

Executive Office, Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kinta, I. T., Aug. 2, 1905. 190

Honorable Dana H. Kelsey,
United States Indian Agent,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

I have to enclose herewith complaint of I. S. Lowrey, Dist. Collector for the 1st District of the Choctaw Nation, against one John Joseph, a merchant doing business in the Choctaw Nation, at Wilburton I. T., who has failed and refused to comply with the law by paying the royalties due the nation.

I therefore have to request that the place of business of said Joseph, at Wilburton, I. T., be closed. This man has been a source of great annoyance to the officers of the Choctaw Nation and it would be highly appreciated to have your office deal with him in a prompt and vigorous manner.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief Choctaw Nation.

Coalgate Commercial Club.

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Coalgate, Ind. Ter.

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Dear Mr. Christian

Kindly return the enclosed & let me know what your pleasure is in the matter. I am in a position to repeat the action of July 8th & return at once by Special Train, however, for some time I feel in the matter. As to myself I could not take a leading part.

Yesterday's election in Atoka shows that John Harrison was elected over Ben Lawrence for representation. I am the only one that opposed Harrison & had an up hill job especially with the full bloods. The freedmen would not vote unless paid a 1.00 each & on this is against the principles of the Indiana Party? I told them that there was nothing doing! John Harrison being a defaulter no doubt your father will name a suitable man in his place.

The Land Office will be moved away from Anderson & to the Choctaw Station. I have not heard from Mr. Johnson or Mr. Muley but I learn that Percy Freeman still from So Town Mr. Johnson Muley & others had a caucus in Tishomingo on Monday. You also see what William says that Mr. Johnson is against double stock. I expect there is something doing with Mr. Johnson & the Clayton Board, they may be trying to locate office at Anderson.

Very truly yours A. E. Perry.

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

Aug., 4, 1905.

Gov. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, Ind. Ty.

Dear Father:

Some time ago Ed. Perry approached me on the proposition of moving the land office to Coalgate in the event there was a consolidation of the Choctaw and Chickasaw offices; it seems that there has been some pretty strong talk in official circles of putting both land offices in one at some convenient point, and Ed was interested, of course, in getting the location at Coalgate. I told him I had nothing in the world to do with that, and the only person in this Nation who would probably be consulted would be the Principal Chief. I am in receipt of a letter this morning from Perry, which I enclose herewith for your information. According to the statements therein contained, it seems to be Perry's idea that Gov. Johnston is training a little with the Clayton crowd now. Ed thinks it is altogether with reference to the location of the land office; but if it be true that Johnston is exchanging bouquets with the Clayton clique, I think it is for another reason perhaps of more personal interest to the Governor than the location of the land office. I also enclose clipping from the Muskogee Phoenix, that would seem to indicate that Johnston is now trying to make fair weather with some of the parties who have been his erstwhile enemies, such as Ledbetter, Suggs, Furman, Cruce and that outfit. It

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is not at all difficult to see the method of such move, as Johnston and some of his friends are in durance vile, and it has to them become necessary to curry favor with those who have been pursuing them of late. This combination of facts, if they be facts, furnish an explanation of Johnston's conduct in refusing to co-operate with the other Governors in the separate statehood call.

This, the fifteenth recording district, having seven votes will probably send up a delegation of about thirty-five or forty to cast the seven votes at Muskogee. I think this is a capital idea, as it will make a showing of interest, and at the same time not affect the vote to which any one district is entitled. It is also favored that you head the delegation from this, your district.

The convention will be held here next Monday, and I don't know whether to stay here for the convention or go to Kinta to help out on the patents. However, should you think best for me to come to Kinta I will do so. I have no particular interest in staying further than I would just like to be in the convention. I would not expect, of course, to go to Muskogee as a delegate, as I would prefer that you be on the delegation, and one from a family is enough. However, I expect to go to Muskogee when the convention meets as an interested party.

You may treat the mention of Johnston as confidential. We will watch the indications and I think see where the halter binds the gentleman.

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Your son,

D. C. McCurtain

*In reply please refer
to the following.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

UNION AGENCY

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 4, 1905.

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,

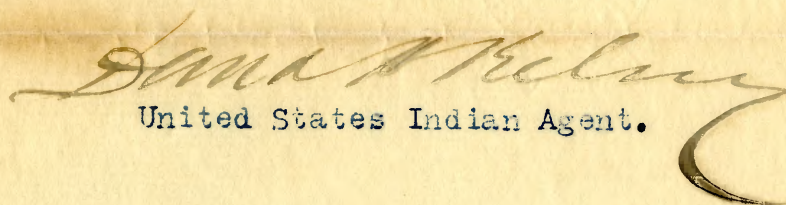
Kinta, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, stating that you will forward me all the laws requested in my communication to you of July 24th, as soon as you can obtain same from your National Secretary.

I desire to thank you very kindly for this courtesy.

Very respectfully,


United States Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
UNION AGENCY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 4, 1904.

J. J. Watkins,
Harris, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of petition for removal of
restrictions upon the sale of the surplus land of

J. J. Watkins

Said petition has this day been filed and numbered
909 to which number you are requested to refer
in future correspondence with this office concerning it.

Respectfully,

J. B. Blair
United States Indian Agent.

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Crawford & Bolen,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,
Citizens Nat. Bank Bldg.,
Ada, I. T.

Ada, Indian Territory 8/10/1906.

Gov. Green Mc/Curtian,
Kinta, I. T.

Dear sir:-

Mrs. Mary Thompson wrote the Indian agent about some money that was drawn in the year 1893 by Rev. Calvin Roberson that belonged to her and her two children, Stella B. and Maude M. Roberson to the amount of \$103.00 each and the agent wrote her that the same had been paid him by the Chicasaw and Choctaw authorities. ^{of which some to you} Calvin Roberson had no authority whatsoever to draw ^{any} this money, and Mrs. Thompson knew nothing of same till in Dec. 1904. And ^{we} advise that you may give us about the matter will be greatly appreciated. We hope that this matter can be arranged so that the parties entitled to the money will not lose same. Kindly let us hear from you as to what can be done and greatly obliged.

Yours truly,

Crawford & Bolen

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., ~~Aug. 10, 1905.~~ 1905

Mr Peter J. Hudson, Auditor,

Tushkahoma, I.T.

Sir:--

As provided by BILL NO.17, of the Acts of the regular session of the Choctaw National Council at its 1904 session, you are hereby directed to issue your National Warrant, in favor of Hill & Brizolara, for the sum of \$1,000.00, as provided in said act, and forward the same to them at Ft. Smith, Ark.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.W.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR

FOR

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Muskogee, Ind. T., August 10, 1905.

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Hon. Green McCurtain,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, Ind. Ter.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 8, 1905, with reference to non-citizens on segregated coal lands in the vicinity of Lehigh and Coalgate who, you state, are cutting timber and removing stone therefrom; also cultivating land and you suggest the plan adopted in and near the McAlester district be applied to the locality above referred to.

Replying thereto, I have to advise you that I have this day referred your letter to the Mineral Trustees with instructions for them to ascertain the facts as soon as practicable and have also referred a copy to the U. S. Indian Agent, Union Agency, in order that his police can look into the matter also and notify parties located thereon or committing depredations the same as in other cases.

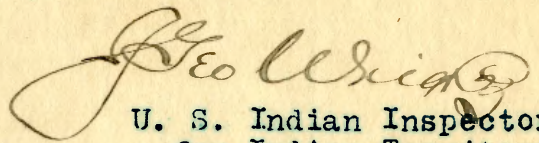
In this connection, I have to advise you that I discussed the situation with reference to non-citizens on these segregated lands, who are there under leases with citizens who had improvements there, with Mr. D. C. McCurtain and asked him to discuss the matter

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with you and I trust that the whole procedure as outlined to him will be satisfactory to you.

After talking the matter over with him, if you have any further suggestions in reference thereto, I would be glad to hear from you.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Geo. W. Loring".

U. S. Indian Inspector
for Indian Territory.

JGW(NLR)

Oak Lodge, Ind. Ter., August, 15. 1906.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to write you on the subject of the bill passed by the late Extraordinary Session of the Choctaw Council, which gave Governor McCurtain power to wind up the affairs of the Choctaw people, after the 4. of March, 1906.

This bill, I am informed allowed him a fee not greater than ten per cent, for services, in selling the coal and surplus lands. This is true, I have no doubt, and I consider it an outrage, an imposition on an innocent people and initiatory to depriving the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of a great deal of money, that will belong to them from the sale of these lands.

I think it would be proper for all good citizens to unite on some concerted action that would lead to defeat the final approval of this bill.

In order to accomplish this result, properly and effectively, it would be wise, in my opinion, for the people to meet in a general convention that would publicly denounce this measure and there outline a program, that would be rational and business-like for the defeat of this bill.

I feel, as no doubt you, that it is dangerous to sit down and do nothing and depend entirely on the President's voluntary disapproval. And too the Chickasaw Council might meet next month; that Council might pass a concurrent bill.

I have waited, trying to get a certified copy of this bill, but the National Secretary writes me that the records are locked up at Tuskegee, that it would necessitate him going there to get one and that it would cost me twelve dollars.

I would be glad to have an expression from you on this subject, if in harmony with your views, at your early convenience.

Respectfully yours.

James Bower

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 15th, 1905.

Mrs. Alice Lewis,

Wynnewood, Ind. Ter.

Dear Madam:

Your favor of the 10th ult. to Hon. Green McCurtain, Governor of the Choctaw Nation, has been forwarded to Mr. Robb for his attention, who in turn has requested me, as his counsel, to reply thereto.

I note an extensive correspondence between yourself and your husband and this company respecting Mr. Robb's appointment, and letter from this company to you suggesting that your husband file an application for the appointment of administrator in the Probate Court, and that at the succeeding term of the Court the matter could be taken up, and it might then be decided by the Court who was the proper party to be administrator of the estate. This suggestion you have not seen fit to act upon. It would be impossible for Mr. Robb to abandon the administration of the estate at the present time, even if he desired to do so.

Mr. Robb has leased out the cultivated land that belonged to your grandfather for this year, and is doing his best to make the estate productive.

As you say in one of your letters to the company, it is claimed by your sister that you have no interest in the estate.

Your language is: "my sister keeps a talking around that I have no right to the estate".

At the time that Mr. Robb was appointed at the request of your sister, the claim was made to him by a cousin of yours and of Josephine's that your grandfather when you were married gave to you your part of the estate, and that it was understood that the portion which remained should go to Josephine, and Mr. Robb applied for the administration upon the estate under that impression, not knowing that there was a controversy over the matter between yourself and your sister. He has no interest whatever in that controversy and stands ready to turn over the estate at the proper time to the party who the Court may determine is entitled to receive the same. He will ask for the court's decision in this respect at the next term of the United States Court at Poteau, and the matter will come up upon the hearing of the probate docket at that place. The court meets there on the third Monday in October, and the probate docket will probably not be reached until later in the term.

Mr. Robb, as administrator, can only pay out money or deliver property as he may be directed to do so by the court. As to the \$40.00 to which you refer, he has never been able to draw the same for the reason that his letters of administration read Basil Winlock, whereas your grandfather was enrolled as Brazil Winlock, and it will be necessary for him to have his letters cor-

reoted at the next term of the court at Poteau before the \$40.00 can be drawn. Moreover, there is quite an amount of debts filed against his estate, and while we do not believe that any portion of his land can be used for the payment of his debts, we think that his personal property will be appropriated to that use. It is Mr. Robb's desire to have matters adjusted between yourself and your sister and to turn such portion of the estate as is not subject to your grandfather's debts over to you at the earliest possible moment and this, I am sure, can be attended to at the succeeding term of the court.

Yours truly,

Southern Trust Company,

By

A. J. M. [Signature]
Counsel.

Address reply to

"Legal Department".

Southern Trust Company

Paid up Capital \$400,000

Atoka, Ind. Ter., August 15th, 1905.

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Messrs. McCurtain and Hill,

Attorneys at Law,

South McAlester, Ind. Ter.

Gentlemen:

Your favor to Mr. D. N. Robb of the 14th ult. respecting the complaint of Alice Lewis, of Wynnewood, Indian Territory, has finally reached me for attention. Mr. Robb was appointed administrator of Basil Winlock's estate at the request of his granddaughter Josephine Kincaid, who made the renunciation and in whose behalf it was claimed by other relatives that she was the sole heir, by reason of the fact that the grandfather had made a disposition in favor of his other granddaughter Alice Lewis during his lifetime, and it was only after Mr. Robb's appointment that he became aware that there was a serious controversy between the sisters. Now on May 6th Mrs. Alice Lewis wrote to Mr. Robb that her sister Josephine Kincaid claimed that she, Alice Lewis, had no right to any portion of the estate. Of course, this is a matter with which Mr. Robb has no concern whatever. He only desires to be governed by the orders of the Court.

Mr. Lewis seems to have received some offers from grafters for the purchase of Basil Winlock's land as a "dead claim", and the ill humor seems to spring from the fact that they

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have not been able to dispose of the land, although in fact the administration would not stand in their way if Josephine would join in making the deed. Mr. Robb's appointment was in the name of Basil, whereas the old man is enrolled as Brazil, and, consequently, we have not been able to draw the township money, and now have an application pending at Poteau to have the letters corrected, so that they will read Brazil, when the township money can be drawn. There are a number of creditors in the case and we have been at considerable expense in hunting up the land and some personal property which it was claimed belonged to the estate, but which has never matured, and we do not suppose that either one of the heirs will have any interest in any personal property which might be discovered, but that this will go to the creditors. However, Mr. Robb is very anxious to have the matter of dispute between the two sisters settled, and to turn over the land to them in peace.

I have written to Mrs. Lewis and enclose you a copy of the letter written to her. I also return to you the letter which you forwarded to Mr. Robb, of the 10th ult.

Yours truly,

Southern Trust Company,

By

A. J. Mansley
Counsel.

Address reply to

McCurtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South W. Alister, I. T.

Aug., 17, 1905.

Gov. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, Ind. Ty.

Dear Father:

I herewith return the letter of Alice Lewis addressed to you under date of July 10th, together with letter from Judge Mosely and carbon copy of letter written by him to Alice Lewis. Upon receipt of Alice Lewis' letter from you we immediately took the matter up with Mr. D. N. Robb, and his explanation is contained in the enclosed correspondence.

As you will observe, Mr. Robb stands ready to release his control of this estate whenever the matter is presented to court and its order obtained.

Your son,

D. C. W. Curtain

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GEORGE A. MANSFIELD.
J. F. McMURRAY.
MELVEN CORNISH.

LAW OFFICES OF

MANSFIELD, McMURRAY & CORNISH.

GENERAL COUNSEL FOR
THE CHOCTAW NATION
THE CHICKASAW NATION

South McAlester, Indian Territory, August 17, 1905.

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

Dear Governor:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of
August 14th referring to the citizenship claim of Mrs. Moore.

We shall give the matter careful attention and take such steps
as may be necessary to protect the interests of the Choctaw and
Chickasaw Nations in the matter.

With best wishes for your health, we are,

Your friends,

Dictated.

George A. Mansfield, J. F. McMurray, Melven Cornish

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Coleman I.I.

Aug 18th 1905

Hon Green McCurtain

Kinta I.I.

Dear Sir - My friend
I received your kind
letter in reply to my letter
asking you to assist me
in trying to get the
Commission to allow
you to relinquish the
filing of my wife and
children, I am very
glad that you was
willing to assist me
in this matter, and I regret
very much that my
condition was such
that I had to ask to be

allowed to relinquish,
 I believe that I made
 the worst mistake I ever
 made in my life
 when I made this selection
 for my family and
 I don't think that I
 am hardly responsible
 under the circumstances,
 The land at that time was
 tied up in such a manner
 the Grangers and other people
 that were in with them
 that it seemed impossible
 for me to find land
 that was hardly worth
 filing on, and being
 sick at the time and
 wore out I just thought

-ht that I would make
 the best of what I could
 get near Home And get
 out of the trouble, I am
 honest in this matter ^{and}
 my only object is to try
 to get what is due my
 family. I can get better
 land now, plenty of
 it. And it would be too
 bad for my family
 to have to keep this
 land that I have selected
 for them. They had
 just as well have
 nothing. This thing
 bothered me day and
 night, I made my
 application for


relinquishment several
 days before writing
 you and I also wrote
 the Commission at
 Muskogee explaining
 every^{thing} the best I could,
 and I have never
 heard from the
 Department, I turned
 my Certificates to the
 Commission^{at} Atoka.
 If you possibly can do
 anything more than you
 have all ready done
 in helping me out in
 this matter you will
 sure do good for
 your friend, and I
 believe you have



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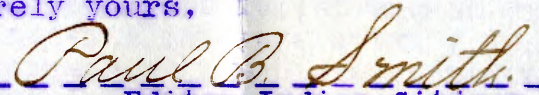
ATOKA, IND. TER., Aug. 21, 1905.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Prin. Chief Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Indian Territory.
Honorable Sir:-

Since the adjournment of the special session of the Choctaw National Council at which session the power was give to you to represent the Nation in the disposal of coal and surplus lands, I have noticed considerable comment in the press in regard to the compensation that you are to receive for this work. I have also been asked many times personally about the matter and am in receipt of letters, particularly one under recent date from Mr. James Bower of Oak Lodge asking me for information, and also that I should publish definite information in regard to this matter for the general enlightenment of the citizens.

It has been my understanding all the time that the Council did not fix any compensation. However, I would be very glad indeed to receive an expression from you in the matter and to publish whatever you may wish to say in regard to it. It is a matter in which the citizens are naturally interested and they very naturally look to The Indian Citizen for information.

Sincerely yours,


Editor Indian Citizen.

A. E. Perry, President
Dr. J. H. Carson, Vice President

James Covington, Secretary
C. M. Threadgill, Treasurer

COALGATE REPUBLICAN CLUB

COALGATE, IND. TER., August 23, 1905

Dear Sir,

On the suggestion of my husband
A. E. Perry, I am writing to you to obtain the
following much desired information. To
first explain my motive, I am preparing an
article relative to the first and last elected chiefs
of the Choctaws. Will you give me the exact
date of the removal treaty? When and where
was Governor McCurtain ~~born~~ educated?
Can you tell me if he is in any way related
to the Le Flore family? I understand from my
mother, the widow of Col. Tobias Le Flore, there is a
slight connection, I trust you can corroborate
this, as it proves interesting from several points
of view if the first and last chief are of the
same blood.

Will you kindly send me a photograph.

COALGATE REPUBLICAN CLUB

COALGATE, IND. TER., 1905

Governor McCurtain to be used in the article.
Would it be taxing your kindness too far to ask
a list of Choctaw chiefs since the removal?

I trust you will find it practicable to reply
to my questions and send photograph. Mr. Lester,
if you know of any interesting facts concerning
Governor McCurtain you would desire given
prominence do please suggest them.

Thanking you in advance for your
kindness

Sincerely yours,

C. L. F. Perry

Mrs A. E. Perry

Coalgate Ind. Ter.

P.S. - My wife must think
that you are a republican by name
and a friend, that you are
an honest Democrat.

C. L. F. Perry

No relation to the
Leflore family

My great grandfather
was full blooded Scotchman

Great Grand mother

was mother side

Irishman - full blood

on mother side

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER.,

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| Tandy Walker. Alfred Wade. resigned | 2 |
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| Coleman Cole | 4 |
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| Edmund McCurtain | 2 |
| Thompson McKinney | 2 |
| Benzamin Small | |
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| Jefferson Gardner | 2 |
| Ben McCurtain | 4 |
| Gilbert Duke | 2 |
| Green McCurtain | 4 |

Crawford & Bolen.
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law.
Citizens Nat. Bank Bldg.,
Ada, I. T.

Ada, I. T. Aug. 23rd. 1905.

Hon. Gteen Mc/Curtain,
Kinta, I. T.

Dear sir:-

Mrs. Mary Thopson was named ~~xxxxxx~~ Miss Crump before her marriage to Iseral Fulson Riberson of Caddo I. T. who was the son of Calvin Roberson. She has her right through her marriage to Roberson. She insists that she never gave Calvin Roberson her permisssion to collect said Money. The records of the Indian agent shows that he did collect the money for Mrs. Thompson and her two children. How could he have collected same if she as an intermarried citizens was not entitled to it? as you say in your letter. Now in case he had some pretended authority that was not genuine and this could be plainly shown it would not effect her rights in the matter would it?

Some of us will try to be there as you suggested in your letter.

Yours truly,

*She was considered on Cudon
by blood at this time, when money was drawn*

J. M. Bolen

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., Aug., 26, 1905, 1905

Hon. Tams Bixby, Chairman,
Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:

Since my return, I have given careful consideration to the suggestion made by you at Muskogee, that I request the Department to assume the delivery of the patents to the lands of the Choctaw people. I have reached the conclusion that I can never make such a request of the Department. I had hoped that so far as the Choctaw Nation was concerned the deed controversy had been settled. For many months I declined to sign the patents under the impression that the approval of the Department was unauthorized; but I finally yielded that point and made an agreement with the Secretary of the Interior, which I intend to faithfully observe. The execution of that agreement is simply following the law as it is, and I don't see how I can consent to make a request that involves a departure from the law as to the delivery of these patents.

I should deplore any action that would further delay the execution and delivery of the patents, and as long as I adhere to the law and my agreement with the Secretary, I do not think the delay can be laid at my door.

As Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, the last in the history of my people, I feel considerable anxiety about these patents. I am anxious that every Choctaw citizen shall have a deed from his government to the exact land to which he is entitled; and while I

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., _____ 1905

Hon. Tams Bixby 2.

do not at all question the efficiency of those to whom the Department might entrust this work, yet it is natural that I should feel a personal interest in the matter, and be desirous of closing my services to my people by personally, or under my personal direction, delivering to each Choctaw the deed to his land from his government. This is all they can ever expect from their government, and it is the last service that I can perform for them. My interest in this matter led me to yield a former bitter contention over the vigorous protest of others.

I think you will agree with me that I am now following the provisions of the law with reference to this matter, and I do not think I should be called upon to yield further. I am now signing the patents just as fast as my health will permit, and I shall continue to do so, with the hope that the Choctaw people will secure the title to their lands before the dissolution of their government, and the Department will find that I will throw no obstacle in the way of the law providing for that result.

I hold very dear the confidence the Choctaws have in me as their Chief, and from personal contact with them and from numerous expressions I have heard, I know they expect me to deliver the deeds to them or have it done, as that is in accordance with the agreement they ratified. Furthermore, only just recently I came to an understanding with the Secretary in regard to his approval of the patents, and also as to the manner of their return to me for

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., 1905

Hon. Tams Bixby 3.

delivery; now to ask the Secretary to deliver the patents contrary both to the law and my agreement with him, is more than I am willing to ask, and is more than I am willing to do. To turn this matter over to other hands without authority of law, would bring down harsh criticism on my administration, and this I do not wish to incur unnecessarily. Such an arrangement would be a great disappointment to the great mass of my people, and, if done without any authority of law, would lose me their respect and confidence; besides, it would deprive me of a right given me by the law, which I do not wish to surrender.

I have not written Gov. Johnston about this matter, and will not do so, as my understanding from you was that, this was a suggestion from you to me then first made.

Trusting that you fully understand my attitude in the matter, I am,

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

August 26, 1905.

Mr Paul B. Smith, Editor 'Citizen',

Atoka, Indian Territory/

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst, stating that since the adjournment of the special session of the council you had noticed considerable comment in the press with reference to the compensation granted me by Council for the disposition of coal lands, and that James Bower had written you for information along this line.

In reply, will say that in all this agitation, affected and otherwise, there can be no occasion for alarm. The entire matter of disposing of the coal lands, and other public property is within the jurisdiction of the United States Government, and subject to change only by Congress, and is not within the jurisdiction of the tribal authorities. The council did, however, as it had a right to do, designated me to become the representative of the Choctaws in all unsettled matters, after the expiration of the tribal government. This was done because of the fact that after March 4, 1906, the tribe will have no organized existence, and no one to look after the unsettled or unfinished business after that time, as its representative. But at most, the designation of myself or anyone else could have no more force than a suggestion to be adopted or not by the Government with which we will have to deal and which will be the sole and exclusive custodian of our interests.

Very respectfully,

Oklahoma
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St. Louis, Sept. 1, 1905

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Sanbois, I.T.

Dear sir :-

I saw a clipping in the paper a few days ago indicating you were about to get four million dollars from the government. I hope it is true.

Remembering the former transaction and the pleasant relations that existed between us years ago at Sherman, Tex. on a former payment, I turn to you now with the confidence of duty well done and again invite your patronage.

The Commonwealth has practically six million dollars net capital, surplus & undivided profits. You will note the list of directors--many of whom you doubtless know. They are all well known and highly responsible business men, and a number of them millionaires.

I am sure you know that I have been located here about 2, 1/2 years. I am still President of the Merchants & Planters National Bank of Sherman. The M. & P. and Commonwealth could very nicely handle this transaction for you. This company allows 2% on daily balances, 3% subject to notice.

I would like to make another trip to Washington with you at any time, or would come down there to see you and do anything in my power to aid you in the matter. We have strong connections and a great many influential friends. Would be glad to see you in St. Louis too. You may know the Commonwealth has been quite successful. We paid 23% dividends last year and our stock has advanced within a year



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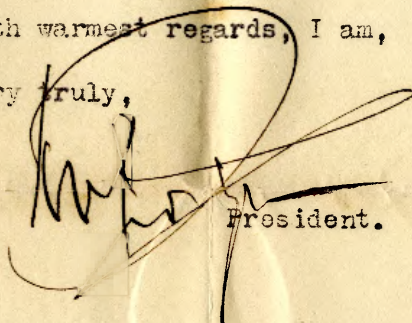
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considerably over \$100 per share.

Hoping to hear from you, and with warmest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,


President.

Sept. 7, 1905.

Bixby, Commissioner,
Gee, Ind. Ter.

Enclose herewith 'Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patents'

and a list of the names of the patentees:

-Joseph H. H. H.

-Lucy Billy-

Yours truly,

Green McCurain,
Prin. Chf. J. C. H.

Sept. 8, 1905.

Honorable Tams Bixby, Commissioner,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Enclosed with enclosure, for the approval of the Department,
homestead patents as follows:

5623-William G. Garland,
5624-Joseph G. Garland
5625-James C. Garland
5626-Raymond Garland
5627-Louviere Garland-
5628-Myrtle Garland.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

MCKENNON & DEAN
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
SOUTH MCALISTER, IND. TER.
KALHINLA BUILDING

September 8, 1905.

Rev. Joseph Jackson,

Whitefield, AL. T.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Bertha McKinney has written us regarding a letter she received from her tenant, Mr. Booth, telling her that you and Mrs. Jackson had been to see him, and had given him certain orders, etc., about the farm he is on, and not to do anything further, as he expresses till after court.

Mrs. McKinney, being away off down in the eastern part of the Territory, has left it to us to look after her interests in the land of her deceased husband, and we write to suggest to you ~~to you~~ and Mrs. Jackson that we will do our very best to help you and Mrs. McKinney to decide just what the rights of each one are, and to make the just and proper settlement between you. If you will ask Gov. McCurtain, Hon. Geo. W. Scott, or Mr. Edwin Clark, of Stigler, or any of your citizens that know us, we think they will tell you that we are not men who will defraud or knowingly mislead you in any way.

And, if you will keep out of court as to this land, and these questions, we will see that Mrs. McKinney does the same, till we can have time to fully understand each other, and the law and facts of the case, and when we do this it is very probable that we can enable you to agree on all matters between you.

We would like to hear from you, to know how you are disposed to treat these suggestions, also, to hear any other thing you may have to say concerning any of these matters.

Very truly yours,

McKennon & Dean

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 12, 1905.

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

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 7, 1905, enclosing Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 4562 to Joseph Jackson, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 4563 to Caroline Jackson and Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 5371 to Nancy Billy.

You are advised that the above patents will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 13, 1905.

Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 8, 1905, inclosing Choctaw-Chickasaw homestead patent No. 5623 to William G. Garland; Choctaw-Chickasaw homestead patent No. 5624 to Joseph G. Garland; Choctaw-Chickasaw homestead patent No. 5625 to James C. Garland; Choctaw-Chickasaw homestead patent No. 5626 to Raymond Garland; Choctaw-Chickasaw homestead patent No. 5627 to Louviana Garland and Choctaw-Chickasaw homestead patent No. 5628 to Myrtle Garland.

You are advised that the above patents will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

W. O. Beale

Acting Commissioner.

ORGE A. MANSFIELD.
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LIVEN CORNISH.

LAW OFFICES OF
MANSFIELD, Mc MURRAY & CORNISH.

GENERAL COUNSEL FOR
THE CHOCTAW NATION
THE CHICKASAW NATION

South McAlester, Indian Territory, September 13, 1905.

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

Dear Governor:

We herewith return the letter of the Oklahoma Press Clipping Bureau. These people have been writing us from time to time and it is nothing more than a game of hold-up. Pay no attention whatever to their letters as we owe them nothing and you owe them nothing.

Sincerely yours,

Mansfield McMurray Cornish

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., ~~September 15th~~ 1905

Honorable Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I approve of those portions of the charges presented to your Department against Judge Thomas C. Humphrey that relate to a conspiracy for the sale of timber belonging to Choctaw minors at inadequate prices, and desire that they should be prosecuted.

Mr. E.P. Hill, of the firm of McCurtain & Hill, which firm represented the Choctaw minors generally in the United States courts at the time of such sale, is also familiar with the facts upon which these charges are based, and he is authorized to submit the matter to the Department.

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

Sept. 26, 1905.

Honorable Tams Bixby, Commissioner,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

I herewith enclose Homestead Patents No. 5621 and 5622,
favor of Sophia and Peggy Garland respectively, which are respect-
fully forwarded to you for the purpose of sending the same to the
Department for approval.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C. J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
UNION AGENCY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 29, 1904.

J.J. Watkins,
Harris, Indian Territory.

Sir: -

Replying to your letter of September 24, 1904, in the matter of your petition for the removal of restrictions, Number 909, you are advised that the same has been forwarded for consideration to the Secretary of the Interior, of whose action you will be promptly notified.

Respectfully,

J. H. Thompson

United States Indian Agent.

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he following.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 20, 1905.

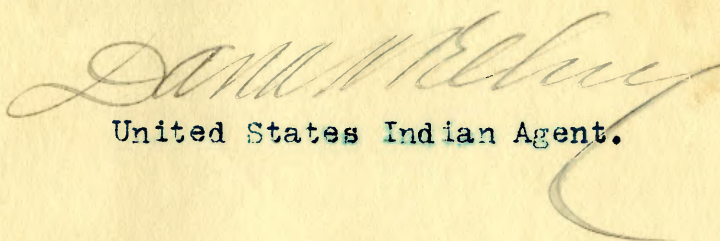
Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Indian Territory.

Sir:

As directed by the Department, after the matter has been thoroughly and fully considered by the Assistant Attorney General and the Comptroller of the Treasury, I have advertised the payment of townsite funds to be made to Mississippi-Choctaws to commence at Atoka on November 1st. I inclose a number of the notices herewith which I would thank you to send to any persons that you think would be interested.

I would also be glad to have you give me the names of one or two responsible Mississippi-Choctaws that I can rely upon to identify these Indians at the different paying places; or any other suggestions you have to make would be appreciated.

Very respectfully,



United States Indian Agent.

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Inclosures.

MISSISSIPPI-CHOCTAW PAYMENT

Notice is hereby given that the United States Indian Agent at Union Agency will, on Wednesday, November 1, 1905, commence the distribution of \$40.00 percapita of the ^{Choctaw-Chickasaw} townsites funds to Mississippi-Choctaw Indians whose names appear upon the roll duly approved by the Secretary of the Interior, such payment to be made at the following named towns in the order given:

ATOKA, BOSWELL and DURANT in the Choctaw Nation, and ARDMORE in the Chickasaw Nation.

The disbursement will be under the same rules and regulations as the Choctaw and Chickasaw Townsite payment recently made. The citizens must present themselves in person at one of the towns named. Powers of attorney will not be recognized. Where legal guardians for minors have been appointed, certified copy of letters of guardianship must be presented and in case of the death of a Mississippi-Choctaw since enrollment, payment will be made to the administrator upon presentation of certified copy of his letters of administration. Only letters of guardianship or administration issued by United States Courts will be accepted.

DANA H. KELSEY,

United States Indian Agent,
Union Agency.

Muskogee, Ind.Ter.

October 20, 1905.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

UNION AGENCY,

Muskogee, Indian Territory 10/31, 1904

J. J. Watkins,

Harris, Indian Territory.

Sir:

You are advised that the petition of
yourself, for the removal of restrictions upon the alienation of your allotment, has been disapproved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

J. B. P.

United States Indian Agent,

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 14, 1905.

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 10, 1905, inclosing Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 346 to Joe Ott, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 347 to Fannie Ott, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 348 to Gillam Ott, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 349 and Allotment Patent No. 257 to Dora Ott, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 5036 to Joseph Garland, Sr., Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 5037 and Allotment Patent No. 3537 to Malissa Garland, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 5038 and Allotment Patent No. 3538 to Frank Garland, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 5039 and Allotment Patent No. 3539 to Janie Garland, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 5040 to Stella V. Garland, Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 6023 to Bennie Donald and Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 6027 to Lena May Garland.

You are advised that the above patents will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

TOM RANDOLPH, PRESIDENT.
R.A. CHAPMAN, VICE PRESIDENT. T.U. COLE, VICE PRESIDENT.
T.D. JOINER, VICE PRESIDENT. C.B. DORCHESTER, CASHIER.
W.C. EUBANK, VICE PRESIDENT. F.A. BATSELL, ASST. CASHIER.

The Merchants & Planters National Bank.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITARY

CAPITAL PAID IN \$600,000.00 SURPLUS FUND \$120,000.00

Sherman, Texas.

Nov. 15, 1905.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear Sir:--

It has been suggested by some prominent policy holders, in the East, that Mr. Tom Randolph, President of the Commonwealth Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., would be a good man to represent the interests of the policy holders of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York City, in the Southwest, as a director, in that Society. Believing you to be a warm personal friend of Mr. Randolph, I am going to ask if you will not address a letter to Hon. Grover Cleveland, Chairman of the Trustees, Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York City, asking that Mr. Randolph be elected a director in the Society. As to his pre-eminent fitness for the position, you are fully aware. I would especially request that you do not speak of this matter publicly, as it is deemed advisable to keep it quiet.

Yours very truly,

C. W. Richards

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., Nov. 16, 1905. 1905

The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:--

You will doubtless remember the understanding had between us respecting the delivery of patents in the Choctaw Nation.

On June 19, 1905, I dispatched my son, D.C. McCurtain, to Washington to adjust the controversy then existing over the delivery of these patents. On June 22nd you acknowledged receipt of the letter borne by my son, and among other things stated:

"I have no objection to the request made by you through your son, and have to advise you that the Dawes Commission will be directed to transmit the patents when prepared, direct to you by special messenger, and after the patents have been signed by you, they will be transmitted by the messenger ~~of~~ the Dawes Commission to Governor Johnston, and when signed by him the messenger will return them to the Dawes Commission to be forwarded to the Department for the approval of the Secretary, through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and when approved by the Secretary, will be returned to the Dawes Commission to be recorded and after recording the Commission will send the patents of allotments to Choctaws by messenger to you for delivery to the allottees, and in like manner will transmit to the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation for delivery to the Chickasaw allottees."

This plan was entirely satisfactory to me, and in my judgment afforded a happy solution of the controversy. Pursuant to this understanding the Dawes Commission forwarded patents to me for signature in batches varying from five hundred to three thousand; but I am informed that Governor Johnston, of the Chickasaw Nation, refused to sign the patents unless the Department would agree to assume the Delivery of them. Subsequently Mr Bixby suggested to me that I request the Department to deliver the patents, saying that he had

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

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KINTA, IND. TER., _____ 1905

discussed the matter with you and you were willing for the Department to deliver them at the expense of the Government if it was so desired by Johnston and myself.

I declined to make the request of the Department to deliver the patents for the reason that the law directed that they should be delivered by the Chief of the Choctaw Nation and the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. Since refusing to adopt the suggestion of Mr Bixby, very few patents have been sent to me for signature, and none have been returned to me for delivery.

I therefore write to inquire the cause of the delay in sending the patents to me for signature, and to enquire as well why the patents that have been approved have not been sent to me for delivery in accordance with the understanding had between you and I.

As people are becoming anxious about the patents, and as the law makes me responsible for their delivery to the Choctaw citizens, I feel very great interest in the matter, and would like very much if you would direct that the patents be sent forward for signature as hurriedly as possible, and that others that have been approved be put in my hands for delivery in accordance with the understanding had between us.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

M.S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON.

I.T.D. 10957-1905.

November 27, 1905.

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Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Ind. Ter.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, relative to the delay in the delivery of patents in the Choctaw Nation, and you are advised that the same has been referred to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for report.

Respectfully,

H. C. Ryan
First Assistant Secretary.

M.S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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Kinta, Ind. Ter.

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Respectfully,

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First Assistant Secretary.

MISSOURI IRON COMPANY,

WELLS BUILDING, 509 OLIVE STREET.

ST. LOUIS.

Nov. 14, 1905.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Chief of the Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir:

An election is about to be held by the New York Equitable Life Assurance Society for Directors. I do not know whether you are a policy holder in that Society, but I learn from a mutual acquaintance that you are a friend of Mr. Tom Randolph. At a meeting of some of the policy holders of that institution in this section, he was unanimously chosen as our selection for a position on that Board.

I write to ask if you will not kindly address a letter to Hon. Grover Cleveland, Chairman of the Trustees, Equitable Life Assurance Society, New York, setting forth the unusual fitness of Mr. Randolph for such a position, owing to his high character, sterling worth, and honesty, mentioning the esteem in which he is held in your section; and if you are a policy holder, urging his election to the Board. If the names of any occur to you who could be of assistance in the premises, wont you kindly request them to do likewise?

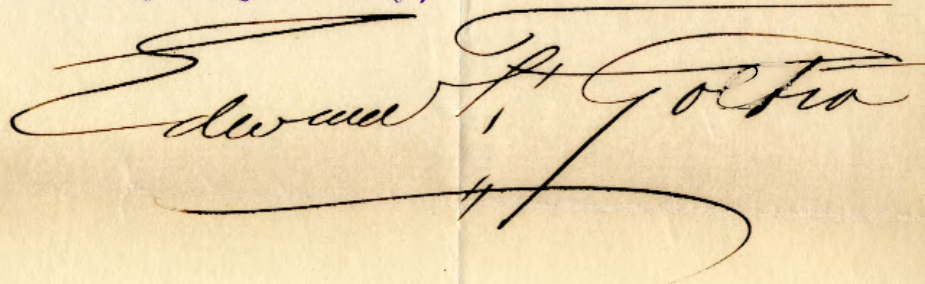
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Since Mr. Randolph has been with us in charge of one of our principal financial institutions, he has given the most unquestioned evidence of his honesty, high character, and ability, and we want him on that Board.

Please urge any you may address on this subject to keep same strictly confidential, as it is important that it does not become known to the Press at this time.

Kindly have your secretary drop me a note advising me of your receipt of this communication, that I may know it has not gone astray.

Yours very respectfully,

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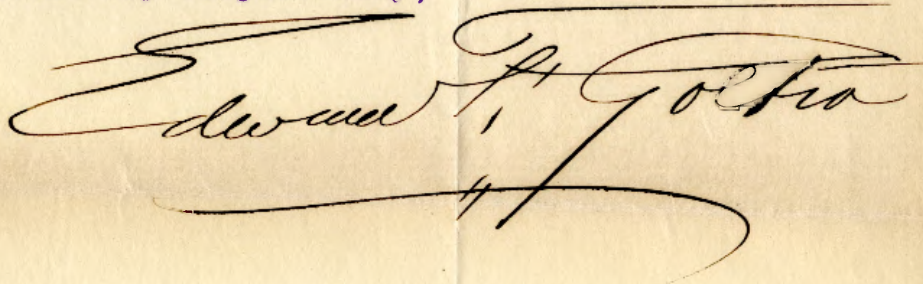
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., _____ 1905

Hon Governor Cleveland Assurance
Chairman Trustee Equitable Life Society

New York

N.Y.

Sir,

While I am not a policy holder
in the Equitable Society, I feel a
keen interest in its welfare, because
I have very many friends in this
Section who are among its policy
holders. It has been suggested
~~that~~ by my interested friends, that
Mr Tom Randolph President of the
Commonwealth Trust Company, St Louis
Mo, be ^{elected} ~~named~~ as one of the
directors of the Society, I have
known Mr Randolph for many
years, and entertain for him the

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~~the~~ ~~brightest~~ ~~ballroom~~, ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~man~~
of exceptional character, sterling integrity
& moral worth. It certainly affords
me much pleasure to furnish this
tribute in behalf of Mr Randolph.
~~He is a~~ ~~man~~

No safer man could be found
to represent the public holders
in the Southwest, and for that
reason I earnestly hope that he
may be elected as desired.

Very Respectfully

Prin Chief

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., 1905

[Handwritten initials]

To The President -

The General Council
of the Choctaw Nation most respectfully
represents ~~it~~ that the
Treaty heretofore

[Faint handwritten text]

The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S.

HENRY B. HYDE, FOUNDER.

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES

GROVER CLEVELAND

MORGAN J. O'BRIEN

GEORGE WESTINGHOUSE

GEORGE F. PARKER, SECRETARY

120 Broadway, New York. Nov. 27, 1905

Green McCurtain, Esq.,

Executive Office, Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of Nov. 23, addressed to Mr. Cleveland,
as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has been received. Its
contents have been carefully noted, especially your recommendation
of Mr. Tom Randolph, of St. Louis, Mo., for election as a
director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society. It will be
given due consideration by the Trustees at their next meeting.

Very truly yours,

George F. Parker,

Secretary to the Trustees.

MISSOURI IRON COMPANY,

WELLS BUILDING, 509 OLIVE STREET.

ST. LOUIS. November 27, 1905.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to thank you for your compliance with the request to address a note recommendatory of Mr. Tom Randolph to the Honorable Grover Cleveland in re of his selection by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York. So many letters of compliance have we received that I am compelled to make one acknowledgment and reply to all.

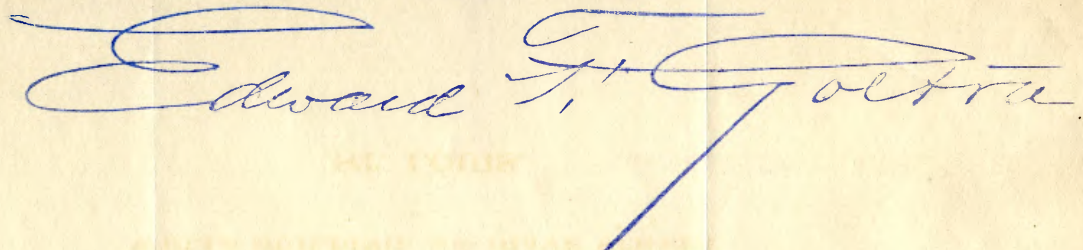
In addition to what you have done, if the name or names of any other policy holders in the Equitable occur to you, you would place us under renewed obligations if you would enlist his or their support in our efforts.

The replies received are one grand chorus of the confidence and esteem in which Mr. Randolph is held by honorable men in almost every station of life throughout the southwestern section of our country.

It is a great thing to have words of encomium expressed after the actor has passed from the stage, but it is a far greater thing, and most unusual, to be so worthy as to have them expressed prior thereto.

When the election shall have been held, then these letters will be delivered to Mr. Randolph, and irrespective as to whether he is chosen, I can confidently say that no greater heritage can fall to his children than these same words of testimonial from his fellow-citizens.

Very respectfully,

Edward J. Goltz

United States Court,
Central District, Indian Territory.
Atoka, Ind. Ter.

AS C. HUMPHRY,
Judge.

Durant, I. T., 11/27/05.

Governor McCurtain,

Tuskahoma, I. T.

Dear Governor:-

I am not advised as to whether Mr. D. C. McCurtain has gone to Washington or is with you at Tuskahoma. If he is still there, I would like very much if he could devote sometime in looking at the allotments and improvements upon a number of the Indian children's allotments where Prof. Henshaw is guardian and Dr. McKalup is renting. The lease contracts were received by me and they have all been disapproved by me, as I will not stand by and see the Indian children robbed of their rentals from their allotments.

I have to-day written the Indian Agent and asked that he furnish me some one to visit and make a personal examination of these so-called improvements, and unless the Indian Agent will furnish me some one I will be obliged to call on you to arrange that some inspector be appointed to visit the allotments and examine the improvements and report same to me.

I want to thank you personally for endorsement made by the Choctaw Council.

Yours very truly

Thos. C. Humphry

Thos. C. Humphry

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCMAH NATION

GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, IND. TER., Nov. 28, 1905. 1905

McCurtain & Hill,

S. McAlester, I.T.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of the following letter from

Humphrey:

"I am not advised as to whether Mr D.C. McCurtain has come to Washington, or is with you at Tushkahoma. If he is still there I would like very much if he could devote some time in looking at the allotments and improvements upon a number of the Indian children's allotments where professor Wenshaw is guardian and Mr McAlester is renting. The lease contracts are received by me today and they have all been dis-approved by me, as I will not stand by and see the children robbed of their rentals from their allotments. I have written today the Indian Agent and asked that he furnish me some one to visit and make a personal examination of these so-called improvements and unless the Indian Agent will furnish me someone I will be obliged to call on you to arrange that some inspector be appointed to visit allotments and examine the improvements and report same to me."

It is absolutely necessary that something be done to protect these people. It might be well for you to call on the company at Atoka and see if the company he represents can not lend the sort of aid to get out of the clutches of the people who oppress them. Please attend to this at once, in addition to the Herio matter, as I feel that these people have been so oppressed to such extent that they dare not complain.

Yours truly,

Green McCurtain.

Dec. 5, 1905.

Honorable Tams Bixby, Commissioner,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

I enclose herewith patents for the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, as follows:

Homestead 2383-Nicholas Nail
 2384-Amy Nail
 2385-Lucy Nail
Allotment 1689-Nicholas Nail
 1714-Amy Nail
 1690-Lucy Nail.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the same and oblige,

Yours truly,

prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Washington, D.C.,

Dec. 5, 1905

Gen Green McCurtain,
Minta, Ind. Ter.

Dear Father,

He arrived here Thais
giving night.

The Secretary has a com-
mittee engaged in the preparation
of a bill to wind up Indian Ter-
ritory affairs. I was before the
Committee Saturday as was also
The Cherokee and Creek Commissioners
Wright and Bixby are in constant
attendance on the Committee. I was
before the Committee again yesterday.
Can't tell yet what kind of a bill
this Committee will recommend,
but I am inclined to think the

not receiving any more patents for
signature please send me a copy
of his letter.

Write me care Metropolitan
as I am not yet pronounced
located.

Yours son,

D. C. Curran

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DEALER IN

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General Merchandise and Live Stock

Kinta, Indian Territory

December 7, 1906.

Green McCurtain,

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The hotel is crowded somewhat and if you would not object I would be glad to put a couple of beds in one of those offices over the bank; the one that is vacant, until a time when you will have use for it.

We are getting along very nicely at the hotel to begin with and I think will continue to like it even better later on.

Very respectfully,

George W. Scott

gws/lrr

Dec. 8, 1905.

Hon. D. C. McCurtain,

Washington, D. C.

Dear son:

I have your letter of the 5th inst, and note fully what you say. I received a letter from Thomas Ryan, 'First Assistant Secretary', dated Nov. 27, 1905, as follows:

"The Department is in receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, relative to the delay in the delivery of patents in the Choctaw Nation, and you are advised that the same has been referred to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for report."

On November 28th, I received 2500 patents for execution since which time I have heard nothing from the Commissioner.

I wrote you the other day enclosing copies of bills passed which I suppose you have received ere this. I have been killing hogs and am very busy but will write you further, later.

Your father,