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Hon J George Wright
N S Inspector
Muskegon IT

Sir,

In compliance with the
notice dated at Muskegon IT June
29th 1907 - Authorizing all parties
who hold Choctaw Warrants to ~~forward~~
regularly received by the Choctaw Nation
and ^{that} have not heretofore been paid by Tribal
Authorities should forward at present the
same to ~~the N S Inspector~~ your
Office ^{at the earliest possible date} herewith enclosed the following
Warrants to wit:

These warrants were issued to me out
of the contingent fund of the principal
Chief and entered my salary as assistant
Secretary to the Principal Chief ~~principal Secretary~~
Very Respect,

LIST OF CASES IN WHICH PETER J. HUDSON, AS CURATOR WITH THE SOUTHERN TRUST COMPANY AS SURETY ON HIS BONDS, MADE FINAL REPORT AND TURNED IN THE MONEY DUE THE MINORS TO THE CLERK UNDER ORDER OF THE COURT.

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<u>No. Case</u>	<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE WARD.</u>
725-	Simeon Bond	\$79.59-Pd. Clerk
736-	(Phoebe Cooper (Turned in receipt	89.28)
"	(Lucy Cooper of C. Wasson, Curator)	.84)
749	Noel Wall (Turned in receipt of Was-	2.02
	son, as Curator)	
722-	Salina Battiest	1.98-Pd. Clerk
725	Allen Bond (Court refused to recog-	
	nize receipt of Skinner,	
	as Curator)	38.69-Yet Due Ward.
735-	Wisey Burdip	61.94-Pd. Clerk
745-	Ida McKinney	1372.91-Pd. Clerk
746-	John McKinney	34.70-Pd. Clerk
748-	Shlemanhoka	18.92-Pd. Clerk.
"	Edmond Fobb (Court refused to re-	
"	Lawson Fobb cognize receipts of	Do not know Amount
	Skinner, as Curator)	
888-	Rosa Austin	.82-Pd Clerk
893	Julia Woolery	58.70-Pd. Clerk
"	John Woolery (Court refused to	
"	Carlston Woolery recognize receipts of	Do not know Amount.
	Skinner, as Curator.)	
1363-	Joel King	63.63-Pd. Clerk
1378-	Elias Push (Administration)	1.00-Pd. Clerk

TO THE INDIAN CITIZEN.

I notice in last weeks Citizen a communication from J G Ralls addressed "to the Choctaw and Chickasaw people" in which he criticises the attorneys fee allowed by the Citizenship Court to Mansfield McMurray and Cornish under a contract which stipulated twice the amount fixed by the court.

Mr Ralls appears to be very indignant over the matter and indulges in many invidious comparisons to the great disadvantage of the attorneys aforesaid. He names other attorneys who had received only \$5,000 per year stipend and were satisfied with it, and it remained for the attorneys under discussion, to shatter all precedents by demanding a contract calling for nine per cent for all property restored to the tribe or to quote Mr Ralls "all that they could beat the Court Citizens out of." Mr Ralls does not state the case fairly to the Choctaw and Chickasaw people, He does not state that it looked to him like a forlorn hope, when the contract was entered into; He does not tell the people that he addresses, that very nearly every reputable lawyer in and out of the Territory, insisted that the Court Citizen could not be disturbed and he (Ralls) boasted that "he would rather be a court citizen with a final judgement than a full blood Choctaw Indian". His clamor for a square deal now, can be appropriately likened, to the devil quoting scripture and have about the same effect ^{as to the result} of that historical event. If there is one man more than another ~~that~~ in the Choctaw Nation, who is responsible for the establishment of the Citizenship Court, that man is J G Ralls. He secured by hook or crook the enrollment of more adventurers than any other attorney known to the writer. The records of the Citizenship Court are eloquent with the corrupt and despicable methods that he employed. His standing witness was brought to bay, and the black scoundrels villiany exposed; whether Mr Ralls knew the character of the standing witness, with which he sought to fill the property of the Choctaw and Chickasaw people, I leave the public to judge.

The "square deal" of which he speaks evidently means that he failed to secure the patents to the court citizens surplus lands as contemplated by his contracts ~~with~~ made to that effect. It may be that his vanity or pride has been punctured in seeing the cherished opinions, with which he has long fooled his credulous clients go ~~gl~~ glimmering; or it may be that that he is suffering with a stricken conscience for things done beyond recall, it is very certain that he is not sincere when he says that he is in favor of a square deal, as that axiom ^{if put in motion} would remove him from public gaze for many years.

His sole purpose at present, seems to be in the direction of ~~heaping~~ heaping abuse upon the attorneys who have restored stolen property to its rightful owners less 4 and 1/2 per cent. Strange logic in a lawyer? His frenzied attempt to protect the "forsaken people ~~from~~ from the combined effort to rob them" has almost as much humor in it, as the announcement of the train robber that he would take up ~~an~~ involuntary collection for religious purposes.

The covert attack of Ralls on Gov McCurtain and Gov Johnson needs no defense. The court citizens who Ralls insisted could not be disturbed in their rights were stricken from the rolls and over ^{eighteen million} ~~millions~~ of dollars saved to the Choctaw and Chickasaw people. This was accomplished in spite of the efforts of Ralls and other attorneys who had large interests in maintaining their status, and the spectacle of Ralls trying to pose in the limelight of public opinion as an apostle of "a square deal" renders that good maxim a howling farce. This sudden reformation of Ralls shocks ~~our~~ our sensibilities? It smacks more of revenge. Let him out with the truth; its a pretty narrow article and he can tell it in a few lines. For the sake of decency he ought not to appeal to the Choctaw and Chickasaw people to restore his court claimants in order to get even with the attorneys who restored stolen property. This is the opinion of the people and it embraces in its outlines the famous phrase that all honest men are in favor of a square ~~xxx~~ deal.

not to count a rehearsal of the
downing testimony and presentation
that appears of record in connection
with the attempt to enroll
court claimants

all claimants to be made of public records

The further statement of Ralls to the effect that the fee claimed by the attorneys was one million dollars and that it was only through his efforts that it, was reduced to \$750,000 and that as a net result the nations were saved \$540,0000. This statement is not only mathematically incorrect, but is pure fiction. That Ralls ~~could~~ ^{did} or could do anything, that would materially change the findings of the court is perfectly absurd and receives absolutely no credence, from those who were present and witnessed the proceedings. ^{So} ~~And~~ the Christmas present that he presents to the Choctaw and Chickasaw people is a very poor quality of hot air. In the final summary of the issue involved; the motive that prompts Ralls, is not a desire for a square deal, in that event, the restoration of over \$18,000000 of property to its rightful owners would commend itself. His motive must be found in another direction. It may be attributable to the chagrin and disgust that he naturally feels over being outwitted; or it may happen that the lands and hereditaments ^{which seemed to be almost within his grasp} which occupied his day dreams of deep thought and his night dreams of fancy and upon which, his imagination has feasted for years, only to see these fond hopes rudely and unceremoniously dashed to death is enough in itself, to awaken all the cynicism of his refined nature. I therefore plead in his behalf, and will ask the generous public to deal with him leniently. Although it can be denied that he rushes in occasionally, and publishes ~~in the language~~ things which in the language of Josh Billings "he knows aint so".

D.C. McCURTAIN.

E. P. HILL.

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

Jan., 4, 1907.

Gov. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, Ind. Ty.

Dear Father:

Mr. S. A. Mills handed me the enclosed petition in behalf of Jonas James for a pardon, which he asked me to send to you for signature if you would sign same. It seems that Mrs. McClendon, of Atoka, has undertaken to get a pardon for young James, and as the first step she is circulating this petition for signers. I am not acquainted with the circumstances of the charge upon which James was sentenced further than is disclosed by the petition. If you conclude to sign the petition or whether you do or not you can return same to me.

Your son,

What about that last letter I prepared for you to Inspector D. McCurtain Wright? Has any agreement been reached looking to the payment of the warrant?

TO THE PERSON RECEIVING THIS LETTER:—Do not come to visit prisoners on Sundays, Washington's Birthday, Lincoln's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas or Saturday afternoon. **You will not be admitted.** Parties corresponding with prisoners must carefully comply with the following directions, **VIZ: Write plainly in the English Language only.** Confine yourself strictly to family or business affairs. Correspondence about criminal and indecent matters will not be tolerated. In addressing letters and newspapers, **write the prisoner's full name and register number plainly in ink on the envelope or newspaper wrapper in order to insure the prisoner receiving them.** All letters and newspapers **improperly addressed will be returned to the Postoffice.** Do not write anything on newspapers, magazines, books, etc. Postage stamps and stamped envelopes will not be admitted. Postage stamps are furnished by the Government. Daily and weekly newspapers of a respectable character, magazines, religious papers and books, family photographs, comb, brush, tooth powder or soap, tooth brush, small hand mirror, suspenders and plain white handkerchiefs are admitted during the prisoner's good conduct. In sending letters, newspapers, books, etc., use postage stamps enough to insure delivery. All letters, papers, books, magazines, etc., are closely examined before being delivered to prisoners. Money may be sent by draft or postal order. If sent in any other way will be at sender's risk. All moneys received will be kept in the office to the prisoner's credit and paid to him on his release, or it may be sent on his order, upon the approval of the Warden, to his relatives and friends. **No eatables, liquids tobacco or cigars will be admitted, nor any articles except those mentioned above.** Chewing tobacco and toilet soap are furnished by the Government. No smoking permitted. Prisoners can write letters but **once every two weeks** and see friends or relatives **not oftener than once every four weeks,** except on special written permit of the Warden obtained before coming to the Penitentiary. All letters and newspapers addressed to prisoners **WITH THE FULL NAME AND REGISTER NUMBER WRITTEN PLAINLY IN INK** on the envelope or wrapper should be sent in care of **P. O. Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas.**

TO THE PRISONER:—Write plainly in English. Do not interline. Put but one line of writing on each ruled line. Letters addressed to "General Delivery" in cities of 10,000 inhabitants and over will not be mailed. Letters addressed to prisoners and received from prisoners in Penitentiaries, Reformatories and Jails will not be mailed or admitted. **CORRESPONDENCE WITH PRISONERS DISCHARGED FROM THIS PENITENTIARY NOT PERMITTED.**

PUT YOUR NAME AND REGISTER NUMBER HERE.

Name

Register No.

Prisoners are permitted to write only on this style of paper and with pencil, except by a special order.

PUT FULL ADDRESS OF YOUR LETTER HERE: GIVE TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE

Street and Number in Cities of Free Delivery.

Name

No.

Street

Town

County

State

Jan 6th 1907

Governor

Green

McClintock

Kiowa

Ind Terry

Dear Governor

In reply to yours of 26th Dec I will say, I was glad to hear from you but sorrow to learn that Col. Brauer has got my base record, or record of my base, and holds it for his pay. This calls more trouble I guess, well Mr. McClintock, the first and last note I ever given to Mr. Brauer, was 200, two hundred Dollars in the yr. 1896. and first payment I paid Col. Brauer was in the yr 1897. I paid him \$95.00. Ninety five Dollars. This \$95.00 was paid to him out of George McClintock estate. Wallace Bond made the check and paid it to him. This was in the yr of 1897. Three different time. I got money from you, and paid it to him. and this all happened at so. McClintock first money I got from you was \$15.00 fifteen Dol. and at another time \$25.00 Twenty five Dol. the last time was \$25.00 Twenty five Dol. and you send this to him at Fort Smith your self. for Mr. Brauer told me that he had received

this amt. from you. this money $15 + 25 + 25 = 65$
sixty five I have got from you to pay Mr C. Warren.
and I paid to him my self at Fort Smith 25
Twenty five D. and therefore $45 + 65 + 25 = 135$
one hundred & eighty five D. what I paid to him.
and tho I have not got my receipt of neither one of
the payment to show for. I had put to much
confidence in him. And after I was
convicted. I paid him 175 or one hundred & fifteen
Dols. I paid this 175 in order to take my case to
supreme court. but he never did take it. and
therefore. I have paid him $185 + 115 = 300$
three hundred is what I have paid him first
& last. and therefore Col Wm N. C. Warren has
promised us to get up 300 three hundred
for him. so that he could take the case to supreme
court. and we did so. but he never taken it.
and we paid him at that time 265 or
about two hundred & sixty five D. Jailer make the
check. and give it to C. Warren. and Morris he
give 375 thirty seven Dols. fifty cent. this was
National Warrent as light horse man per
and M. H. before of before S. T. send 3 or
five D. to C. Warren for Isaac King. and there-
fore. we paid him $265 + 375 + 5 = 645$
three hundred & seven & fifty cent. this amt
paid to him since we convicted of the crime.
so he got his promise. but he never filled it.
so I look to you for all assistance in the
matter. so what ever he claim. we are willing
to settle with him. if it is any thing like reasonable.
all tho. I think we have paid him enough.
so. other boys are writing to you in regards to
this matter. so we are looking for early reply.
Yours Friend
Abe M. Gubing

SEAVER & HALFHILL

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

ROOMS 22 AND 23, OLD HOMESTEAD BLDG.

MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

W. F. SEAVER
W. D. HALFHILL

Copy

Muskogee, Indian Territory. January 26, 1907.

His Excellency,

President Roosevelt,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We beg to protest against the outrageous treatment, that we, as Indians, are, and have been subject too, in the winding up of our "tribal affairs" and the handling and distributing of our heritage. We have been (systematically) robbed by legislation, and rulings of the Departments, and their agents for more than ten years.

Is there no end or no JUSTICE? Give us what belongs to us and let us alone in peace, or take what we have left.

We would much rather be held up with a gun than to have our property and life squeezed out by "high handed legislation" then we would have nothing to expect.

I am forty six years old, and for thirty years, we have lived with uncertainty, not even enough assurance to sit down and say " I am an AMERICAN CITIZEN". This is my home forever, atleast, until I am "wafted to the other side of the celestial divide".

The conditions, or systems, here is rotten, dark and "blackier than the smoothed walls of the infernal regions," politically and otherwise. Legalized by the " Wild Cat" legislation and politically whitewashed.

I have not said anything that I can not substantiate,

P. R. #2.

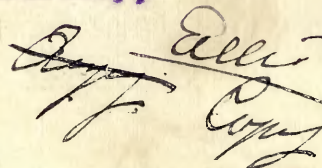
if it should be necessary. I think the present condition, records, and history will bear out what I say. The truths and facts (if right) hurts no man or government, yet I have known our Indians to be arrested and tried for treason and sent to the penitentiary for protesting and asking for "JUSTICE" in this same matter.

I take the liberty of writing you this protest and complaint believing in your high idea of "SQUARE DEAL" and that you would be willing to bring this matter to a speedy end.

Why should a people who have plenty of this worlds goods, be without raiment or food, such is the case among many of our Indians, a saying in reference to the Indian, (rich but poor) is it wrong or treason to ask for JUSTICE and for what belongs to a people. This Government is founded on the best principles, we think, of the whole christian world, will it do right and give "JUSTICE" to its citizens?

Justice-- Someone defined justice as follows, " Truth is its hand maid, freedom is its child, peace is its companion, safety walks in its footsteps, victory follows in its train, it is the brightest emanation of the Gospel, it is the attribute of GOD". Can our people get Justice as defined and contemplated by the above definition.

Respectfully,


W. F. Seaver
Copy

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Am 9 night in
what I say let
me love from
you. you friend
J. Beebe

Kirby Lumber Company

CECIL A. LYON, { Receivers.
J. S. RICE, }

Silsbee, Texas, 1/29/07.

Mr. Green McCurtine,

McCurtine, Gaines Co. Choctaw Nation, I.T.

Dear Sir:-

As I have 1/8 Indian blood in me and my father who is living is 1/4 Indian and we can easily prove it, we would be glad to know if we can realize any thing in lands or money in the Indian Territory if we can make our proofs sufficient, which I think we can easily do.

About 2 years ago a man claiming his name to be J. Foot and claiming to be an agent looking after the interest of claimants, come to see us and we paid him \$180.00 to represent us in our claims, and we have never heard any thing about it since he left us. Please ~~advise~~ advise me if there is any hopes of realizing any thing, if so what steps should we pursue to get same. Thanking you in advance for any thing you could do for us,
I am,

Yours very truly,

C. B. Lindsey.

I enclose self-addressed stamped envelope for reply.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Kinta, Indian Ter., Feb., 2, 1907.

Hon. J. F. McMurray,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

On January 12th, 1907, the President disapproved the General Appropriation Bill passed by the Choctaw Council Oct., 3rd, 1906, for the reason, as stated in a letter which I have received from the Inspector, that the bill carried items for which no appropriation should have been made, as follows:

Salary of Coal Commissioner	\$4,000.00
17 County Judges	4,250.00
3 Supreme Judges	1,250.00
3 Circuit Judges	1,500.00
3 District Attorneys	1,500.00
Grand and Petit Jurors	7,050.00
Witnesses attending circuit courts	3,000.00
Sheriffs and Deputies attending circuit court	675.00
Clerk Supreme Court	100.00
3 Circuit Clerks	900.00
Supreme Judges' mileage	110.00
17 County Clerks	1,700.00
17 County Rangers	850.00

The items objected to carried an appropriation of \$26,835.00, and on this account the bill was disapproved by the President pursuant to recommendation of the Interior Department. The objection was that the officers for which these several appropriations were made are not performing any service. While I do not think the objection well taken since the tribal government was continued by Act of Congress, and should, therefore, be respected as continued, yet I realize the uselessness of attempting to reason thus with the Interior Department.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Hon. JPMcM....2.

Now, it is not true that all these officers are not performing any service, for county officers in several of the counties have been regularly performing their duties under the law for which they should and must be paid. I have thought I would call the Council together in extra session to meet about February 20th, 1907, and will recommend that the Appropriation Bill be re-enacted eliminating the items objected to by the Department. And at the same time I will recommend the passage of a separate bill appropriating money to pay those officers who have been performing their duties. I will then cause to be sent up these two separate bills for approval, and would like to get your assistance in having them approved by the President if you are in Washington at that time. I would also ask that you stay there long enough to get some action on the payment of the outstanding warrants, if you can do so.

Another matter to which I wish to call your attention is this: Robert Carney, a freedman, or rather the descendant of a freedman, living near Quinton, I.T., has had his restrictions removed as a Choctaw Indian by blood. It is a notorious fact that this party is a freedman, his mother being a former slave. And I think the Interior Department somewhere in the shuffle has overstepped its bounds.

Regarding the Coal Commissioner, I rather think no appropriation should be made for him, as he is an appointee under Federal law and his salary is regulated thereby.

Your friend,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

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S. M. BROSIUS,
Agent
Indian Rights Association,
and Counsellor at Law,
McGill Building, 908 G Street, N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TELEPHONE MAIN, 1952.

February 5, 1907.

Mr. D. C. McCurtain,

Attorney-at-Law,

South McAlester, I. T.

Dear Mr. McCurtain:

The memorial of the Choctaw nation, protesting against the transfer of freedmen to Citizenship Rolls, enclosed with your letter of January 31st has been received.

I note your suggestion that you have forwarded a duplicate to Senator Long whom you think will look after the matter for you.

When the appropriation bill was being considered in the Senate on Saturday last, Senator Long gave notice that he wished to speak against the objectionable clause which your memorial refers to, when the bill was again up for consideration. You suggested that I see Senator Long and remind him of your interest in this matter so that he might not overlook it. I thought, however, that since the Senator seemed to be interested it would be best for me to hand the duplicate memorial to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge who has been shown to have an interest in the defeat of the objectionable amendment of the Senate Committee. I immediately went over to the Senate and handed the memorial to Senator Lodge's clerk who seemed very glad to get it as it was an official representation of the Choctaw tribe. I thought this the safer plan for the reason that if Senator Long happened to be out of the Senate chamber at the time the amendment was being considered, if we had one other party specially interested with the memorial at hand there would be better protection for the interests of the tribe. I did not take time to copy the memorial before handing it to Senator Lodge's secretary. If you have an extra copy I would be glad to have it as there are some points that I may wish for a reference.

I have no doubt but that the amendment protested against will go out on the point of order already made against it.

Very truly yours,

H.

S. M. Brosius

Copy of
D. C. M. "Curtain's"
protest against
the transfer of Freedmen
to citizenship Roll

CHESTER I. LONG, CHAIRMAN.

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RALPH H. FAXON, CLERK.

SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
COMMITTEE ON THE CENSUS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

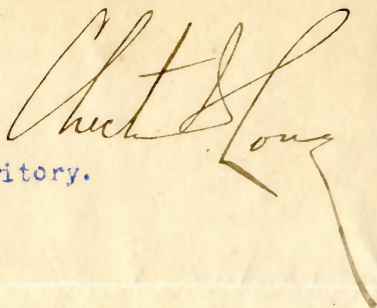
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February 5, 1907.

My Dear Sir:

Yours of the 31st ultimo inclosing your memorial against placing Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen on the citizenship roll, is received. I thank you for the information and assure you it will receive my consideration.

Very truly yours,



D.C. McCurtain, Esq.,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

OFFICES OF

ROBT. L. OWEN

209-210-211 MISSOURI BUILDING

MUSKOGEE, I. T.

February 9th, 1907.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Governor Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, Indian Territory.

My dear Governor:--

I have intended for sometime to call and see you with regard to my entering the race for nomination as United States Senator, but have been prevented by various other demands. I am very desirous of having your support in this matter. I think you will agree that there are few men in the Territory who are better informed with regard to the rights of the Choctaws and Chickasaws than I am. My file on the leased District Case makes ten bound volumes, and I have been promoting a bill which will authorize suit to be brought by any Indian Tribe for moneys due from the United States, giving the court equity and jurisdiction, *which would give the Choctaws a new chance.*

The Choctaws are entitled to payment from the United States, and while I cannot, of course, be interested either directly or indirectly against the United States if I should become a Senator I should still like to see the Choctaws and Chickasaws receive justice and will be glad to turn over to your representatives my files on this matter.

I have the cordial support of Hon. W. C. Rogers, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and of General Porter, Chief of the Creeks. I understand Hon. Jno. F. Brown, Chief of the Seminoles is favorable, although I have not heard from him, and I am not informed as to Governor Johnson.



TURNER

MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA.

February 9th, 1907.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Governor Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, I.T.

Dear Governor:--

I wish to write to you in regard to the candidacy of Robt. L. Owen, Esq., for United States Senatorship from the Indian Territory side of the New State. We are very desirous of having Mr. Owen the first Senator. First, because he is of Indian Blood and is in thorough sympathy with our people and their interests. Mr. Owen is, as you know, a very highly educated man and is able to hold his own on the floor of the Senate and to procure for us our rights as no other man could, because of his ability, his experience in Washington and the fact that he is with our people and has been almost a life long resident.

I hope very much his candidacy will meet with your approval, and that you can give him a cordial support. There is no man who understands better the rights of the Choctaw Nation, and I am sure that he could be of great service to the people.

Please let me hear from you in regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Prin. Chief, Cherokee Nation

Winta, Indian Territory, February 13, 1907.

W. C. Rogers,

Skiatook, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant in the interest of my friend, Mr. Robert L. Owen, have to say that I have agreed to support Henry M. Furman for senator. If this will not interfere I shall be glad to support Mr. Owen knowing full well his qualifications to serve the state of Oklahoma in that capacity.

Very respectfully,

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February 12th 1907.

THE SOUTH-WESTERN TOWNSITE CO.,
Muskogee Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I have a letter from Simpson Bohanon wherein he states he has had his restrictions removed and is ready to sell the land, filed on originally for you or to sell to you.

If you recall he made application for removal of restrictions to The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and was allowed to sell some land at Indianola; there was however a tract of 16.33 acres excluded in making settlement for the reason that there was some contest or something the matter with his right to sell that. In that connection I have your letter dated June 22, 1904 with reference to this tract of land; in this connection I would suggest that you ascertain from the Commission the exact status of this tract. You can get the numbers or description by referring to our letter to me June 22, 1904.

I have written to Mr. Speer at Fort Smith with reference to his matter.

Very respectfully.

REPORT
of

GEORGE W. SCOTT,
TREASURER, CHOCTAW NATION,

from March 4, 1906, to February 13, 1907.

I submit you herewith --oOo-- for review beginning March 4,

balance on hand.

Respectfully,

George W. Scott,
Treasurer, Choctaw Nation.

TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:---

I submit you herewith my report for period beginning March 4, 1906, and ending February 13, 1907, showing receipts, disbursements and balance on hand.

Respectfully,

Chas. M. Sew
Treasurer, Choctaw Nation.

Jan. 4, 1906--- From the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Company, same being three-fourths of the eighty-first quarterly payment

\$42.00

Jul. 17, 1906--- From J. M. Catlin, Clerk of the U. S. Court at Stone, three-fourths of amount due the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for lands condemned by the Oklahoma Central Railway Company for right-of-way through the Choctaw Nation

\$115.40

Jul. 17, 1906--- From E. J. Padden, Clerk of the U. S. Court for the Central District of Indian Territory, three-fourths of \$224.00 due the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for station grounds at Wilburton

\$30.00

Jul. 17, 1906--- From E. J. Padden, Clerk of the U. S. Court for the Central District of Indian Territory, three-fourths of \$224.00 due the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for station grounds at Wilburton

\$30.00

Jul. 17, 1906--- From E. J. Padden, Clerk of the U. S. Court for the Central District of Indian Territory, three-fourths of \$224.00 due the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for station grounds at Wilburton

\$30.00

Total Receipts

\$272.40

RECEIPTS

Mch. 5, 1906--- Amount of balance as per report for period ending
March 4, 1906, brought forward \$19150.19

Mch. 14, 1906--- From Auditing Board, same being amount of cer-
tificates turned in to National Treasurer and which
were not redeemable by him, by the Auditing Board
March 3, 1906, less certificate for \$3.30 which was
turned down by National Auditor 174.20

Mch. 20, 1906--- From St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad Com-
pany for three-fourths of eighttiesth quarterly
payment commencing March 1, 1906, 562.50

Jun. 4, 1906--- From the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad
Company, same being three-fourths of the eighty-
first quarterly payment 562.50

Jul. 17, 1906--- From J. D. Catlin, Clerk of the U. S. Court
at Atoka, three-fourths of amount due the Choctaw
and Chickasaw Nations for lands condemned by the
Oklahoma Central Railway Company for right-of-way
through the Choctaw Nation 1113.45

Jul. 17, 1906--- From E. J. Fannin, Clerk of the U. S. Court
for the Central District of Indian Territory, three-
fourths of \$400.00 due the Choctaw and Chickasaw Na-
tions as compensation and damages for lands condemned by
the M. K. & T. Ry. Company for spur tracks in the
townsite of McAlester 300.00

Jul. 17, 1906--- From E. J. Fannin, Clerk of the U. S. Court
for the Central District of Indian Territory, three-
fourths of \$487.80 due the Choctaw Nations for
lands condemned by the M. K. & T. Ry. Company
for station grounds at Wilburton 635.85

Jul. 17, 1906--- From E. J. Fannin, Clerk of the U. S. Court
for the Central District of the Indian Territory,
three-fourths of \$1018.50 due the Choctaw and Chickasaw
Nations as compensation and damages by the M. K. & T.
Ry. Company for spur tracks near McAlester 763.86

Total Receipts \$23262.55

DISBURSEMENTS

"First Head"

No.	To Whom Issued.	For what purpose.	Date.	Amount.
64-A	Dan Folsom	Cap. Lghthorse Sal.	7/2/06	\$50.00
60-A	Geo. W. Scott	Ntl. Treasurer's Sal.	7/2/06	150.00
58-A	Green McCurtain	Prin. Chief's Sal.	7/2/06	500.00
42-A	"	"	4/12/06	150.04
26-A	"	"	3/3/06	349.96
44-A	George W. Scott	Ntl. Treasurer's Sal.	4/12/06	45.05
T O T A L				\$1245.05

"THIRD

"THIRD HEAD"

No.	To whom issued.	For what purpose.	Date	Amount
116-C	H. M. Moore	Clk. Sans Bois County Sal.	4/18/06	\$7.55
117-C	Frank Robinson	Rngr. "	4/18/06	3.81
65-C	H. M. Moore	Clk. "	3/3/06	17.45
115-C	Turner McGilberry	Judge, "	4/18/06	18.78
64-C	"	" "	3/3/06	43.72
T O T A L				\$91.31

"FOURTH HEAD"

No.	To whom issued	For what purpose	Date	Amount
76-D	Charles Bascomb	Dep. Shf. Sans Bois Co. Sal	3/3/06	\$17.45
131-D	Ed Holder	" "	4/18/06	7.55
75-D	"	" "	3/3/06	17.45
132-D	Charles Bascomb	" "	4/18/06	7.55
130-D	B. J. Spring	Sheriff "	4/18/06	22.53
74-D	"	" "	3/3/06	52.47
T O T A L				\$125.00

"FIFTH HEAD"

No.	To whom issued	For what purpose	Date	Amount
30-E	Geo. W. Scott	Election Certificates	3/12/06	\$10.00
T O T A L				\$10.00

"SIXTH HEAD"

No.	To whom issued	For what purpose	Date	Amount
36-F	Geo. W. Scott	Court Certificates	3/12/06	\$164.20
T O T A L				\$164.20

"MISCELLANEOUS HEAD"

No.	To whom issued	For what purpose	Date	Amount
58-I	Mansfield, McM. & Cornish Cit. Attys.	Sal.	6/13/06	\$1250.00
53-I	Hampton Tucker	Trustee, Coal & Asphalt	Sal. 4/2/06	250.00
54-I	"	"	4/2/06	250.00
55-I	"	"	4/2/06	250.00
56-I	"	"	4/2/06	250.00
44-I	Mansfield, McM. & Cor. Attys.	Choc. Nat. Sal.	3/1/06	3875.00
T O T A L				\$6125.00

RECAPITULATION

Receipts from all sources		\$23262.55
Disbursements:		
First Head	\$1245.05	
Third Head	91.31	
Fourth Head	125.00	
Fifth Head	10.00	
Sixth Head	164.20	
Miscellaneous Head	6125.00	
Balance on Hand	15501.99	
	<u>\$23262.55</u>	<u>\$23262.55</u>

GEN. P. PORTER, PRINCIPAL CHIEF
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY
W. C. ROGERS, PRINCIPAL CHIEF
SKIATOOK, INDIAN TERRITORY
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GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF
KINTA, INDIAN TERRITORY
GEORGE W. SCOTT, SECY CONFERENCE
KINTA, INDIAN TERRITORY

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Separate Statehood Call

Kinta I T. Feby 15 1907,
Kinta, Ind. Ter.,

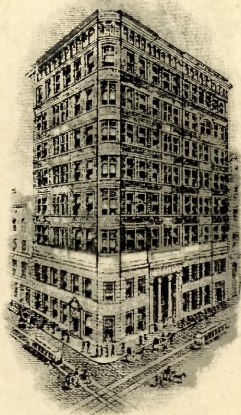
Mrs Edgar Moore,

Oak Lodge I T.

Dear Madam:-

I acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 11th inst in which you say that the people of Oak Lodge whh are interested in the graveyard at the place are making an effort to have it cleared off and fenced and that you feel that I would be interested in the undertaking and enney amount that I might contribute towards the work will be greatly appreciated And must say whenever the work is completed draw on Me at Kinta I T Through the Kinta State Bank, For Twenty Five (25 00) Dollars

Your Friend.



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BRYAN & CHRISTIE, COUNSEL.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY

ST. LOUIS, February 15, 1907.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Kinta, I.T.

My Dear Governor:

Your highly esteemed favor of the 11th inst., received.

I hope some time you will be in St. Louis. I will be glad to see you here.

With cordial regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

M. L. TURNER

Democratic Candidate for U. S. Senator from Oklahoma



Oklahoma City, Okla.

March 12, 1907.

My Dear Mr McCurtain:-

I write you as one of the leading citizens of your locality to ask your thoughtful consideration of the matter of selecting United States Senators to represent the new state. It is my desire to serve the state in that capacity, and I beg you to satisfy yourself as to my fitness.

I have lived in Oklahoma since 1891 and believe my record to have been such as to invite your scrutiny. Always a democrat, a firm friend of and believer in Mr. Bryan and the principles he advocates. I pledge honest and vigorous service to the people of our new state if I shall be chosen as one of its first senators. My campaign is being conducted in a clean and honorable manner, and if selected I shall be under no obligation except my oath of office and to the people of my state.

It seems to be expected, by a sort of mutual consent that a senator will be chosen from each side of the state. Two should be selected at the primary election. If you can support me by your vote and influence, I promise you will never have reason to regret it.

Enclosed are some comments which I trust will have your attention. I hope you will give me your support and influence, getting all democrats you can to work for my nomination.

Assuring you that I shall appreciate all you can do for me, and trusting that I may have an early and favorable reply, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

M. L. Turner

Fort Smith, Ark., March 24 1907

United States

M Rufus W. Gilberry et al

vs.

Abel W. Gilberry et al

In Account With

P. C. Hendricks

Reporter U. S. Court

Western District Arkansas

Fort Smith, Arkansas

Copy of transcript in above case
378 pages

Paid

P. C. Hendricks.

30

\$ 113.40

RUFUS HARDY

ROOM 1, HARDY-PECK BLOCK

CORSICANA, TEXAS

March, 27, 1907.

Governor Green McCurtain,

Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir:

Your state has in her midst a former citizen of Corsicana who is seeking the Democratic nomination or endorsement for the position of United States Senator, Mr. T. P. Gore.

Mr. Gore was a citizen of our town for a number of years and I take pleasure in saying that my acquaintance with him during his stay here was rather intimate and I learned to esteem him highly for his brilliant and sterling qualities. He has much of the born leader in him and I feel that the Democratic hosts of Oklahoma could and would be led by him to magnificen victories.

His physical blindness seems only to increase the strength of his mental vision and, with a great number of his former friends here, I feel a great interest in his success and in the triumph of the Democratic party in Oklahoma.

Very truly,

Rufus Hardy M.C.
6th Dist Tex

New-~~State~~



Tribune

FIRST SETTLERS IN INDIAN TERRITORY

MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.,

March 21" 1907

Governor Green McCurtain,

Kinta, I. T.

My dear Governor:

Your very kind letter received. I have not decided to become a candidate as yet, in fact I would rather support some other man if there was one in the race whom I believed would be in sympathy with the spirit of our Constitution. A few days, however, will determine the matter, but whether I run or not I am very grateful to you for your good opinion and kind offer of support.

Sincerely yours,

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

17-1570

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 8, 1907.

McCurtain & Hill,

Attorneys at Law,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 28, 1907, in which you ask to be furnished with a statement in brief of the proof submitted in the Choctaw freedman enrollment case of Boling McKinney et al.

In reply to your letter you are advised that a decision was rendered February 26, 1907, refusing the application for the enrollment of Boling McKinney and his minor children as Choctaw freedmen and on that date the record in this case was forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior.

On February 27, 1907, Honorable Green McCurtain, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, was at this office and his testimony was taken relative to the right of Boling McKinney and his children as Choctaw freedmen and the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes recommended the rescinding of his decision of February 26, 1907 and the enrollment of Boling McKinney and his children Maudie Lee, Lillie Bell, Chloe and Cleo McKinney and

McC. & H. #2

their enrollment as Choctaw freedmen was approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 4, 1907.

Respectfully,

Geoff Rodgers

Acting Commissioner.

Claim of
Boling McKimney
to Citizenship

Respectfully:

Copy of the Inferior March 4, 1907.

their enrollment as Choctaw freedmen was approved by the Secre-

McC. & H. #3

Acting Commissioner.

McCurtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South Mc Alester, D. C.

April 10, 1907.

Gov. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, Ind. Ty.

I am in receipt of the enclosed letter from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes to the effect that Boling McKinney and his children have been enrolled as Choctaw freedmen and that such enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 4, 1907.

Boling should be under obligations to you as long as he lives, for it is very evident that he never would have been enrolled had it not been for your kindly intervention.

Your son,

DDM

N. McCurtain

KINTA, I. T., April 10th 1907

W H Harrison Esq

Bokhoma, I. T.,

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter and note what you say about your candidacy for the legislature and also as to the other candidates mentioned. I am in favor of Henry Furman for the U S Senate and D H Pinebaugh for Congress and Haskell for Governor. I do not think that Turner or Hoffmann will receive much support here. Senator Gore has a good following, but I can not say how strong. My friends here urged me for the state Senate, but I do not feel that I could afford to relinquish the office I now hold for that place. I hope you may be elected and that we may be able to line up our friends in such a way, as to excite the respect and confidence of our democratic friends elsewhere.

Your friend

Muskogee, I. T. April 15, 1907.

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

A client of mine has a judgment against Green Taylor of Quinton for about \$2500.00 and execution has been placed in the hands of the Marshal. We find that there is on the records at Eufaula a mortgage from Green Taylor to yourself, covering the horses and cattle that we wish to levy on, but my understanding is that that mortgage has, in some way, been satisfied, and I am writing you to ask whether or not it has, as a matter of fact, been satisfied, and whether you now claim any interest in the said cattle and horses and if so what it amounts to, because if we cannot take them by execution we will be compelled to resort to other means of disposing of the matter. I want to assure you that we have no desire to embarrass you in any way or interfere in any way with your legal rights, but my clients have put the matter in my hands to make the money and I have got to exhaust all the means in my power to do so. I have personally the kindest feelings for Mr. Taylor, and I think he is a good man, but I shall, nevertheless, proceed in this matter just the same as I would in any other case where I was trying to enforce the collection of a judgment. I enclose you stamped envelope for reply, and will thank you to let me hear from you.

Yours truly,

Preston C. West

B. GARRETSON

Notary Public
Fire and Tornado Insurance
REAL ESTATE

QUINTON, I. T. 4/16/07.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, I. T.

Kind Sir:-

Your letter of recent date addressed to R. P Brewer of this place relative to Neil B. Gardner now a candidate for state senator of Haskell county was handed me for reply.

You will please find ~~enclosed~~ enclosed the facts given as nearly as I can give them.

You may use the enclosed letter in any manner that you may feel will serve the best purpose over my signature.

I am asever yours Very Truly,

B. Garrettson
P.S. If you decide to have this letter published, it would be well to have it put in the Quinton paper also, and I have kept a copy of it, so if you desire I can furnish it at any time
Yrs *B. G.*

April - 16 - 1907

M Gov. Green. McBurtain.
Kiuta. Ind. Ter.

Your Groceries will be delivered as agreed

at Kiuta. Ind. Ter
on Saturday the 27 day of April 1907

Amount of Bill - - \$ 130 60

No. of Articles, 24

NOTICE—Please call early, so you can examine goods. Our deliveries are made promptly on the day above stated but should the weather be stormy so that persons can not consistently travel, we postpone the delivery for one day, and if not called for, will deliver goods at your expense

Inquire at Depot for place of
delivery.

Salesman Quinn & Lytton
Call in the forenoon
for goods.

Kinta Indian Territory April 17th 1907.

Preston C. West,
Muskogee Indian Territory.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th instant have to say that my account against Green Taylor, for which he secured me with a mortgage has been paid, and I hold nothing whatever against the property which he might have at this time.

There was some of the property which was mortgaged to me accepted by me in payment for the account; but of course he does not own this neither has he this property in control or possession.

Neither do I know if he has the balance of the property on hands; in fact I think he has very little if any of it at this time, as I have heard of him selling off a lot of it since my account has been settled.

Very respectfully.

LUCIUS C. TIREY
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE

Kinta, Indian Territory, April 18, 1907.

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Kinta, I.T.

Dear sir:-

Submit you the following prices for Insurance on
your home place and the place where Mr. Fellner lives, as follows,
Fire and Lightning 1 yr \$0.75, 3 yrs. \$1.50, 5 yrs \$2.25.
Fire, Lightning and Windstormes, 1 yr \$1.00, 3 yrs. \$2.00,
and 5 yrs. \$3.00.

Hoping to receive a portion of your business, I am,

Very truly yours,

Lucius C. Tirey

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

LAW OFFICES OF
MANSFIELD, McMURRAY & CORNISH

GENERAL COUNSEL FOR
THE CHOCTAW NATION
THE CHICKASAW NATION

Mc Alester, Indian Territory, April 18, 1907.

Hon. Green Mc Curtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Governor:

Your letter, enclosing Summons in Equity in the case of Ligon et al, has been received and we shall give the case all necessary attention in the usual way. This suit has been filed by Webster Ballinger and raises the question of the Negro children, about which so much was said at Washington this winter. We have no fear of the suit, whatever.

With best wishes, we are,

Sic.

Yours friends
Mansfield McMurray Cornish

Kinta Indian Territory April 20th 1907.

D. C. McCartain,
South McAlester Indian Territory.

Dear son:

Jamison Thompson says that if Jesse were living to day he would be about eighty five years of age and that in 1835 when that marriage law was enacted, he could not have been more than thirteen years of age, and that he never was married to Hekitima or Willis Jones' mother as he was living with his living wife when he died, and that Mrs. Martha McGilberry was older than Betsey Holmes.

But Mrs. McGilberry and her brothers and sisters did take what hogs Jesse Jones had when he died and in the distribution of that property, they would not allow Betsey Holmes to participate.

With reference to the statement you wished Mr. Gregg to have if you remember I requested you to prepare the statement and send to me for my signature and at the time I received your telegram I was looking for the statement; I made this request in order to have the statement in good form as you heard me make it; but if you can not prepare the same in my absence then please come over here next Monday for that purpose..

For your information I enclose letter received from Sanguin and carbon copy of my pepley thereto.

Your father.

RECEIVED APR 21 1907

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

CHOCTAW WARRANT PAYMENTS.
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TO HOLDERS OF CHOCTAW NATIONAL FUND WARRANTS.

Section 11 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (Public No. 129) provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall cause to be paid all tribal warrants which have been regularly issued and are now outstanding, such payments to be made from any fund in the United States Treasury belonging to said tribes, after ascertaining the validity of such warrants.

notice is hereby given that all parties having or holding warrants which have been regularly issued by the Choctaw Nation and not heretofore paid by the tribal authorities should forward or present the same at the earliest possible date, or before June 1, 1907, to the United States Indian Inspector for the Indian Territory, Muskogee, Indian Territory, for examination and payment. Said warrants will, after investigation and examination by proper officer, be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior at Washington, D. C., for consideration, and when finally approved will be paid.

To facilitate the examination of warrants they should be accompanied by a list, in duplicate, describing same, and holders should in every instance, if possible, furnish evidence that any warrants presented have not heretofore been paid by the tribal authorities. Any additional information desired will be required upon presentation of particular warrants before payment.

The endorsement of the original payee will be required before a warrant is paid, or, if the original payee is deceased, the endorsement of the legally appointed administrator or executor of the estate will be required. Powers of attorney will not be recognized.

The present legal holders of the warrants will in all cases be required to receipt for the payment of same over their own signatures.

Receipt for all warrants presented will be given, and after examination and approval by the Department the same will be paid or holders thereof otherwise notified.

J. GEO. WRIGHT,

United States Indian Inspector
for Indian Territory.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

April 29, 1907.



Office of the Attorney General,
Washington, D.C.

April 30, 1907.

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, and am very glad indeed to know your favorable opinion of Mr. Gregg's work.

Very truly yours,

Charles J. Bonaparte,
Attorney General.

KINTA. I. T., May 1st 1907

Hon J George Wright, Inspector
Muskogee, I. T.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge
the receipt of notice of the contemplated
payment of Choctaw Memorial Warrants,
I have readily distributed the
same.

Very Respect

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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Dated Washington DC Apr 27 May 2---07.

To Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Cherokee Nation Kinta I. T.

I Have not yet received your written statement concerning proposition made to you by Al Belt if this statement has been mailed please have it prepared and sent to me at Washington as soon as possible.

W S Gregg.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Kinta, Indian Territory, May 6, 1907.

Mr. W.S. Gregg,
In care Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 2nd inst., in which you say:

"I have not yet received your written statement concerning proposition made to you by Al. Belt. If this statement has not been mailed please have it prepared and sent to me at Washington as soon as possible."

After I learned of Hudson's resignation in the cases wherein he was appointed guardian of Indian minors by the United States court at Antlers, I decided to inquire into the cause of his resignation to find out, if possible, whether Belt and his associates had anything to do in any way with his resigning. I find upon investigation that Belt never approached Hudson at all, -- in fact, the parties who did approach Hudson made an entirely different proposition from that made by Belt, they professed to want nothing to do with the timber belonging to minors, so Hudson informs me. After learning that Belt and his people had never approached Hudson, and knowing of no connection between them and those implicated in the fraudulent timber sales, I came to the conclusion that my conversation with Belt was of little, if any, importance in the present inquiry, as it did not involve any of the parties under investigation. Therefore, I did not make any formal statement embodying the subject matter of the conversation I had with you concerning Belt's proposition.

I have seen Hudson recently, and he promises me that he will

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withdraw his resignations until the matter of the alleged timber sales fraud can be run down and corrected. I think it very important that Hulson retain his position until these matters can be fully inquired into, for his resignations in the various cases at this particular time might very much embarrass any effort to run down the evident fraud connected with those timber sales.

I shall be glad to hear from you as to what the Department of Justice purposes to do concerning the state of affairs developed by your searching investigation here; of course, I do not ask to be informed of any purposes or plans which it might not be proper to give out, but my interest in the matter as principal chief of the Choctaws is such as to want to see their rights fully enforced and their wrongs amply redressed. I will repeat, that I hope your efforts will result in running to earth the men who have participated in or connived at any scheme to rob helpless Choctaw children.

If your Department should decide upon any course in this matter, and it is determined to institute any proceeding of any kind, I shall ask Mr. D. C. McCurtain, former attorney for the Choctaw Nation in probate matters, to give his assistance wherever it may be needed in working out full justice. I am sir, yours,

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR

FOR

D 17477-1907

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Muskogee, Ind. T., May 7, 1907.

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Indian Territory.

Sir:

For your information you are advised that the act of the Choctaw National Council making appropriation of the sum of \$6,882.97 for district and county officers of the Choctaw Nation, approved by you February 21, 1907, was approved by the President April 29, 1907.

The act has been returned to the National Secretary for appropriate disposition.

Very respectfully,

WMC(LMC)

W. M. Christy
Inspector.

WMC

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR

FOR

D 17480-1907

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Muskogee, Ind. T., May 7, 1907.

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Sir:

For your information you are advised that the act of the Choctaw National Council making an appropriation in the sum of \$62.50 for the relief of H. P. Ward, approved by you on February 21, 1907, was approved by the President April 29, 1907.

The act has been returned to the National Secretary for appropriate disposition.

Very respectfully,

WMC(LMC)

J. L. Wright
Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR

FOR

D 17478-1907

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Muskogee, Ind. T., May 7, 1907.

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

Sir:

For your information you are advised that the act of the Choctaw National Council making an appropriation of the sum of \$25 in favor of Robert Harrison, approved by you on February 21, 1907, was approved by the President April 29, 1907.

The act has been returned to the National Secretary for appropriate disposition.

Very respectfully,

WMG (LMC)

J. L. Wright
Inspector.

wmc

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR

FOR

D 17481-1907

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Muskogee, Ind. T., May 7, 1907.

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Referring to the memorial of the National Council of the Choctaw Nation, approved by you on February 21, 1907, in reference to the action of the Secretary of the Interior in segregating certain land for a timber reserve, you are advised that such memorial has been filed in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for use if desired, when Congress again assembles.

Very respectfully,

WMC(LMC)

J. G. Wright
Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR
FOR
INDIAN TERRITORY,

63786-1907

Muskogee, Ind. T.,

May 9, 1907.

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

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 7, 1907, enclosing Choctaw warrant No. 74 drawn in your favor for \$500.

This warrant will be held in this office pending the examination of Choctaw outstanding indebtedness, and if found valid, will be paid in due time.

Very respectfully,

WMC(LMC)

J. Geo. Lehigh
Inspector.
wmc

OIL AND GAS LEASE

THIS AGREEMENT Made this 11th day of May A. D. 1907 by and between
Patsy Fulsom ~~*Patsy Fulsom*~~ *And her husband*

Lea Fulsom ~~*Patsy Fulsom*~~ of the first part, and
J. A. Tomlinson, of *Pittsburg, Penn'a*, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said part his of the first part, for One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and in further consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter mentioned, have granted, demised, leased and let unto the part y of second part, his heirs and assigns, all the oil and gas in and under that certain tract of land hereinafter described, and also all the said tract of land for the purpose and with the exclusive right of drilling and operating for said oil and gas; which said tract of land is situated in the 12th-30th Recording District, Indian Territory, and described as follows, to-wit:-

<u>NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of</u>	Section <u>1</u>	Township <u>8 N</u>	Range <u>19 E</u>	Acres <u>40</u>
<u>S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of</u>	<u>" 1</u>	<u>" 7 N</u>	<u>" 19 E</u>	<u>" 20</u>
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containing Sixty 60 acres, more or less. But no wells shall be drilled within Three Hundred feet of the present buildings, except by mutual consent.

The part his of the first part grant s the further privilege to the part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, of using sufficient water and gas from the premises necessary to the operations thereon, and all rights and privileges necessary or convenient for conducting said operations and the transportation of oil and gas, and the right to remove at any time any machinery or fixtures placed on the premises by said lessees.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same unto the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, for the term of 2 years from the date hereof, and as long thereafter as oil or gas is being produced therefrom by said lessees.

In consideration whereof, the said part y of the second part agree s to deliver to part his of the first part in tanks or pipe-lines the one eighth part of all oil produced and saved from the leased premises. And should gas be found on said premises in paying quantities, second part y agrees to pay One Hundred Dollars yearly, in advance, for the product of each gas well, while the same is being sold off the premises, and first part his shall have free use of gas for domestic purposes, by making their own connections for such gas at the well at their own risk and expense.

Second part y agree s to locate all wells so as to interfere as little as possible with the cultivated portions of the premises and to pay for all damages to growing crops caused by said operations.

Provided, however, that, if a well is not Completed on said premises within one year from the date hereof, then this lease and agreement shall be null and void, unless the part y of the second part, within each and every year after the expiration of the time above mentioned for the Completion of a well, shall pay a rental of twenty five cents per acre until a well is completed thereon, or until this lease is cancelled as hereinafter provided. And it is agreed that the completion of a well shall be and operate as a full liquidation of all rental under this provision during the remainder of this lease. All rentals and other payments may be made direct to part his of the first part or may be deposited to their credit at First Nat'l Bank of Quinton, D. T.

And further, upon the payment of One Dollar at any time ^{after 3 yrs.} by the part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, to the part his of the first part, their heirs and assigns, said lessee shall have the right to surrender this lease for cancellation, after which all payments and liabilities thereafter to accrue under and by virtue of its terms shall cease and determine, and this lease become absolutely null and void.

All the conditions between the parties hereto shall extend and apply to their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

<p><i>Witness</i> <i>Lea Fulsom</i></p>	<p><i>J. A. Tomlinson</i></p>
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY, } ss.
DISTRICT.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 11 day of May 1907
came before me, a Notary Public within and for the above named District and Territory, duly commissioned and acting as such,
Patsy Gulson & Leola Gulson Her husband
to me personally well known to be the part whose name appear upon and signed to the foregoing lease as the part
grantor, and stated to me that had so signed and executed the same for the consideration and purposes therein mentioned
and set forth, and I do hereby so certify.

And I further certify that on the same day also voluntarily appeared before me
to me personally well known to be the of the said

and in the absence of said husband declared had of own free will executed the above lease and signed and
sealed the relinquishment of dower therein expressed for the purpose and consideration therein contained and set forth as
free and voluntary act and deed, without compulsion or undue influence on the part of said husband

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal at Etoile
I. T., this 11 day of May 1907
Leola Gulson Notary Public.
My commission expires as such Notary Public June 29th 1909

OIL AND GAS LEASE
FROM
Patsy Gulson
Leola Gulson
P.O. Leola Gulson
Pattawaya, Penna

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY, } ss.
Judicial District.
This instrument was filed for record on
1907, at
o'clock, M., and duly recorded in Book
of at page
Recorder.
ORNOTICE DEMOCRAT PRINT

THIS AGREEMENT
OIL AND GAS LEASE

Return in Five Days to

Western States Number 10.

Stigler, Oklahoma.

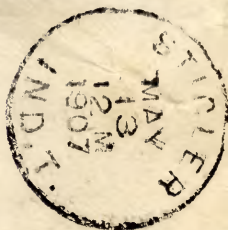
D. C. McCurtain

answer this
for me write
it with pencil
and I will
copy it.

your father
G. M. McCurtain

Gov. Green
McCurtain,

Kinta, Ind Ter.



Western States Lumber Company

(SUCCESSORS TO FARRIS-MCGREW LUMBER COMPANY)

DEALERS IN

Lumber, Sash, Doors and Building Materials

YARDS } STIGLER, I. T.
 } KEOTA, I. T.

J. H. RAMSAY, MANAGER
STIGLER, I. T.

Stigler, Okla., May 13 1907 190

Gov. Green B McCurtain,

Kinta, Ind Ter.

Dear Sir:-

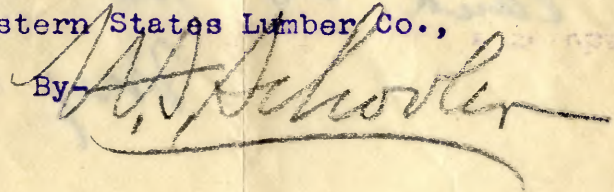
Will you kindly advise us if a bill of sale for timber purchased from Indians on allotted land on which restrictions have not been removed is binding and valid and if we would have twenty five years to cut it regardless of subsequent sale.

Thanking you in advance for your attention, we are,

your very truly,

Western States Lumber Co.,

By



Dear Sir:-

My understanding of the law is that where allotment certificate has been issued the allottee has a good right to dispose of the timber. But I am of the opinion that a twenty-five year privilege to remove the timber is so long a time as that it would in effect and in fact become an incumbrance

on The Land, and Therefore be objectionable
to that provision of The law which
says that Lands allotted to members
and freedmen shall not be affected
or incumbered by any deed, debt or
obligation of any character contracted
prior to ^{the time that} the land is alienable.
I think a twenty year privilege or
any other unreasonable length of time
would be such an incumbrance on
the land as The law prohibits.

Very respectfully,

Prim. Chief, Choctaw Nation

Minta, Indian Territory, May 14, 1907.

Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte,
Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In view of the charges and counter-charges existing here relative to the mismanagement of the Indian miners estate in the United States Courts in the Central District of Indian Territory I feel it my duty to ask that a sweeping investigation be ordered in relation to the same by the Department of Justice to the end that justice may be done. I am convinced that great wrongs are being perpetrated on these helpless Indians of the government and that a thorough investigation ought to be had in order to fix the responsibility upon those who are profiting by present unsatisfactory conditions.

Very respectfully,

Kinta, Indian Territory, May 14, 1907.

Hon. Tans A. S. S. Commissioner;

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

Answering your communication of May 6, 1907, in which my attention was invited to an act of Congress approved June 21, 1906, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior after investigation to set aside six hundred and forty acres of Choctaw land for the benefit of the Old Cordland Orphan Industrial School and asking an expression from me on the subject. In compliance therewith I respectfully represent that since the general council of the Choctaw Nation has memorialized Congress in behalf of this institution, I feel it my duty to request a favorable report thereon.

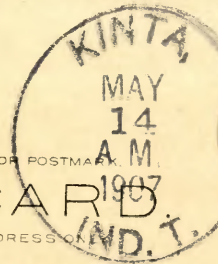
Very respectfully,



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Governor McBurney,
Kinta,
Ind. Ill.

Quinta, S. D., May 14, 1907

My Dear Governor: -

You had better
write, at once, to Supt. Ballard
concerning Prof. A. Stor, and
let it accompany the re-
commendation I wrote that
you will copy. You will
see the recommendation is
"to whom it may concern."
Very, S. D. S. Munsey.



DURANT, IND. TER.

May 15th 1907.

Gov. Green McLaurin
Kintu, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir-

We all met at Antlers Monday, and while none of us got what we wanted, still after studying over the result, I believe matters are in good shape. I am not as uneasy for Peter Hudson in this fight as I am to stop future payments to the So. Trust Co. There is no danger but that Peter will be finally and completely relieved.

I am satisfied the breach between the Judge and the So. Trust Co. is widened by his decision; and since Mosley took an appeal I have less confi-

- deuce in them than before this trial.

I am sure it will ^{not} avail one whit more to reason with this So. Trust Co. to take their hands off of the small pittances coming to Choctaw women and children as town site payments and stop eating them up with their excessive fees, than it would be for the Green bee to reason with a black bear about not eating up their winter's supply of honey after the bear had gotten in reach of and tasted it; and as the bear just shuts his eyes and eats the honey in spite of the stings of the bees, so these So. Trust Co. fellows are not moved by the wants and discomfits of our people. There were Choctaws from different parts of the 2nd Dist. at Antlers Monday, simply wanting to get their children's property and money out of the clutches of the So.



Trust Co. These Choctaws had come there at no small expense to themselves only to be disappointed as Morley took an appeal - They came to me, but I could do nothing; it is the same old cry and the same fruitless answer and I can but say "How long Oh Lord shall these things continue?" Shall these inexperienced Choctaws continue to seek a leader and helper and none be found? Shall we who advised them to vote for all these changes turn our backs on them now that the day of their confusion and troubles has come?

Governor, heretofore you have always been equal to the occasion, and I feel you will rise to this also. I know you love your people. I know that you desire their welfare. I ask you to study the tables Peter will send you and see

how these seemingly small fees
when multiplied by 800 (the ap-
proximate number of estates in
their hands) runs into the thou-
sands, and these thousands are
the real honey in the gum which
make the ~~Soc~~ So. Trust Co. imper-
vius to moral suasion. It will
take more than mere words to
make them turn loose.

I blame the So. Trust Co. for
continuing to enrich themselves
out of the small pittances ~~of~~
payable to Choctaw women and
children who need them for
their actual necessities. These
insidious fees is the great wrong.
I do not know any thing far
beyond to investigate (though there
may be somethings) except these
fees; however I do want to try and
show him that the law is wrong
which requires all these Choctaws
to be appointed guardians for their
own children. As to filing his

his suit for the recovery of the pine money, I think it would be best to bring the suit in the name of the children's father or mother, or a guardian appointed especially therefor. Moreover it will be a waste of time, in my judgement, to employ Masley to prosecute this suit. I have no faith in the honesty of the So. Trust Co's fight on Judge Humphrey, as I understand he has cut them out of \$30,000⁰⁰ in fees, and the loss of this \$30,000⁰⁰ is the secret of their fight on the Judge, in my opinion. It is contrary to common sense to believe that a set of men can during two years eat nearly all of two payments, (the townsites) amounting to \$75⁰⁰, and a total of \$65,000⁰⁰ in fees from helpless shivering women and children, many of the latter orphans, and then be outraged by a lumber company beating a few

children out of 3 or 4 thousand
dollars. (Mind you, I am not
defunding the lumber compa-
nies. I have had business e-
-nough with them to know them.
What I want is to put our
hounds after the main fox
and not go after rabbits.)

I suggest you take this ques-
-tion up with our old reliable
attorneys who stood by us
when the very heavens were
black and fought our battle
to a successful finish, Maus-
field, McMurry & Cornish. You
can rely on their opinion.
I don't know Briggs' ability as a
lawyer, or his acquaintance
with our statutes. I am sure
there was a combine among the
lumber men to keep down
bidding and I am sure it still
exists; but just how to prove it or
to break it up, I don't know.
The combine that is getting most
of the money of Choctaw women

and children is the So. Trust
Co. They need tending to now-

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I suggest this plan. You advise Sanguin, Moore and Robb to resign as Curators. and if ~~for~~ guardians must be appointed, let it be the fathers or neighbors of these children and ^{who} can talk their language. It will do no good to advise Million as he is one of the Company, but we can get every one of his people to sign a petition asking his removal, and the Court will turn him out. The sooner this is done the better. While Humphreys and the So. Trust Co. are fighting, is the time for us to get our rights.

You can command my services in this business free from fee or reward.

You must remember Humphreys Court will soon go out, and what

OFFICE OF

George W. Scott

REAL ESTATE
BOUGHT
AND SOLD

DEALER IN

HEREFORD CATTLE
AND
BERKSHIRE SWINE

General Merchandise and Live Stock

Hinta, Indian Territory

May 17th 1907.

Dear Governor:

We are going to hire some man to cook at the hotel and would like to have Jim Smith, but not knowing whether or not he is coming back to you, thought I would write you and see, for if you intend to get him back then I dont want to interfere.

Please let me know.

Your friend.

George W. Scott

Kinta, Indian Territory, May 17, 1907.

The Southern Trust Company,
Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Copy
Complaint has come to me from different sources that your Company is making excessive charges in the care and administration of Indian trust estates. In order that I may be fully advised about this matter I would request that you send me a statement of your charges, credits, etc., in several different cases embracing cases where the estates are unimproved and unproductive as well as where the estates are yielding an income/

These complaints have been made to me as Governor, and while I as Governor have no authority or control over you or your actions as a Company, yet I do not believe that you will refuse to furnish me the statement here requested, -- in fact, I believe it is fair to you that you be given an opportunity to make such statement.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Kinta, Indian Territory, May 17, 1907.

Mr. N. B. Ainsworth,
Durant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Copy
I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., and fully note what you say in regard to the Southern Trust Company and the Indian minors and their estates.

You are advised that I will look into the condition of these estates, and you need have no fear but what I will take whatever steps I deem necessary and proper to protect these interests, so far as it may be possible for me to do so in the courts.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 17, 1907.

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

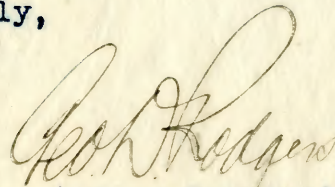
Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt by reference of the Department of an "application in the nature of a petition in certerari" filed by J. H. Shepherd, attorney for Andrew Jackson Cooper, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, relative to the right of the Ft. Smith & Western Railroad Company to take 24 acres of the allotment of said Cooper in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 22, Township 8 north, Range 22 east, in the Choctaw Nation, for railroad purposes. In said application the right of the railroad company to have this land set apart for its use is attacked by the petitioner for several reasons, one of which is that "said Ft. Smith & Western Railroad filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior a map of 24 acres in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of section 22, township 8 north, range 22 east, I. M. with no statement whatever as to the company's need of the land and did not in compliance with law file a map with the Governor of the Choctaw Nation."

In order to make report upon this application it is desirable that this office be advised as to whether the said Ft. Smith & Western Railroad Company did, in the year 1903, or at any other time, file with the Governor of the Choctaw Nation a map showing the land desired by said Company for railway purposes out of the land above described, and you are requested to advise this office immediately of what the records of your office show on this point.

As it is desirable that an early report be made upon this matter to the Department, a prompt answer to this inquiry will be appreciated.

Respectfully,



Acting Commissioner.

FEL

Ardmore, I. T. May 18, 1907,

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Kinta, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

As curator of the estate of Freymon Taylor, a minor, Choctaw by blood, I selected tentatively, as a portion of the allotment of said minor certain lands located in section 3, Tp 4 S. R. 4 E. This land had been theretofore selected by Alice E. James, whose name on or about the fourth day of March 1907, was stricken from the rolls of the Choctaws by the Secretary of the Interior. It appears that a patent had theretofore been issued to the said Alice E. James. I now desire to inquire if the federal government or the Choctaws and Chickasaws will take the necessary legal steps by appropriate legal proceedings to cancel this Alice E. James patent. If not, are you in the position to advise me how to proceed.

Yours truly,

John Horner

Kinta, Indian Territory, May 21, 1907.

Mrs. Susan Shropshire,

Stigler, Indian Territory.

Madam:-

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date stating that you had lost a grand-son and asking to whom his estate would ascend in the absence of brothers and sisters, father and mother, and grand-father. Under the law of descent and distribution Section 1820 it is provided that the grand-mother shall inherit in event of death of the other relatives above named. This is the law and I think clearly entitles you to inherit the property of your grand-son.

Yours truly,

Kinta, Indian Territory, May 21, 1907.

Silas Gibson,

Marlow, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date stating that your nephew and niece had been removed from the citizenship rolls of the Choctaw Nation and asking to be advised at once as to what to do to restore their names. Under the recent order of the Department many persons were removed who were entitled to enrollment. When the council meets in October it will memorialize Congress to restore these people to the rolls. We cannot do anything until then.

Yours truly,

Kinta Indian Territory May 23rd 1907.

John Harris,

Armore Indian Territory.

Sir:

Replying your letter of the 18th instant, I refer you, for the information you desire to George D. Rogers, Acting Commissioner Mokegee Indian Territory. He will no doubt inform you the course which will be pursued by the Commission.

Very respectfully.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Kinta, I.T., May 25, 1907.

Hon. P. J. Hudson,
Tuskahoma, Ind. Ty.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I hand you list of Lighthorsemen and Clerks duly approved by me. I think it was a mistake probably to include the clerks on same list with lighthorsemen, as they belong on list of council members, but I don't suppose it will make any material difference.

You may send me list of lighthorsemen for special session.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 25, 1907.


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

Sir:

This office has in its possession, ready for execution by you, about 3,000 patents to citizens and freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. It is desirable that these patents be executed at the earliest practicable date and you are requested to, if possible, appear at this office sometime during the week commencing May 27, 1907, for this purpose.

If this is agreeable you will please so advise me.

Respectfully,


Commissioner.

Kinta, I.T., May 25, 1907.

Hon. P. J. Hudson,
National Auditor,
Tuskahoma, Ind. Ty.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst., wherein you state, among other things, that you will issue my contingent fund of \$3,000.00 in one warrant unless advised differently.

In reply, I would suggest that instead of issuing the entire amount of the contingent fund to me you issue of this fund \$200.00 per quarter, or \$400.00 for two quarters ending Dec. 31, 1906, and March 31, 1907, respectively, to P. S. Lester (expense private secretary), and \$250.00 per quarter, or \$500.00 for two quarters ending Dec. 31, 1906, and March 31, 1907, respectively, to Amos Henry (Choctaw Clerk), and the balance due for the same two quarters amounting to \$600.00 you can issue to me. I think it would be better to issue the contingent fund quarterly same as you do the salary. I would suggest, also, that you might note on the warrants that the same are "issued on account of Principal Chief's Contingent Fund", and state, of course, the quarter or quarters for which such warrants are issued. And it might be well, too, for you to write a letter, form of which I suggest and herewith enclose, explaining the issuance of the contingent fund warrants.

Will say in reply to your inquiry about Supreme Judge's salary, that Wesley Anderson is entitled to one-third of the amount appropriated. The list of lighthorsemen that you enclose is correct as to names and addresses.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Green McCurtain

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

May 28, 1907.

Gov. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, Ind. Ty.

Dear Father:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., enclosing form of letter that you have prepared in answer to Attorney General Bonaparte's letter of the 20th.

I believe I have no suggestions to make, that is, as to the form of the letter. I very much doubt, however, whether the Attorney General would be willing to order an investigation upon a general complaint; but am rather inclined to think, from the tenor of his letter to you, that he would insist upon a "statement in full of the reasons which lead you to believe that such investigation is necessary",-- in other words, he would require that the charge or charges be made specific.

Inasmuch as you have called for statements from the Southern Trust Company of their charges, credits, etc., against the estates of Indian minors, and as they have promised to furnish them in a few days, I believe it would be a good idea to defer answering the Attorney General until you can have this information before you. It might be better that you ask them to furnish you copies of the reports they have filed with the clerk, then you would have the status of the affairs as they appear in court, and you could take them up more advisedly with the Attorney General, if you so desired.

Your son,

D. McCurtain

Letter of Attorney General and your answer herewith returned

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1907.

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

Dear Sir:

Your attention is respectfully invited to the following provision of the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906 (34 Stats., 325), to-wit:

"The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized in case after investigation he deems it for the best interest of the tribe to set aside six hundred and forty acres of Choctaw land for the benefit of Old Goodland Indian Orphan Industrial School,

This office has made an investigation of the school and is now ready to make its report to the Secretary of the Interior, but before doing so would like to have an expression from you as to whether or not it would be for the best interests of the tribe to set aside for the use of this school the amount of land designated in the provision of law above quoted.

Respectfully,

FEL

Commissioner.