chairman:

"Mr Wright has again notified us that Mr Smiser will be furloughed on November 30,and that probably I will be retained through December to finish the contest cases.

Personally and officially I wish Mr Smiser's judgment, knowledge and assistance. The interests of the Nation will be at a disadvantage otherwise.

Can you not,in your own way,arrange that Mr Smiser may say to Mr Wright,"I will serve through December without pay?"? I think it is worth while for the Nation."

I am of the same opinion of Chairman Shepard,and would suggest that you tender your services,without pay,to Mr Wright, during the month of December. I think this for the best interests of the Nation,and am sure Council will agree with me.

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

Nov.23,1904.

Honorable Charles C. Shepard, Chairman,
South McAlester, Ind. Ter.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your communication relative to the proposed furloughing of Mr Smiser, by Inspector Wright, on November 30, 1904, and note your suggestion with reference to Mr Smiser serving without pay during the month of December. I heartily agree with you on this score, and trust Mr Smiser will adopt your suggestion and tender his services, and you may say to him that I very much desire that he do so.

Yours truly,

Wm. Chief C.M.

Nov. 23, 1904.

Hon. J. G. Ralls,

Atoka, I. T.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst, you are advised that all the patents that have been prepared by the Dawes Commission and forwarded, through the Attorneys of the Nation, to this office have been signed by me and forwarded to the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation for his signature. When his signature has been secured the delivery of these patents will be made.

I would be pleased to have you advise me where you got the information you speak of in your letter.

Yours truly,

Nov. 24, 1904.

Governor D.H. Johnson,

Emmett, I.T.

Dear Governor:

Referring to the matter of the settlement between the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, I have to advise that I have instructed the Commissioners representing this Nation to be prepared to meet your Commission, at Atoka, Ind. Ter., on December 12, 1904, for the purpose of making this settlement; and the purpose of this letter is to inquire of you whether or not this date will be ~~convenient~~ for your Commission to meet.

Please advise me by return mail if this arrangement meets your approval, as I have already instructed my Commission to meet on that date, and if the arrangement is not satisfactory I will stop them.

Very truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Nov.24,1904.

Hon.D.C.McCurtain,

S.McAlester,I.T.

Dear son:

I have today written Gov.Johnson requesting that he have his Commission meet you boys at Atoka on Dec.12,1904,and as soon as I hear from him I will let you know what he says. Hold yourself in readiness to go there on that date.

Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

Nov.24,1904.

Honorable W.H.Ansley,
Choctaw Delegate,
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request that you be given instructions,as the Delegate of the Choctaw Nation to Washington D.C.,as to the policy-you are to pursue relative to legislation concerning the Choctaw people,before the Congress of the United States;and as to matters of interest to the Choctaw people that may come before the various Departments of the United States Government,I have to say:

Under the present treaties our tribal Government ceases to exist on March 4,1906;and it occurs to me that it would be advisable to secure legislation continuing the present officers of the Choctaw Nation in their respective offices until that time. They were all elected by the people by overwhelming majorities for the purpose of winding up this estate,and by securing this legislation it will obviate the expense incident to another election.

The recent attempt to sell the segregated coal lands under sealed bids has demonstrated to my mind its impossibility. It is my desire that this land be sold at public auction,as provided in the Supplementary Agreement,with this amendment,'That it be sold in 40 acre tracts,with no limitations as to how much each person shall buy.

It is also very important that final settlement be made

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by the United States Government, with the Choctaw people, before March 4, 1906, and you are instructed to use every effort in your power to this end.

There will, from time to time, arise other matters with reference to which I will instruct you, but the three subjects mentioned above are, to my mind the vital ones, and should receive your earnest attention.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

McCurtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South McAlester, I. T.

November 24th 1904

Governor Green McCurtain,

K i n t a. I. T.

Dear Father:-

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you ask me to waive notice for taking depositions in the Hattie Parish estate:

In reply will say, that the procedure, as I understand it, is for the party having a claim against the estate to present said claim for allowance to the administrator, duly verified, in accordance with the statutes. If the claim is not allowed and classified by the administrator, the party having the claim shall present his claim to the court for allowance, giving the administrator ten days' notice, and it is in this event only that any evidence is to be taken in proof of claim. So, in this case, I would suggest that Mrs. Garvin first present her claim to the administratrix, setting forth each item distinctly and the credits, if any, thereon; and she should append to this account an affidavit of its justice, which may be made by herself or other person. The affidavit should state that nothing has been paid or delivered towards the satisfaction of the demand except what is credited thereon, if any credits there be, and that the sum demanded is justly due. The account fixed up in this manner should be presented to the administratrix and if she disallows it then the recourse of the demandant is to present the claim to the court, as aforesaid.

Your son,

A. C. McCurtain