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THE CHICKASAW NATION

South McAlester, Indian Territory, March 20, 1903.

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

Dear Governor:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 17th enclosing a letter of Mr. H. H. Hamilton, referring to his controversy with the Ft Smith and Western Ry Company.

We have advised Mr. Hamilton that if he will come to South Mc Alester we will be pleased to consider the matter carefully and to advise him of what steps to be taken to protect his interests.

Sincerely yours,

Melven Cornish

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South McAlester, Indian Territory, March 20, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Sans Bois, Indian Territory.

Dear Governor:

The Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company desires to acquire certain lands at Purcell, Wynnewood, Davis, Daugherty and Bob.

The lands desired at Purcell are about a mile from the City limits. The lands desired by them at Wynnewood aggregate about 180 acres and are desired for use as a reservoir. The other lands desired are strips along the right of way near Davis, Daugherty and Bob.

They have communicated with us as Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and propose to make amiable settlement with the Nations at the following rates:

For the land taken at Purcell, \$25.00 per acre.

For the land near Wynnewood, \$10.00 per acre.

And for strips of land along the right of way at other points at their appraised value.

You will understand that if an amiable settlement is made the sum of money representing the aggregate value of the land at these prices will be paid directly

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into the Treasuries of the Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations
in the proportion of three-fourths and one-fourth.

Please consider the matter and advise us at
your earliest convenience if it is satisfactory with the
Choctaw Nation that a settlement be made upon these basis.

Sincerely yours,

Winford W. Morray Cornish

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South McAlester, Indian Territory, March 21, 1903.

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

Dear Governor:

The C. O. & G. Railway Company has instituted proceedings for the condemnation of lands for station grounds and water stations along the Haileyville branch of their railway, as follows:

Blanco, forty-two and twenty-two one hundredths acres; Herbert, twenty-one and sixty-one one hundredths acres; Cario, twenty-three one hundredths acres; Delaware Creek thirty-four and eight tenths acres; Krebs, one and sixty-nine one hundredths acres; Calvin, forty-eight and eighty-four one hundredths acres; Coalgate, eighty-eight and ninety-eight one hundredths acres.

They wish to make amicable settlement therefor and have communicated with us as the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in regard thereto. They propose to make amicable settlement with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations by payment for these lands at the following rates:

For the lands taken at Blanco, Herbert and Cario, at their appraised value; and for the lands taken at Delaware Creek, Coalgate, Calvin and Krebs at the rate of \$10.00 per acre.

You will understand that if amicable

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settlement is made these amounts will be paid direct in the National Treasuries of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

We lay the matter before you for your consideration, and will thank you to advise us at your earliest convenience if it will be agreeable with you as Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation for the railway to acquire these lands upon payment for them at the rate stated.

Your friends,

Manfred W. Murray Cornish

Dictated.

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LAW OFFICES OF
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GENERAL COUNSEL FOR
THE CHOCTAW NATION
THE CHICKASAW NATION

South McAlester, Indian Territory, April 11, 1903.

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

Dear Governor:

We are just in receipt of the following letter from Messrs. Stuart & Gordon, attorneys for the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad Company and furnish you a copy thereof for your information in considering what direction you shall give us in connection with the matters referred to.

Upon receipt of a letter from you directing what we shall do we shall be pleased to give the matter the necessary attention on behalf of the Nations.

Very respectfully,

Mansfield, McMurray, Cornish

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

Honorable L.F. Parker,
General Solicitor,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst
wherein you enclose blue print showing land it is the desire of
your company to acquire at Durwood, I.T., for water purposes.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

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

Honorable L.T. Parker,

General Solicitor,

St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. wherein you enclose blue print showing land it is the desire of your company to acquire at Durwood, I.T. for additional station grounds.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

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

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

South McAlester, I.T.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date in which you state that it is the desire of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company to acquire certain lands at Purcell, Wynneywood and other places along their road through the Chickasaw Nation, and stating that they offer \$25.00 per acre for the land at Purcell, \$10.00 for the land at Wynneywood, and the appraised value for the ballance desired. In reply have to say that we have had some experience as to what the courts would do for us in cases of this character, and as far as I am concerned, as Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, I am willing to accept the proposition of the Railroad Company.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.H.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 24, 1903.

Honorable P. J. Lester,
South McAlester, I.T.

Dear Pres:

I am informed that the C.O. & G.R. Co. wants to acquire
lands at the following places:

Blanco-	-	-42.22	Acres.
Herbert-	-	-21.41	"
Cairo-	-	- .23	"
Delaware-	-	-34.8	"
Krebbs-	-	- 1.69	"
Calvin-	-	-46.84	"
Ocalgate-	-	-88.98	"

I desire that you go to each of these places and see
the character of land and get the names of the citizens who claim
same, and in fact learn all you can about the value of the lands
in order that we may make a satisfactory settlement with the Co.

You can get maps showing the lands desired from Mansfield,
McMurray & Cornish, and in this way you will be able to locate the
lands wanted at each place. Keep an account of your expenses and
I will refund the same when you return. This leaves all well
and there is nothing pushing in the office.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

FORT SMITH & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

J. J. MAHONEY
GENERAL MANAGER

FORT SMITH, ARK., March 24th., 1903,

:Additional grounds required at McCurtain:

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

Dear Sir;

Herewith please find plat, also
a description of additional lands required by this
Company for railroad purposes near McCurtain, Choctaw
Nation, Indian Territory. It is the intention
of this Company to request the Court having jurisdiction
at this location to appoint a Board of Referees to appraise
the value of this land, as per Act of Congress February
28th., 1902.

Kindly acknowledge receipt, and oblige,

Yours very truly,



General Manager.

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER, GENERAL SOLICITOR.

J. T. WOODRUFF, ASST GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Depot and Station Grounds - Bokchito, I. T.

St. Louis, Mo., March 25, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith, for filing in your office, a blue print showing land which it is the purpose of the St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans Railroad Company, formerly the Arkansas and Choctaw Railway Company, to acquire for the purposes of depot and station grounds at Bokchito, Indian Territory, under the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled,

"An Act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes",

approved February 28th, A. D. 1902; this land being situated in the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 6 South, Range 11 East, and the southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 6 South, Range 11 East, and containing about 4.6 acres.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker
General Solicitor.

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ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER, GENERAL SOLICITOR.

J. T. WOODRUFF, ASS'T GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Wye at Holdenville.

St. Louis, Mo., March 25, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith, for filing in your office, blue print map showing land which it is the purpose of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to acquire for extra right of way at Holdenville, Indian Territory, the land being lots four and five in block twenty-six of the Town of Holdenville; this land to be acquired under the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled:

"An Act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said ~~Company~~ and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes",

approved February 28th, A. D. 1902.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker

General Solicitor.

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

J.J. Mahoney, General Manager,
Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear sir:-

I herewith acknowledge receipt of blue print showing
additional lands required by your company near McCurtain, I.T.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 31, 1903.

Honorable L.F. Parker,
General Solicitor,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. wherein you enclose plat showing land it is the desire of the St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans Ry. Co. to acquire for station grounds at Bokchito, I.T.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 31, 1903.

Honorable L.F. Parker,
General Solicitor,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst wherein you enclose blue print showing land it is the desire of your company to acquire at Holdenville, I.T., for additional right of way at that place. In reply I herewith return this plat and state that Holdenville is in the Creek Nation, and I therefore have nothing to do with that part of the Indian Territory.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER.
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Additional Station Grounds- Ada, I.T.

St.Louis, Mo., March 31, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith, for filing in your office, a blue print showing land which it is the purpose of the St.Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to acquire at Ada, I. T., for additional station grounds, under the provisions of an act of Congress entitled,

"An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes";

approved February 28th, 1902; the said property being situate in Section 33, Township 4 North, Range 6 East in the Chickasaw Nation, and containing 5.49 acres.

Very Truly,

L. F. Parker

General Solicitor.

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Sans Bois, I.T., April 3, 1903.

Honorable L.W. Parker,
General Solicitor,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 31st ult enclosing blue print showing land desired by the St. L. & S.F.R. Co. for additional station grounds at Ada, I.T.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER.
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Reservoir at Durwood.

St. Louis, Mo., April 7, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:-

I hand you herewith, for filing in your office, blue print showing land which it is the purpose of the St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans Railroad Company, formerly the Arkansas and Choctaw Railway Company, to acquire for the purpose of a reservoir at Durwood, east of Ardmore, I. T., under the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled:

"An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes",

and February 28th, 1902; this land being situated in the northeast quarter and southeast quarter of Section 33, and the southwest quarter of Section 34, Township 4, South, Range 3 East, and containing about 35.25 acres.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker

General Solicitor.

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Sans Bois, I.T., April 10, 1903.

Honorable L.F. Parker,

General Solicitor,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst enclosing blueprint showing land it is the desire of the St. L., S. F. & N. O R. Co. to acquire for reservoir at Durwood, I.T.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.

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South McAlester, Indian Territory, April 10, 1903

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys, Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

We have not yet received report from Mr. Lester in regard to the individual occupants of the lands to be condemned for railroad purposes, description of which was furnished you some time ago.

We are willing to conclude these matters at the prices suggested in your last communication, except as to the Calvin land, which is in the Creek Nation.

Please let us hear from you.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Stuart & Gordon.

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CHOCTAW, OKLAHOMA & GULF RAILROAD CO.

LAW DEPARTMENT

ROBERT MATHER, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL.

J. W. MCLLOUD,
GENERAL ATTORNEY.
EDWARD B. PIERCE,
ATTORNEY FOR ARKANSAS.
T. S. BUZBEE,
ASSISTANT TO GENERAL ATTORNEY.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.,

April 10, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Governor of the Choctaw Nation,

Kintah, I.T.

Dear Sir:

I enclose you herewith filing maps as follows:

Additional grounds at Limestone Spur, I.T.
Definite Location of Spur to Coal Shaft No. 8,
being more fully described on the margin of the maps, which are sent you
for filing in your office in accordance with the provisions of the Act
of Congress approved February 23, 1902, entitled "An Act to grant the
Right of Way through the Oklahoma and Indian Territories to the Enid &
Anadarko railroad Company, and for Other Purposes." Kindly sign and
return to me the enclosed receipts therefor at your early convenience,
and very much oblige,

Yours truly,

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cc.G.H.C.

James H. Mather
General Attorney.

MUSKOGEE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Muskogee, Ind. Ter., April 25, 1903.

Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Kintah, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:-

We are forwarding to you to-day by American Express, map showing definite location of miles 35.15 to 60.15 inclusive, Muskogee Southern Railway through the Creek, Cherokee and Choctaw Nations, Indian Territory, for record in your office. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly,

MUSKOGEE SOUTHERN RAILWAY,

By

W. R. Eaton

Treasurer.

TOWNSHIP PLAT.

For

Ed Colbert - Homestead

Cherokee NATION. TOWNSHIP *8 N* RANGE *20 E*

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20 8 B 52	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

S.W. 1/4 of Sec 20 - 160 acres - \$520.00

FORT SMITH & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

HONEY
GENERAL MANAGER

FORT SMITH, ARK., April 25th., 1903,

Hon. Tams Bixby,
Chairman, The Dawes Commission,
Atoka, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir,

This is to certify that *Lily Colbert*
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, is the owner of the
improvements upon, and desires to allot, the following
described lands on the line of the Fort Smith & Western
Railroad, which lands are desired for townsite purposes,
namely: *W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec 17 T 7 N R 16 E also
S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec 17 and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4
Sec 20 T 7 N R 17 E. total 110 acres*

A station has been located by the Company adjacent to these
lands.

This certificate is issued with a view to complying
with what is understood by us to be the practice of the
Commission in the matter of making "special" all matters
incident to the allotment of lands desired for townsite
purposes, at station grounds, as indicated by your letter of
April 21st., 1903.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Honey
General Manager

FORT SMITH & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

HONEY
GENERAL MANAGER

FORT SMITH, ARK. April 25th., 1903.

Hon. Tams Eixby,

Chairman, The Dawes Commission,

Atoka, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir;

This is to certify that *Houston Terrell*
a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, is the owner of the
improvements upon, and desires to allot, the following described
lands on the line of the Fort Smith & Western Railroad,
which lands are desired for townsite purposes, namely:

*NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec 22 Tp 8 N R 22 E also S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 25
and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 36 Tp 8 N R 18 E also SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of
SW 1/4 Sec 4 Tp 7 N R 21 E. 110.*

A station has been located by the Company upon these lands.

This certificate is issued with a view to
complying with what is understood by us to be the practice of
the Commission in the matter of making "special" all matters
incident to the allotment of lands desired for townsite
purposes, at station grounds, as indicated by your letter of
April 21st., 1903.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Mahoney
General Manager

TOWNSHIP PLAT.

Justin Terrill

Choctaw

NATION.

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$1/4$ of $SE \frac{1}{4}$ Sec 22

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200.00

Less R.R. of way and Condemnation.

[Signature]
General Manager

MUSKOGEE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Muskogee, Ind. Ter.

April 30, 1903.

Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,

Kintah, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:-

We are forwarding you to-day by American Express, map showing definite location of miles 60.15 to 75.51 inclusive, Muskogee Southern Railway through the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, for record in your office. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly,

MUSKOGEE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

By W. R. Eaton

Treasurer.

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

Mr W.R.Eaton, Sec. & Treas.,

Muskogee, I.T.

Dear sir:

I herewith acknowledge receipt of plat showing definite location of the Muskogee Southern RY/CO of miles 60.15 to 75.51 inclusive, through the Choctaw Nation.

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Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

also the southeast quarter (1/4) of the southwest quarter (1/4) and the south half (1/2) of the northeast quarter (1/4) of the southwest quarter (1/4) of section number twenty-six (26); also all that part of the northeast quarter (1/4) of section number thirty-five (35) lying north and west of The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company's right of way as the survey therefor is now located over and across said quarter section; also all that part of the northwest quarter (1/4) of section number thirty-five (35) described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of said northwest quarter section, thence west on the north line of said quarter section thirteen hundred twenty (1320) feet; thence south six hundred sixty (660) feet; thence west to the west line of said quarter section; thence south six hundred sixty (660) feet; thence southeasterly at an angle of forty-five degrees (45°) with the west line of said quarter section to the west line of The Eastern Oklahoma Railway Company's right of way; thence northeasterly along the west line of said right of way to the east line of said quarter section; thence north to the place of beginning, all the above described land being in township number five (5) North, of range number two (2) East of the Indian Meridian in the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

You are further notified that the said J. W. Hocker, W. J. Long and W. M. Tomlin, Referees as aforesaid, will on Friday, the 5th day of June, 1903, at nine o'clock a. m. meet at the above described tract of land near the Town of Byars insaid Chickasaw Nation to inspect said real property and consider the injury which you as owners may sustain, and to assess the damages which you as such owners will sustain by reason of the appropriation of said property above described by said Railway Company as and for a dam and reservoir as above set forth and at which time and place you can be present and govern yourselves as you may be advised.

THE EASTERN OKLAHOMA RAILWAY COMPANY,

By Henry E. Asp.

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May _____, 1903.

I hereby acknowledge service of notice on me of which the
above and foregoing is a true and correct copy.

Governor of the Chickasaw Nation

Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation

GEORGE A.
J. E. McMURRAY
MELVIN CORNISH

LAW OFFICES OF

GENERAL COUNSEL FOR
THE CHOCTAW NATION
THE CHICKASAW NATION

MANSFIELD, McMURRAY & CORNISH.

South McAlester, Indian Territory, May 26, 1903.

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

Dear Governor:

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific
Railway Company has applied to acquire an area of 7.12
acres of land for depot grounds near Minco, Chickasaw
Nation, Indian Territory.

Mr. Low, the General Attorney for the railway
company, states that he is willing to make amicable
settlement with the tribes at the rate of \$50.00 per acre.
You will understand that application was made under
what is known as the Enid & Anadarko Act; and if ami-
cable settlement is made, the money will be paid to the
national treasurers of the two tribes in proportion of
three-fourths and one-fourth.

Will you consider the matter and instruct us
in the premises, in order that we may be in a position
to take necessary steps to protect the interests of the
nations?

Your friends,

Mansfield McMurray Cornish

Dictated.

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

LAW OFFICES OF
MANSFIELD, McMURRAY & CORNISH.

GENERAL COUNSEL FOR
THE CHOCTAW NATION
THE CHICKASAW NATION

South McAlester, Indian Territory, March, 26, 1903.

To The Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief of The Choctaw Nation,

Sans Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:- Will you be so kind as to inform us as to whether or not the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company has filed in your office a map of a certain piece of land, situated in Section (19) nineteen, Township (8) eight North, Range (15) fifteen East, according to the official survey of the Indian Territory; being a piece of land situated near and adjoining the town of Indianola, Indian Territory, beginning at the South boundary line of said town and following the East boundary line of said town in a Northerly direction about ten rods, thence East ten rods, thence South ten rods, thence West ten rods to the place of beginning; said piece of land being the land upon which is situated and surrounding a certain spring of water known as the "Camp Johnson Spring"; which piece of land, or a portion thereof, the Railway Company aforesaid has sought to have condemned for the purposes of furnishing a water supply for said railroad.

The purpose of this letter is to discover whether or not the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company has complied with Public No. 26, entitled "An Act To grant the right of way through the Oklahoma Territory and the Indian Territory to the Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes," and section 15 of said Act.

We shall greatly appreciate an immediate response to this request.

Yours very truly

Mansfield, McMurray, Cornish

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

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst in which you state that the C.R.I & P.R.Co. has applied to acquire 7.12 acres of land for depot grounds near Mince, Chickasaw Nation, and that Mr Lowe, the General Attorney for the railroad company, states that he is willing to make amicable settlement with the tribes for the same at the rate of \$50.00 per acre.

You are advised that this offer is satisfactory, so far as the Choctaw Nation is concerned, and you may take the necessary steps to secure settlement from that company on this basis.

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.H.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 31, 1903.

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 28th inst wherein you enquire whether or not the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company has filed in this office plat showing a certain piece of land in Sec.19, Twp.8,N., Range 15, East, upon which is situated a certain spring of water, known as the "Camp Johnson Spring."

In reply have to say that the only plat showing land sought to be condemned by the Ft.S.& W.Ry.Co., near Indianola, which surrounds a spring, is: one acre of land situated in the S.E.1/4 of the N.E.1/4 of Sec.13, Twp.8,N., Range 14,E.

I take it that this is the spring about which you write and that there has been an error in giving the numbers of the land, in your letter.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.H.

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

Honorable L.F. Parker,
General Solicitor,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I herewith acknowledge receipt of plat showing the land which the St. Louis San Francisco and New Orleans Railroad Company desires to acquire for additional station grounds at Burwood, in the Chickasaw Nation, under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and the Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes."

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER.
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Pipe Line- Francis.

St.Louis, Mo., May 18, 1905.

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

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith, for filing in your office, blue print showing land which it is the purpose of the St.Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to acquire for the purposes of a pipe line at Francis, I.T., under the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled:

"An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes;"

approved February 28, 1902; said land being described as follows:

"Situated in the N.W.quarter of N.E.quarter, N.E.quarter of N.W. quarter, and the S.E.quarter of N.W.quarter, Section 29, Township 5 North, Range 7 East, Chickasaw Nation, I.T., bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

A strip of land 10 feet wide, being 5 feet from each side of the following described center line. Beginning at a point in the present west boundary line of the St.Louis and San Francisco Railroad, which point is 50 feet at right angles from center line of said track at station 243 plus 12, which station is 112 feet in a southwesterly direction from the intersection of said center line of main track with the north line of aforesaid section, measured along center line of said track; thence in a southwesterly direction 98 feet to a point 75 feet distant at right angles in a westerly direction from center of said track; thence still continuing in same direction 110 feet to a point 85 feet distant westerly from center of said track; thence still continuing in same direction

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321 feet to a point 112 feet distant in a westerly direction from center line of said track; thence still continuing on same course 284 feet to a point 119 feet distant from center of aforesaid track; thence still continuing on tangent 1275 feet to a point in the north line of station grounds at Francis 59 feet at right angles in a westerly direction from center of aforesaid track.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker

General Solicitor.

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H.E.H.

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

Honorable L.F. Parker,

General Solicitor,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst enclosing plat of the land desired by your company for pipe line near Francis, in the Chickasaw Nation.

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Yours truly,

prin. Chief C.N.

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER.
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Roff, I.T.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith, for filing in your office, a blue print showing land which it is the purpose of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to acquire for right of way at Roff, in the Chickasaw Nation, I. T., under the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid, and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes"; approved February 28, 1902, said land containing 15.1702 acres.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker

General Solicitor.

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ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER.
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Ada, I.T.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith, for filing in your office, a blue print showing land which it is the purpose of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to acquire for right of way at Ada, in the Chickasaw Nation, I. T., under the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes," February 28, 1903, said land containing 10.327 acres.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker
General Solicitor.
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H.E.H.
enc

Sans Bois, I.T., June 3, 1903.

Honorable L.F. Parker,
General Solicitor,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, enclosing blueprint showing land which it is the purpose of your company to acquire for additional right of way at the town of Roff, in the Chickasaw Nation;

And also blueprint showing plat of land it is the desire of your company to acquire for additional right of way at the town of Ada, in the Chickasaw Nation.

You will please take notice, that my official address is Sans Bois, Indian Territory, and not Tahleah, Ind. Ter.

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.H.

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER,
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Wye at Talihina, I.T.

St. Louis, Mo., June 10, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief,
Choctaw Nation,
San Bois, I.T.

Dear Sir:

With this I hand you blue print showing land which it is the purpose of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to acquire to be used for a wye at Talihina, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, under the provisions of an act of Congress, approved February 28th, 1902, entitled,

"An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes".

Said land is situated in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 22 East, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, and a portion of the same is part of Lot one (1), Block thirty (30) in the Town of Talihina.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker
General Solicitor.

H.E.H.

enc

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER.
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Additional Station Grounds- Madill.

St. Louis, Mo., June 10, 1902

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief,
Choctaw Nation,
San Bois, I.T.

Dear Sir:

With this I hand you blue print showing land which it is the desire of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to acquire for the purposes of additional station grounds at Madill, Chickasaw Nation, I.T., under the provisions of an act of Congress, approved February 28th, 1902, entitled,

"An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes".

Said land is situated in Section 27, Township 5 South, Range 5 East of the Indian Meridian of the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, and contains about 32.30 acres.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker

General Solicitor.

H.E.H.
enc

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

Honorable L.F. Parker,
General Solicitor, Frisco,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I herewith acknowledge receipt of blueprint showing plat
of land desired by your company for a wye at Talihina, I.T.

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Messrs Dyke Bros.

Fort Smith, Ark.

Gentlemen:

With reference to your bill of June 5, 1903, for \$62.07, I beg to advise that there has been no such bill of lumber delivered at Kintah, I.T., for me. You will please look into the matter, and if the lumber has been shipped then please trace same and ascertain what has become of it.

Please let me hear from you with reference to this matter at your earliest convenience, and oblige,

Yours truly,

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Arkinda, Ark., 6/13/1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Sans Bois,

Dear sir:

The Moon & Pryer Lumber Co. have this day shipped, via
Hugo, to Kansas City, two more cars of Lumber, in the following cars,

Frisco Car No. 49438

Frisco Car No. 49808.

Resp'ly Yours,

Wm Spencer.

has released them again. Only last week an Indian Police by the name of Capt West stopped there, but in a couple of days they were released. On June 3rd, 1903 they shipped two cars of lumber, Frisco Car 6848 and K.C.M. & B. car 3157 and their men at the mill said they were shipping to Kansas City.

Then June 6th they shipped Frisco Car 6409, M.C.K. & B. 3137 both shipments went to Hugo on the A & C, or Frisco. I have no positive way of finding out that this lumber did go to Kansas City and I wish you would investigate the whole thing thoroughly and if I can assist you in any way I will be glad to do so without any regard for expense. Mr Armstrong will subdivide this section in the near future, then we will know if they have cut beyond the 40 acres. I am very glad to learn that you are coming down here in the near future.

Resp'ly Yours,
Wm Spencer.

P.O. Arkinda, Ark.

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

Honorable J. Blair Shoenfelt,
United States Indian Agent,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I herewith enclose copy of communication received by this office from Mr Spencer, of Arkinda, Ark., the original of which I have this day forwarded to Honorable J. George Wright, Inspector. The mill spoken of in this letter is the mill with reference to which I forwarded you complaint signed by several citizens, some days since. You will note that this man Spencer says that he is not a citizen, and I am therefore unable to see his interest in the matter; however, if the facts are as stated in his letter (and I have reason to believe they are, as I have been told by other parties that Moon & Pryor had cut the timber from half a mile square in the immediate vicinity of this mill), it would appear that they are only clothing their lumber business with the cloak of a railroad company for illegal purposes. I would therefore respectfully request that investigation be made at once, and if such is the fact, that this mill be stopped, and that Moon and Pryor be forced to pay for the lumber they have already shipped from the Indian Territory.

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Encl.

Very Respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Honorable J. Blair Shoenfelt,

United States Indian Agent,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

Supplementing my letter of the 15th inst, I herewith enclose a copy of a letter, the original of which I have this day forwarded to Honorable J. George Wright, from Wm Spencer, of Arkinda, Ark., with reference to the shipment, by Moon & Prior Lumber Co., of two cars of lumber, to Kansas City, Mo., on the 13th inst.

These people claim to be cutting from the right of way of a proposed railway, under the recent act of Congress granting the right-of-way to the Enid and Anadarko Ry Co., and for other purposes. This, however, if true, would not, I respectfully insist, entitle said parties so engaged in clearing right-of-way, to ship the lumber out of the country, as it was only contemplated, under the act, to be used in the construction of the railway. The Indian citizens are charging that the non-citizen continues to violate the law, while the citizen proper is not permitted to do so.

I would most respectfully urge that immediate steps be taken to stop this unlawful shipment of lumber from the Choctaw Nation.

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Encl.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Honorable J. George Wright,

United States Indian Inspector,
Muskegee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

Supplementing my letter of the 15th inst, I herewith enclose a letter just received from Wm Spencer, of Arkinda, Ark., with reference to the shipment, by the Moon & Prior Lbr. Co., of two cars of lumber, to Kansas City, Mo., on the 13th inst, from the Choctaw Nation

These people claim to be cutting timber from the right-of-way of a proposed railway, under the recent act of Congress granting the right-of-way to the Enid and Anadarko Ry Co., and for other purposes. This, however, if true, would not, I respectfully insist, entitle said parties so engaged in clearing the right-of-way, to ship the lumber out of the country, as it was only contemplated, under the Act, to be used in the construction of the railway. The Indian Citizens are charging that the non-citizen continues to violate the law, while the citizen proper is not permitted to do so.

I would most respectfully urge that you take immediate steps to stop this unlawful shipment of lumber from the Choctaw Nation, by this or any other company.

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Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.N.

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER,
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Additional Station Grounds- Madill.

St. Louis, Mo., June 19, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief,
Choctaw Nation,
San Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:

I hand you herewith blue print showing land which it is the desire of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company to acquire for the purposes of additional station grounds at Madill, Chickasaw Nation, I.T., under the provisions of an act of Congress, approved February 28th, 1902, entitled:

"An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes."

Said land is situated in Section 27, Township 5 South, Range 3 East of the Indian Meridian of the Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, and contains about 32.30 acres.

This map should be substituted for the one sent you under date of June 10th, on which, I believe, the Section number was, through error, omitted.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker
General Solicitor.

H.E.H.
enc

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

Honorable L.F. Parker,

General Solicitor,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I herewith acknowledge receipt of plat showing land which
it is the desire of your company to acquire for additional station
grounds at Madill, I.T.

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

**Lam Offices of
Hill and Brizzolara,
Fort Smith, Ark.**

June 23, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

We beg leave to report in regard to the case of
Choctaw Nation v. MK&T Railway Co.

After long delays we succeeded in getting the
demurrer to the complaint set for hearing at South McAlester on
yesterday, June 22nd. We were promptly on hand at that time,
and there found that without any notice to us Mr. Jackson
the attorney for the railroad company had filed a petition
for change of venue and objected to South McAlester and Poteau,
which would carry the case most likely to Atoka. Mr. Jackson
had filed this and then left the court some days before,
and was not there on the day set, and Messrs. Horton & Brewer,
his associates, claimed they only had authority to
present the motion, and that Mr. Jackson supposed it would go
as a matter of right. We insisted that they would have no right to
a change of venue until the demurrer to the complaint
was disposed of and an issue of fact triable by jury was
raised by the pleadings. Judge Clayton agreed with this con-
tention and held that he would not pass upon the motion for
change of venue until the demurrer was disposed of. We tried to
get it heard at once, but Judge Clayton said as Mr. Jackson had
evidently believed that the case would be changed of venue
without any hearing upon the demurrer he would not hear it until

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Fort Smith, Ark.

he gave him a reasonable opportunity to be present.

After fruitless telegraphing with Mr. Jackson, the court finally set a hearing for argument of the demurrer for July 7, and says that he will hear it and dispose of it at that time whether Mr. Jackson is present or not.

Respectfully,

James Brizzolara

ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD COMPANY.

L. F. PARKER.
GENERAL SOLICITOR.

Hugo, I.T.

St. Louis, Mo., June 26, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief,
Choctaw Nation,
San Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:

I hand you with this, for filing in your office, a blue print showing land which it is the desire of the St. Louis, San Francisco and New Orleans Railroad Company to acquire for the purposes of additional station grounds at Hugo, in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, under the Act of Congress, approved February 28th, 1902, entitled,

"An act to grant the right of way through Oklahoma Territory and Indian Territory to the said Enid Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes."

Said land being situated in the Southeast quarter of Section 21, Northeast quarter of Section 28, Northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 17 East, and contains about 36.21 acres.

Very truly,

L. F. Parker

General Solicitor.

H.E.H.

enc

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

Honorable L.F. Parker,
General Solicitor,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I herewith acknowledge receipt of plat showing plat of
land desired by your company for additional station grounds at
Hugo, Choctaw Nation, Ind. Ter.

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Law Offices of
Hill and Brizzolara,
Fort Smith, Ark.

July 8, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:

You are respectfully advised that on yesterday,
7th inst., the United States Court at South McAlester overruled
the demurrer of the defendant filed in the case of Choctaw
Nation v. MK&T Ry Co., and the defendant was given until
September 10th to file answer; and the said railroad company
took a change of venue to Atoka.

Further proceedings in the matter will be promptly
reported to you.

Respectfully,

Hill & Brizzolara



THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

READ & McDONOUGH,
ATTORNEYS FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

July 15, 1903.
FORT SMITH, ARK.,

REFERENCE

Governor Green McCurtain,
Sans Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir:

I am directed by the Board of Directors of the Fort Smith & Poteau Bridge Company to make certain inquiries concerning the duties and liabilities of this company. The company, as you are aware, owns the bridge across the Poteau near this place. The bridge was built about ~~about~~ twelve or fifteen years ago under a charter of the Choctaw Nation. Some question has arisen as to the obligations of the various parties interested relative to the restoration of the road along the Arkansas River bank where the same was washed into the river by a recent rise. The high water about forty days ago caused the river bank and the public road from this place to Spiro and beyond to fall into the river. The road fell in from a point about six miles West of here for a distance of about a mile. In the early history of this bridge, when the river caused the road to cave in the owner of the land always moved his fence back at his own expense and left a public highway along the river bank. Some of the land owners along the River bank now refuse to do that.

Have you a copy of the charter of this company in your files? Can you cite me to the laws of the Choctaw Nation governing this subject? We would be very glad indeed to have



THE KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

READ & McDONOUGH,
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LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

FORT SMITH, ARK., July 15, 1903.

REFERENCE

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any information that you can give us concerning this matter.

Thanking you in advance for your kindness in the premises,
we are,

Yours truly,

James B. McDonough

JBMcd

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

Honorable James B. McDonough,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst in which you state that the Board of Directors of the Fort Smith and Peteau Bridge Company have directed you to make certain inquiries concerning the duties of said company. This office regrets to say that it is not familiar with the legal status of this company, not having the Charter or other Acts of Council relative thereto.

It might be well for you to write E.H. Wilson, National Secretary, at Ft. Towsen, I.T., for copies of the charter and Acts of Council relative to this company.

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Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Messrs Hill & Brizzolara,

Pt. Smith, Ark.

Gentlemen:

A representative of the M.K. & T. Ry. Co. filed in my office today maps showing definite location and revised location of the lines of that railway company. These maps indicate that these lines are situated at Durant, Atoka, Peck and Wilburton, I.T. Additional station grounds are also wanted by this company at Pgillips, Chocke and Coalgate, and a water reserve near Stonewall, I.T. In many instances the proposed lines verge from the main line, as now constructed, from a quarter to a half mile. It occurred to me, taken in connection with my conversation with Your Mr Hill a few days ago, that it would be proper that your firm be apprised of this fact. It may be that the railroad company is seeking to take advantage of the fact that they have not settled with the two nations for these branch lines, and are now attempting to follow the suggestions of Judge Clayton to the effect that the railroad was responsible for the land used by these branch lines. I have in todays mail written Mansfield, McMurray & Cornslih to ascertain whether or not the railway company settled, during Dukes administration, for any lands used for that purpose. Hoping this information may prove of some value to you in this fight, I am,
PSL(W) Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I am anxious to ascertain whether or not, during the administration of G.W. Dukes, the M.K. & T. Ry. Co. ever paid for lands used and now covered by their branch lines in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. There is quite a number of maps filed with me today by this company, and I believe they are seeking to take advantage of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in the suit now pending in Judge Clayton's court. Please give me what information you have along this line, and greatly oblige,

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.W.

Law Offices of
Gill and Brizzolara,
Fort Smith, Ark.

July 31, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 29th received. We are inclined to think that the railroad company in filing the maps with you is trying to now do what they should have done many years ago, and are evidently doing it in order to get themselves on better ground than they have heretofore stood in regard to the branch lines, in response to the situation presented in the lawsuit we are attending to.

Please have us a copy of these maps made. We do not care about an exact reproduction, but a mere rough draft of what the maps show. Have some clerk or draftsman in your office make them for us and send them to us with bill and we will settle for them.

We notice that you have requested Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish to ascertain whether the railroad company settled with the Dukes administration for any land used. We are very anxious to get this information and have no doubt that these gentlemen will furnish it to us shortly.

Have you given the matter our Mr. Hill was talking to you about of suggesting one or two good men to make an examination of the right of way any further consideration? Jackson's answer has to be filed in September, and we would not likely want

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Fort Smith, Ark.

to take up that matter until after we see his answer, but we
want to be prepared to take it up very shortly thereafter.

Yours truly,

Hill Brizzolara

Law Offices of
Hill and Brizzolara,
Fort Smith, Ark.

August 8, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Sans Bois, I.T.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 4th enclosing letter of Messrs. Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, duly received. We hope that they will get the information from Mr. Jackson. He promised us in our last conference that he would advise us very shortly as to whether the railroad had paid, claiming to us that it had paid for the branch lines. We trust you will be able to get the information from the records of the Choctaw Nation, and not from the records of the MK&T Railway Company, ^{so} as ~~to~~ the facts *may be relied on.*

Yours truly,

Hill & Brizzolara

Sans Bois, I.T., August 10, 1903.

Messrs Hill & Brizzolara,
Port Smith, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

express
I have, by todays ~~xxix~~, sent you the maps recently served
on me by the M.K. & T.R Co., as I have been unable to get the scetches
you desired, by reason of press of business. When they have served
their purpose please return them to this office.

With reference to the matter of sending two competent men to look over the ground and make assessments, you will please write me fully what you want them to do, and where you want them to go. As I remember my conversation with your Mr Hill, he stated that he desired these men to look over this ground, and that they were to be paid out of the appropriation made by Council to pay your fee; am I correct?

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Yours truly,

Prin.Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., August 11, 1903.

Mr Ed H. Wilson, Nat'l Sec.

Pt. Towson, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am anxious to ascertain whether or not the M.K. & T.R. Co ever paid the Nation for the additional railroad grounds, during Dukes Administration, or in fact if there is any record showing that this railway company has paid the Nation for their right of way at any time. The Nation has a suit pending in the U.S. Court which seeks to collect the amount due the Nation for its original right of way and the additional grounds it has secured through the recent Act of Congress, and the attorneys representing the Nation are anxious to secure all documentary evidence that may throw any light on the subject. I wish you would search the records of your office in order to ascertain if there is any documents bearing on this subject, and write me at once.

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Yours truly,

prin. Chief C.N.

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 11, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
San Boise, Indian Territory,

Dear Governor:

If you remember when you were here sometime ago you directed us to write a letter to Mr. Jackson, attorney for the "Katy" Railway, inquiring if payment had been made for the short line of the "Katy" Railway through the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

We are just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Jackson in which he states that such lines have been paid for with the exception of the new line from Atoka to Denison, and the right-of-way of the second extension of the Krebs branch, and the new line from Coalgate northwest, known as the Texas and Oklahoma Railway.

For your information we have to state that within the last few weeks the Railway Company has made a tender of \$1.00 for damages due the nations for these rights-of-way, which we, of course, declined. The purpose of this tender of \$1.00 was to secure a disagreement in order that an application might be made to the United States Courts ^{under the} ~~at~~ Enid and Anadoka ^{act} for appointment of referees. These applications have been made and referees have been appointed, and it is expected they will proceed to fix the damages due the nation s at an early date. We are quite sure that the attorney for

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J. F. McMURRAY
MEIVEN CORNISH

LAW OFFICES OF
MANSFIELD, MC MURRAY & CORNISH.

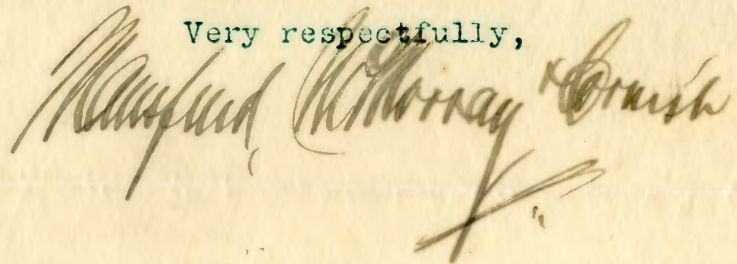
GENERAL COUNSEL FOR
THE CHOCTAW NATION
THE CHICKASAW NATION

Hon. Green McCurtain 2.

Company will propose that the referees find and file an agreed award of \$90.00 per mile for these rights-of-way, and we would be pleased to have your advise as to what we should do in the premises when such proposition is made. In view of the fact that that other railways throughout the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have made amicable settlements upon payment of this amount, our opinion is that it would be a satisfactory settlement in this instance.

We are giving these matters close attention as they arise from time to time, and shall report them to you for your consideration and in order that you may instruct us.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

Law Offices of
Gill and Brizzolara,
Fort Smith, Ark.

August 12, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Sans Bois, I.T.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 10th received. We also received the maps by express yesterday. We will go over them carefully and make such notations as may be useful to us and later on return them to your office.

With reference to sending two competent men to look over the grounds and make investigations preparatory to testifying to their values, we have to say, you have exactly the right view of our idea, and that is, that their fees are to come from the \$1000 appropriated by the Council to pay fees and expenses. We have received \$500 of that sum and we believe that the same is pretty nearly exhausted, and we would like to receive the other \$500 between now and the trial of the case that we may use it for the various and divers expenses which will be incurred in the trial, and out of that we expect to have to pay these witnesses. As suggested to you by our Mr. Hill we would like for you to select one or two parties whom you think suitable to make the investigation, in order that they could intelligently testify as to the value of the rights of way. We do not want this work done until after Mr. Jackson files his answer next month, but want to be prepared to take it up immediately upon his filing the answer, at which time the issues will be sharply defined.

Yours truly,

James Brizzolara

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

Messrs Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst, I beg to advise that if the railway company makes a proposition to pay \$90.00 per mile for their rights of way, and it is in your judgment sufficient compensation for the same, then it will be entirely satisfactory to this office for you to accept same.

Further in this respect, I wish you would, if possible, ascertain the name of the various rights-of-way this road claims to have paid for.

Dic-GM

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

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

Messrs Hill & Brizzolara,

Pt. Smith, Ark.

Gentlemen:

Referring further to the suit of the Choctaw Nation vs M.K. & T.R. Co., I am just in receipt of a letter from Messrs Mansfield McMurray & Cornish, wherein they state that they are advised that the railway company has paid for all the rights-of-way with the exception of the new line from Atoka to Denison, and the extension of the Krebs branch, and the new line from Coalgate northwest, known as the Texas and Oklahoma railway. They further state that the referees have been appointed to fix the damages due the nation for these rights-of-way above mentioned.

Dic-OM.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHOCTAW NATION

EDWARD H. WILSON,

National Secretary.

Aug 20 1903

Hon Genl M. J. Curtain
Principal Chief Choctaw nation
Minton D.

Dear Sir: I am writing:

Your communication of the 11th inst is at hand wherein you wanted to know if the M & T R R Co ever paid the nation for the additional rail road ground during A. W. Wilson's Administration.

I have searched all the records that I have in the office at Tuskahoma. George H. South National Treasurer of the Choctaw nation in his Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30 1901 reported to have received on Oct 29 1900 from Kansas and Texas Rail Road Co for right of way and tax no. 116:983. \$1,314.60 I will continue to look up all the old records in my office if I should find any thing will write you.

Yours Truly
E. H. Wilson Natl Secy

Law Office of
John E. Du Mars,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Aug. 26, 1903.

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

Dear Sir:-I hand you herewith notice in the matter of the application of the Texas & Oklahoma Railroad Company for appointment of referees to appraise damages arising to the Choctaw Nation, account of the taking of a right of way by this Company. On the 2nd day of July Judge Townsend appointed Tom Hope, Otis B. Weaver and Wm. McDaniels as referees to appraise the damages as above mentioned.

The officers of the Company have agreed that an award based on the allowance of \$90.00 per mile for the right of way taken and \$50.00 per acre for lands taken for station grounds, section houses and other similar railroad purposes, may be made.

You will note that the appraisement will be made on the 25th day of September, 1903 at the Ada National Bank, and I would respectfully request that you sign the enclosed notice and return the same to me, and I will transmit the same to the Clerk of the Court at Ada. Your signature to this notice will save the expense of an officer going to your residence, and I do not wish to put you to any unnecessary inconvenience.

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I am publishing the notice in the Daily Ardmoreite, and am sending this notice for your acceptance of service as additional precaution. I hope you will find it convenient to be at Ada on the 25th, as I have some matters I would like to talk over with you at that time.

Very truly yours,

John E. Davis

ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM.

CHOCTAW, OKLAHOMA & GULF RAILROAD CO.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

C. B. STUART,

ATTORNEY FOR OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORIES.

R. E. CAMPBELL,

ASST. ATTORNEY FOR OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORIES.

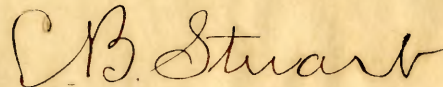
SOUTH MCALESTER, I. T., Sept. 5, 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Governor, Choctaw Nation,
San Bois, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:-

Please be kind enough to file inclosed maps of
lands sought to be acquired by the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf
Railroad Company at or near Wilburton Ind. Ter., and Hilltop,
Ind. Ter., in your office, date and sign attached receipts in
triplicate and return same to me as soon as possible, and
very much oblige,

Yours very respectfully,

Attorney, Ind. Ter. & Okla.
S.

M. KELLY
RAILROAD CONTRACTOR

Montreal, Ark. Sept. 7th. 1903.

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Govenor McCurtain

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear Sir:-

I have the contract for the bridging on the new Midland Valley R.R. and wish to get piling in your Nation for the crossing of the Popeau River and wish you would inform me what steps I will have to take in order to get a permit to cut this piling in your Nation. Any information you can give me on this subject will be highly appreciated.

Yours Truly

M. Kelly

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line of the Kansas City Southern Ry; thence Northerly 345.7 feet along
said west right of way line of the Kansas City Southern Ry; thence
southwesterly 584.5 feet to a point in said North right of way line
of the station grounds of said Midland Valley Railroad Company at said point
opposite station 26+97.5 on said Company's line of railroad; thence
Northeasterly along said North right of way line 435.7 feet to point of
beginning and containing 1.47 acres;

said map being filed in my office in compliance with the provisions of
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opposite station 26+97.5 on said Company's line of railroad; thence
Northeasterly along said North right of way line 433.7 feet to point of
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for railroad purposes at Mile 26, Ind.Ter., described as follows:

A strip of land 30 feet in width and 200 feet long adjacent to said
Company's right of way line as shown on the Company's filing Fractional
Map No. 1, and extending from station 216+00 to station 218+00, containing
25/100 acres;

said map being filed in my office in compliance with the provisions
of the Act of Congress, approved Feb. 28, 1902, entitled "An Act to grant
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0+00 and from Station 0+00 to Station 2+99.8, being 2046.6 feet long;
and 50 feet in width on the South side of said right of way, and extending
from station 0+00 to station 13+70.9=Station 0+00, and from Station 0+00
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THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,
W. E. STANLEY.

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

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Atoka, Indian Territory, November 11, 1903.

Ellis Bohanan,

Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Choctaw Land Office that you have selected as an allotment lands in the Choctaw Nation described as follows:

Homestead:

N/2 of SE/4 of Section 33 T 8 N R 20 E
SW/4 of SE/4 of Section 33 T 8 N R 20 E
SE/4 of SW/4 of Section 33 T 8 N R 20 E

Land allotted exclusive of homestead:

S/2 of N/2 of NE/4 of Section 13 T 8 N R 14 E
less 0.11 acres Fort Smith & Western Railroad.
S/2 of NE/4 Section 13 T 8 N R 14 E, less 6.06
acres Ft. Smith & Western Railroad Company.
N/2 of N/2 of SE/4 of Section 13 T 8 N R 14 E

It also appears from the records of said land office that there has been delivered to you certificate of allotment for the land selected by you on April 30, 1903, exclusive of your homestead selection certificate, as aforesaid, which certificate is numbered 323 and describes the 160 acres selected by you, less 6.17 acres for right of way of the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company, and the total acreage of the land described in said certificate is given as 153.83 acres.

It further appears that on December 12, 1902, there were filed by the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company with the

Ellis Bohanan, -- 2.

United States Indian Agent, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, plats showing the additional lands to be acquired by said railway company for a spring and pipe line in Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 14 East, containing in all 1.69 acres, and for station grounds in the N.E. 1/4 of Section 13, Township 8 North, Range 14 East, containing in all 2.75 acres.

As the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company has acquired this additional ground for spring, pipe line and station grounds by condemnation proceedings, there should have been deducted from the land described in said allotment certificate No. 323, issued by this office in your name, as aforesaid, 0.69 acres for the pipe line, one acre for the spring and 2.75 acres for the station grounds, and the total acreage allotted should be 149.39 acres, instead of 153.83 acres, as described in said certificate of allotment, and you should be credited with the appraised value of 4.44 acres acquired by the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company by condemnation proceedings, instituted under the provisions of the act of Congress approved February 28, 1902.

Pursuant to the directions of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, you are therefore respectfully requested to return to the Choctaw Land Office, at Atoka, Indian Territory, at once, allotment certificate exclusive of the homestead No. 323, in order that such certificate may be corrected and a new one issued to you in lieu thereof describing the land allotted, less the right of way of the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company and

Ellis Bohanan, -- 3.

the additional lands acquired by condemnation proceedings, as
aforesaid.

Respectfully,

W. F. Angell

Clerk in Charge.

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NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, ILL.

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C. M. Keys

Commission Co.

INCORPORATED.

W. H. KEYS, PRESIDENT.
M. E. KEYS, VICE PRES.
F. C. PINKERTON, SEC.

Kansas City, Kansas Dec. 19, 08.

I. P. Allen,
Kinta, Okla.

Dear Sir:- In going over our old claims we find one filed for you Sept. 5th, 1907. We have written to W. W. Miller of M. K. & T. repeatedly and get no answers in regard to this claim. It was for shrink on account of holding cattle at pens some days. If you care to write them direct it might do some good. Refer to M. K. & T. number 60014, amount \$64.05, and threaten to sue them it might bring an answer anyway.

Yours truly,

C. M. Keys Com Co.

per *A. E. Long*

P. S. We also have number 68332 filed Nov. 9th 1907 for 83.88. If you write or have attorney write mention this one also. Better write separate letter on each claim.