

CHEROKIE MANUSCRIPTS

Bullet Foreman Letters

The following fifty-nine documents consisting of letters and memoranda belong to the collection of Mrs. Carlisle of Vian, Oklahoma. Through her friendship for Doctor Grant Foreman, he was able to obtain them and have them copied for this project.

Mrs. Carlisle is a daughter of Bullet Foreman.

Bullet Foreman operated a ferry near the mouth of the Illinois River and was a very influential political leader in the Cherokee Nation. Most of the letters pertain to political activity in the Cherokee Nation.

The originals have been copied as faithfully as possible. Practically all the letters were written in ink; some are written on letter heads which were copied because many of the places mentioned in the headings no longer exist.

J. M. Clark
12-7-37

Treasury Department

Tahlequah C. N. March 4th, 1872

Know all men by these presents that I, D. W. Bushyhead, Treasurer Cherokee Nation by virtue of authority in me vested by law, have granted and by these presents do grant unto Sarah Foreman a License for the term of twelve months to keep a Public Ferry on the Arkansas River at the Mouth of Illinois River Cherokee Nation.

D. W. Bushyhead
Treasurer C. N.

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Soldiers, Creek, C. N1, July 14th, 1872

Dear Friend:

I write a few lines this morning to let you know that we are all in reasonable health, hoping when these few lines reaches you that they will find you all in good health, and doing well. I was up to Fort Sill the other day, I found some little excitement up there. Some think that the Indians will be somewhat troublesome this Fall. The wild tribe is doing a considerable devilment, over in Texas at the present and I think that they must and will be put down by the force of armies. We looked for you out, but you failed to come. Tell Joe and wife that we send our best respects to them and to write to us.

May has been going up to Sill to school this year to the quaker school, which is 3 miles from Fort Sill. This school is a good school and May is well pleased with it. They want May to go back again. I think that I will send her back to stay one more year. They are very anxious for May to go to this school, and will not charge me one cent for her board or schooling. Agent Tatum

is a No. 1 man. Mr. Butler is the teacher of the school, a man with a family who is now out north on a visit. Will return back in a short time and take up school again. Well, our crops is looking very well at this time. We have 700 acres of land in corn which is looking well and if we can sell it for a good price, we will be all right this fall. I have sold my interest on the place where we are living for \$5000 in stock. We will move up to the other field this fall where we will stay two years longer, then our time will be out. I think then we will return back home, or at any rate I will settle down some place where we will feel more permanent than I do at the present. Well I have not but little to say today, but I will say to you all to do the best you can and we will promise to do the same. I want you to write to me when you get this and tell me all you can. We all send our best respects to you all. I expect to start down to Tishomingo to get some stock. I drove up some cattle the other day. The stock that I get for my interest for this little place is bought up with goods at Tishomingo C. N.

Our best wishes and respects to all family
and so I will bring my letter to a close by saying
for you all to do the best you can and to write to
me soon. So nothing more but regards. Your friend
and most obt. servant.

J. W. Maxfield

Treasury Department
Tahlequah ON
Mar 4th, 1874

Know all men by these presents that I, D. W. Bushyhead Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation by virtue of the Authority in me vested by law do grant and by these present confirm unto C. F. Foreman a citizen of the Cherokee Nation residing in Illinois District, a License to keep a "public" Ferry in the Arkansas River at the place known as the Foreman Ferry situated at the mouth of the Illinois River. The said C. F. Foreman having fulfilled the requirements of the law in regard to Public Ferries passed Oct. 31st, 1869.

D. W. Bushyhead
Treasurer of C. N.

Per James S. Stapter

Park Hill, Cherokee Na.

Oct. 6, 1874.

Dear Nannie,

I should have written to you before now but I have been waiting for a letter from Miss Hoge, the lady we expected to come to teach our little privet school here, but I got no answer until last friday - And I am sorry to say she is not coming, at least not this fall; but she says she will come so as to begin school next Feb. if I say so. She would have come this fall, but she did not get my letter in time - She had engaged to teach a free school in Va. before my letter got to her, and she wrote that she could not break off from her engagement. It was partly my own fault that she did not hear from me sooner, and partly owing to the delays of the mail. But I have thought that if you and Susie, and your uncle Jesse, think best, you can send Minnie any how and let her stay with us this coming winter. I will board and clothe her free of expense to any of you, for helping Ruth, in, and about the house. Our family is small at present, and I hope it will continue so, at least this winter. There are only five of us

in the family - viz. Ruth, myself, Tom, Everts and the Capt. Next Spring if you all think best, Minnie might attend school at the Seminary and go from here as you did. Her board would be the same as what you paid. If we have a school here she could attend it, instead of going to the Seminary.

We are all in usual health at present. our boy has been the worst off, but he is now pretty well. John's folks are all well. John himself is up on the Verdigris building him a house, with a view of moving to it this fall, before cole weather sets in. Alex is up there also helping John. Their aim is, I believe, to live together for a while, and follow stock raising. Of course, I hope they will do well - I have helped them a good deal, and still intend to do so, if I can. Taylor is up there also busily engaged in building in the same prairie, near where Charlie McClellan is building. Taylor's wife is at her father's at present and will stay there until the last of this month when their house will be ready to move into. Worcester is at Cane Hill going on with his studies.

There have been two very sudden deaths in this vicinity within a few days, one in town and the other at the Asylum. Mrs. Thorn died Sabbath morning in town and was buried the same after noon. Mrs. Walter Duncan died also very suddenly on yesterday morning, it is said. Maggie Rowe is also dead. She died also suddenly, on Sabbath morning last. Thus we are all passing away. Truly, we know not what shall be on tomorrow. Our blessed Redeemer says, "be ye also ready" - O may we all be ready to meet him when he comes.

Well now what about the horse we were speaking of when I was at the Falls last? If you think best to send him, send him soon, or send me the money. I do not care which, though, if any thing, I would rather have the horse, if you do not ask too much boot. Let me hear from you soon on the subject, for I am hard run for money just now.

The Female Seminary did not go into operation until Monday the 5th inst. Both the old teachers are back, and opened their school with twelve scholars. Susie and Mary Jones have gone to Ill. to school.

If nothing prevent I will be at the Falls again
the last Sabbath in Nov. Give my regards to your
aunt Susie and your uncle Jesse and family, &c.
Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain yours truly -

Stephen Foreman.

J. S. ATKINSON.

A. W. ROBB.

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J. S. ATKINSON & CO.,

Dealers in General Merchandise,

Muskogee, Indian Territory ..Oct.11,.1874

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M^r Bullet

Dear Sir

Allow me to congratulate on the move
in life you have takin . i wish you all the luck in

life & i wil shurly have to come down sune to make
the acquaintence of M^{rs} Bullett Forman & i wil bring
a bottle of termahter juse to selibrate the occasin
with

My compliments to all the famly & tel Nanie to
accepts of the beste wishes of. her husbend best friend

B. L. Luttrell

Brushy Spring Aug 1 ' 76

Dear Bullette

Thinking you would like to hear from us I will try and write you a few lines we got as far as John horn, the evening we left home we stalled at every little pull between gids and horns got in the storm we got to the spring sunday about twelve. all satisfied except Coowee The chief fretted the first

night but he is all write now Know There is about seven families here times very lively we are not comfortablely fixed but I will try and get a little better fixed agreeing you come up. I send you the turnip seed back I did not know I had them until I got up here, and the apples went like hot cakes I am sorry I did not get that waggon sheet from Cobb I will write you again.

Mack

Chas. M. McClellan
Stock Raiser,
and dealer in
Beef Cattle

Claremore, I. T.
May 16th, 1877.

Cousin Bullet:

I have been anxious to hear from some of you,
heard Monday through Blue Alberty, the trial had
been put off. I am sorry, and glad too. Write
to me soon, and tell me all you know, and what your
opinion of things will be, tell Joe if things come
to the worst, he can depend on friends from here,
let me know in time. I do sincerely hope there
will be no trouble. I would go down, but my family
are almost helpless at present, have no help and
behind with my crop, but if necessary can go down.
Just let me know. I have no news of importance
to write. Give my love to Nannie Susie, and all
the rest. Charley's folks are well. Excuse haste.

Your friend, and Cousin,
Taylor Foreman.

Tahlequah Cherokee Nation
Nov. 24th, 1877

J. B. Foreman, Esqr.

Friend Bullet:

Thinking that you would like to hear what is going on at the "Capital" I thought I would address you a few lines. Well yesterday morning

the Senate was organized into a high court of impeachment to try the case of the Hon. John Thompson Adair Chief Justice of the Cherokee Nation charged with a gross violation of law and malpractice in office. After a two days hard fight by Hogshooter McCrackin and Ose Hair appointed by the lower house to prosecute in the name of the C. N. and Boudinot and Walker defending the battle began yesterday at 9 o'clock and lasted until this evening. The trial created considerable excitement, people came from Gibson and surrounding country to listen to the trial. The gray haired veteran who has grown gray in the service of his country was the subject of many remarks. However, the case terminated in his acquittal.

A bill authorizing the appointment of a delegation passed both houses, and is now in the Executive Office waiting for the Chiefs approval or rejection. The bill only provides for only two.

There is a great deal of business before Council, I don't think we can get through this session. The first two weeks was taken up in trying contested election cases and suspended officers. The different committees will mostly report next week and then, we will have some heavy canonading from the Orators of the different parties.

Steve Spears lingers around the corners, he has never called on me, I keep close in my "den" after dark. I see Took occasionally, he is well and say he is doing well. I want to see the baby awful bad, How is your gal getting along. You must be failing by having gal babys. Tell Susie I have got well again and would like to go home but I recon I will have to grin and bear it, tell Susie to write and tell me all about home affairs and the little ones. You must write and tell me all the neighborhood gossip. The Ross party is

defeated worse this time than they have at any
time since the war. Hoping to hear from you soon

I subscribe myself Yours & C

Joe Lynch

Claremore Cherokee Nation

June 23th 1878

Mr. G. B. Foreman

Sir I will Seat my self this eve
to write you a short letter once again. Cousin
Link Saïd something about you Some time Since. I
do not Remember now what it is. Bullett why is
it you do not write to me. When I write I would
like verry much to hear from you at my time. We
are going to have Court hear, and i can not leave
untill Court is over. I want to go down just as
Soon as i can. I would like to hear from you all
if I can. But it seãms like you all are not
prompt in answering letters. I wrote to Wallace
Ratley. He would not answer my letters. I will
not write much this time. You can Give my love
to Aunt Sarah & your Wife also and & to with
you and the Rest of the Roys No more from your
Cousin

Joseph Bushyhead

Washington D. C. May 18th, 1879

Dear Bullet:

I have been wanting to write to you for sometime, but have been so busy that I could not find time to write to my friends, and I recon some of them begin to think I have forgotten them. But they must not think so., for I am working now every day of my life for the best interests of our Nation and people. Our business before the Departments about our lands west of the Arkansas river and our Strip of lands in Kansas, is in good shape for early success. Also, we are daily looking for a favorable decision from the Attorney General here on the questions as to whether our Nation has the right to decide who are its own citizens, and as to who are intruders in our country, as to the Status of the negroes in our Nation. The President of the United States has assured us that he will put all the intruders out of our country and keep them out if it takes the whole army of the United States to do so. We are now having a great deal of trouble before Congress on the Territorial question. Several Bills have been

introduced into this extra Session of Congress -
to establish a Territorial Government over us.

Also several Bills and Resolutions have been introduced to open our country to white settlement. We are opposing these Bills with all of the means and power at our command. Last Tuesday - the Committee on Territories of the House had up the Territorial question, and our delegates were there, and filed our protest against it. I made a speech and gave the territorial men and their Bills and reports all the hell I could. The Committee will meet again on this question next Wednesday (21st) and at that time Cravens of Arkansas will make a speech for the railroads and I will reply to him, and I intend to do my best to use him up. Boudinot made a speech last week for the railroads, but I got away with him last Tuesday, and he now looks more like a "cut dog," than a man. In fact he looks quite lonely, as if he had religion and the clap both together. I think he begins to smell a good sized rat, under the suspicion that we will again beat him and the railroad thieves in their territorial

schemes. I feel confident that we will beat them again. We have also had a good deal of trouble on the "Immigration" steal of Budinot' and company, under which they proposed to flood our country with white people. But we have also defeated that thieving measure and the President of the United States has ordered troops to our country to keep all intruders out of it. I do not think Congress will adjourn before the last of next month (June) and we can not go home until it adjourns as it has up the Territorial question. I will therefore remain as it is my duty and work for our people until the adjournment of Congress - and will go home then immediately. I have worked very hard for our people, and as I can not go home, I will have to depend upon you, Joe Lynch, Tim Fields and our other friends to manage our election. Tell Joe and Tim I have written to them and they, as well as you, must keep me posted. Give my kind regards to all of our friends, and believe me always. Your friend and Cousin

W. P. Adair

P. S. Remember me to our old friend Dr. Wm. Campbell and tell him to write to me

Jay Adair

Park Hill, C. N.

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May 11 1880.

Mr. Geo. B. Foreman,

My dear Nephew,

The Farm and Fireside, which I sent for, through mistake, has come to Tahlequah Post Office. The three numbers, April 1st and 15th - and May first, I remail and send to you, to Webber's Falls Post Office. I shall write again to the Editors, to send the other numbers to Webber's Falls - I hope the others will all reach you safely. We looked for you at the May meeting, but you did not come. The May meeting did not amount to much - A good many people were present. I hope you and family are well. We are all about, and in usual health. We are through planting and have plowed over part of our corn the first time.

Yours as ever,

Stephen Foreman

Flint Dist. C. N.
 th/Sl.

April 14

Messrs. Bullet Foreman, Tim. Fields & Geo. Bengé.

You and each of you are hereby appointed as District managers, for the purpose of organising, and harmonising the people or voters, in your respective District, forming them into one body politic, for the protection of our country. I, also, send you a copy of the platform with copies of resolution adopted in general conventions. You will co-operate with the three full-blood District managers and appoint three District lodge managers.

Hoping you will be successful in managing your District, for the safty of our nationality. I have appointed E. M. Adair general half-breeds managers who will inform you of general conventions.

I remain Your friends and obt. sevt.

Very respectfully.

Huckleberry Downing

(P. S.) You are appointed head managers
 Fields second

Bengé third

H. B. D

Flint Dist. C. N.

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May the 8th, 1881

Honorable Bullet Foreman:

Sir:

Your letter bearing date the 15th of April received and noted, as to the political campaign in our district it is at a high degree. Every other man in the Dist. wanting a nomination. Every man that can controll a vote is forming a ring, and holding off waiting for a bid from one or the other party to get a nomination. It will be like throwing heads and tails in this district who will be elected in the coming election. A split in our party last election cannot be restored to a sound state. E. Starr claiming an individual right to a nomination last election, and S. A. Bigby receiving the nomination, after which Caleb, Starr and E. Starr used all their influence to defeat Bigby and J. B. Adair in the election but failed in the end, and the same old feeling is now revolving in the minds of many voters of our ticket; and it is impossible to harmonize them. Some one of these parties are to be thrown aside in the nomination,

then a general burst-up will be attempted. But we never let up working for the party. Our boys are working like men for men that voted the Strict party vote. We have not appointed any time for our nomination but will meet in general convention the 21st of this month and adopt plans to make the nominations which will come off in June, some time. I want you to furnish W. P. Fields, Henry Lowry and John Severs of Canadian Dist a copy of resolutions and the revised platform of the union party, as these men has been appointed by Hon. H. B. Downing head manager to take the place of Dist managers in these respective dist. also you will make the appointment on Commission in writing to them with H. B. Downing's name signed. Respectfully yours

E. M. Adair

P. S. Write and give me the news of your dist and Canadian.

E. M. Adair

FORT SMITH POST-OFFICE
Cor. Green St. and Garrison Avenue,

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Fort Smith, Ark, Dec. 17, 1883

Dear Bullet:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in regard to the amount the Muscogee Stage Company owe you. I cannot state whether they are about to play out or not. I don't see the reason why they should or any indication of it. I have no hold on them whatever, as we do not pay the contractors. They are paid by the Post-Office Department at Washington. However I would go for a settlement. If they don't settle, you can come down and see them, and that will bring them to terms. I will say nothing about what you have written to me, but I would like very much to see you make your money, and if I can aid you any way will do so.

Truly, Your friend,

James K. Barnes

Fort Smith, Ark.

April 30th 1884,

Mr Bullet Foreman-

Dear Sir - We propose to pay
for all extra ferriage in current account. In the
course of 10 or 15 days, we hope to make other
arrangements, & make regular trips with the State.
Meanwhile we hope your Ferryman will be as prompt
as possible in putting our stages over the River.

Very truly yours,

D W Wisdom,

Contractor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Cherokee Nation, Ind. Ter.

Tahlequah, April 1st, 1885

Mr. Bullet Foreman
Mouth of Illinois River
Webbers Falls, I. T.

Dear Sir:

I am requested by the Hon. Jno. Q. Tufts U.S. Agent to investigate the right or claim of one W. H. Goin to an improvement about three miles from Webbers Falls, with the view of correcting any error that may have been committed in connection with a writ of Ejectment which he (Goin) alleges to have been issued at your insistence and by operation of which he was dispossed of said improvement.

Please inform me as soon as may be convenient what you know about Goin and about his connection with the improvement in question and the grounds for ejecting him.

Very Respectfully,

D. W. Bushyhead
Principal Chief

Park Hill, C. N.

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August 31, 1885

Hon. Bullet Foreman,
Wm. Bradley and
Dr. W. W. Campbell.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor hereby to appoint you
Directors of the Public School recently erected in
your neighborhood, at the new school house, to be
called Tah-lohn-tees-ky, under regulations of the
Board of Education.

Very Respectfully,

W. A. Duncan

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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CHEROKEE NATION

Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Mch. 22nd 1886

Messrs. G. B. and Bullett Foreman,
Webbers Falls, C. N.

Dear Sirs:

The time for which you have paid Tax on ferry
License, expired Dec. 17, 1885. Please remit
for this year and oblige.

Henry Chambers,
Treasurer C. N.

Rolla Mo

April 7th/86

Friend Bullet,

I am, here at this place with my little wife, who is attending the Rolla Conservatory of Music. Will leave here Friday night and reach home Saturday night and will go Tahlequah Monday. Will bring us some good "bug juice". Hold the clerkship for me as I had a letter from Bushyhead that stated that now was the time we needed a Delegation at Washington, and that said Boudinot was (page torn) oppose any thing that (page torn) people favor; He thinks that we will have a hard fight to keep Congress from passing the Negro & Delaware (page torn) ap- propriation bill. He said that a more dangerous bill to we Indians than any other was introduced in Congress on the 29 Ultimo that He would file his objection to the Bill before the committee to which it was referred. I fear Congress will take some ac- tion soon on these Territory Bills, for one reason, we keep out Railroads when we aught to encourage them Bush, said the N K Valley Route would be certain

to pass, and that Congress would not pass any bills that are not absolutely necessary. Every body is looking for the percapita money and say we must have it.

Well will see you at Tahlequah Monday,

Your friend

C. O. Frye

Office of

R. E. Blackstone

Dealer in:

General Merchandise
and Live Stock

Webbers Falls, I. T.
April 16, 1886

Friend Bullet:

Since my last I will state that U. S. Deputy
Marshal Irwin who had started down to Ft. Smith
in charge of Felix Griffin was followed and over-
taken about six miles south of Canadian river in
the Choctaw Nation and killed by Jack Spaniard
and a white man named Frank Palmer. The killing
took place about Sun-down on the 14th inst. and the
dead man was not found until the next morning -
parties living in the neighborhood heard six shots
late that evening. The next morning Irwin was
found dead with a bullet hole in the back near the
road and his horse grazing nearby. The dead man's
pistols was still in his belt and had not been
fired. Felix and his resquers has not been heard
of since.

We are having lots of raine.

Hoping to hear from you .

Very Respectfully
J. M. Lynch



Office of C. O. FRYE.

-- DEALER IN --

GENERAL MERCHANDISE!

Live Stock a Specialty, Cattle Bought and Sold on Commission!

Childers' Station, Indian Territory.

May 3rd 1886

Friend Bullet,

I am trading on the per capita payment, and when the census takers of your district are appointed please speak to them for me, and tell them I am taking orders on them for the certificates and will have a man at Vian Precinct when they are there. I guess you got your man in, I hope you reached home all O.K.

Let me hear from you soon.

Your friend

C. O. Frye

I have sold some Inves "See the result of the
Extention business".

Tahlequah, C. N.

July 27th 1886

Dear Friend Bullett:

We held our Convention yesterday and as I expected the full bloods carried the day and instructed for Principal Chief the "Hon." Rabbit Bunch. They did not instruct for Assistant Chief. I do not know why they did not. They would not let us half-breeds have a word to say in the matter. We told them to go ahead if they thought they could get along without us. Bunch, if he gets the nomination will get hell beat out of him. He will loose this District by 150 votes. I guess hell will be raised in Flint next month. You must be sure and go up there, I will meet you there. I guess M. can drink "White Mule" if we can't get Bushyhead nominated. If Bushyhead don't get the nomination I guess we can vote where we please. Trent says to be sure to go to Flint next month. Write me how Illinois will instruct.

Write soon

Your friend,

George O. Butler

Oo-wa-la, Ind. Ter.,

August 14, 1886

Mr. C. B. Foreman

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 31st, I received last Sunday. I was awful glad to hear from you. You wanted to know what we was doing about our next Chief. Well, it looks like if we are National Party Men we will have to put up with Bunch, but I would much rather see a half breed at the head of our Government. In our District Convention the delegates was instructed for Bunch and D. W. Lipe, but May told the delegates to not mention his name down their. If Bunch gets the nomination and a good man, I mean a National man is put on the ticket with him, we will support him but if any old sore head Downing man that has turned over lately is put on the ticket with him, then a great many will go back on him up this way. The reason I say this is because up in this section their have been strong talk of putting John Chambers on the ticket with him, and in such a case as that I would have to go back on him, and then at the same time if

Joel Mayes should get it on the other side we will do our best to down him. The greatest fault I have with Bunch is in regard to the outfit that he would put in the Executive Department, Dick Wolf, old Benge, and others. I am a strong party man and I do hope they will put up men that we can go to work for with a good will, for I would like to see our party successfull in the next campaign.

Well Bullet I have written all I know about politics until I can hear from the Convention. Everybody is well up this way, so far as I know. Crops are awful short on account of the drouth. You must write to me again and let me know how you like the candidates, and then I will give you my opinion. I will close with regards to yourself and family and all of the boys down that way.

I remain Your friend

C. C. Lips

GENERAL MERCHANDISE!

Live Stock a Specialty, Cattle Bought and Sold
on Commission!

Childers' Station, Indian Territory

Sept 19th, 1886

Hon. G. B. Foreman:

You may look for a $\frac{1}{2}$ gal. by stage next
Wednesday the 29 inst as I am going to Ft Smith
and will send you the same. Write to John Taylor
in regard to the room for us to occupy this fall.
How is the political move in your country? She
is waving rather high here. I was at the Big
Consultation and fought for old Bushy like a man
but the Bunch men downed us with the might Rock.
I fear that we have a slow man up. Thought would
jog you up on the subject and ask you what you
propose to do. My fidelity to the Party out of
whose "pot" I have fed for "lo, these many years"
requires that I shall support Bunch and Clark for
I'm satisfied should I turn and do what I could for
Mayer, it would only be a short time when the word
turn coat would be thrown in my face. While I
find Mayer to be very unpopular, I find Bunch on
gaining ground and believe he will be the choice of

the voters of the country in 1887. If you can't support Bunch don't think I will throw an obstacle in your way for any assistance I can ever give you I shall do with the greatest of pleasure. I and Morgan will spout at each other tomorrow. I'm suing him for est. improvement.

Regards to yourself and family

I am yours truly

C. O. Nye

I am going to make a tin strike this fall for school commissioner. Sargy, Gritts and Greese will support me and I think Harris will too.

Oo-wa-la, Ind. Ter.,

January 23rd, 1887

Friend Bullett:

I promised to write to you when I got home from Tahlequah, but have delayed it until now. You know I thought my old woman would be awful mad at me when I got home, but I was hapily mistaken, her and all of the children met me at the gate, and she let on like she was awful glad to see me, I know that I was glad to find her in a good humor. What have you been doing with yourself since Council adjourned. I have been rideing around looking after cattle, the most of my time, some of them I have not found yet. I guess they are dead, - how is politics down in your part of the Nation, they are waxing warm up this way. Bunch is getting new recruits all the time. I think if the Election was to come off now it would be awful close in this District. Mayes friends think he will get a large majority in the Dist. but if he gets 50 he will do well. I tell you his record is so bad up this way, when he was Circuit Judge, it is hard for the people to look over it, and cast their votes for him

with a good will. Have you seen Frye since Council. What is he doing for himself. Well, Nelse did not get his office and I am sorry for him. He and Henderson ought have divided the thing. It would have paid them both very well, but both of them was contrary. What do you think about Denningberg wanting the Sheriffs place on the Court. Old man Adair was for Dick. Gunter for Henderson and May for Nelse, so they could not agree. Then Gunter named Wm. Harnage and Adair went for him, so that let the others out. I will not go down untill next April. Eiffert will attend to the business untill then, unless some one of his family should get sick.

Well, I will close hoping to get a few lines from you soon, giving all of the news from your part of the country. Give my regards to all inquiring friends, and with best wishes for your welfare, I remain your friend

C. C. Lips

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Feb. 20th, 1887

Friend Bullett:

Politics are booming up here a little. We had a meeting last Friday and talked over our future but did not decide on any permanent course to pursue. We will have a meeting here at the store next Saturday week. I wish you could be here. I have sent word to Roach and expect Rabbit down. If you could come down and give them a little "stiff" I am sure you would make the contemplated end. Charley Young was here Friday and he says the race for Senate there is yours and Dekin Waters. As Dekin lives up nearer Gibson you will be claimed as the one to represent this end of your district. Charley says Tom Glass and several of those Vian Bosses are for you, and Roach will do what he can. My chances are good. Faulkner is losing ground and it will be no "trick" to down him. Alexander and the Breedlove influence will put it in against

him, they are Downing men too. Nooks chances for clerk is as good as a "dime is for a ginger cake". I had a letter from Mamie the other day he says it will "push" Mayes to come out even with Bunch in Cooweescoowee and that Bunch will certainly defeat Mayes in Delaware. He says the Delawares, Shawnees and some monied white men are for Bunch and that the colored Nationals will stand to the party. He and Jess Cookson or Will Carey or Jake Lipe will be the Senate Candidates for Cooweescoowee. If you can, come to our meeting do so, and write me before hand.

Yours truly,

C. O. Frye

If we get these "Wo be unto the Ben Buttereyed" "Kid"

Oo-wa-la, Ind. Ter.,
February 21st, 1887

Friend, Bullett:

I will write you another political letter this morning. I received your letter all o. k. was glad you are sticking to Bunch, and that the boys are turning from Mayes to Bunch. Mayes is doing the same thing himself that you say his friends are doing down their, form a combination between the adopted citizens of this District. Wm. Carey told me he had seen some letters that Mayes had written to some of the Delawares and was making very fair promises to them to try and gain their votes. If the Nationals can hold half of the Negro votes, Bunch will carry the District, even if Mayes gets all of them. We will give him a very close race in the District. I know of about 60 men that have always voted the Downing ticket through thick and thin, have declared themselves for Bunch and nearly every one of them is halfbreeds, and I know of lots of white men going to vote for Bunch, - our Sheriff is levying on to lots of Walnut logs, guess he will have a sale before long. Stock is looking very well up this way, over 200 cases

docketed for the Commissioners Court, so Eiffert writes. I will go down to Tahlequah in April and remain the greater part of the Spring and Summer. You must come up some time. Do you think you will run for the Senate in Illinois, next election. Some of my party friends wants me to run for Senate next election, but I have got one office, and I don't think it will pay me to throw up the one I have, and take chances on another. I would like awful well to meet you in the Senate for I know if you run you are shure of election, but could not bank to heavy on my own, for I was badly downed for the office once, and am a little afraid to try it again. Write to me when you can, give me all of the political news from your District, and Canadian, I have herd of quite a change in Canadian in Bunches favor, is it true or not. I will close with kindest regards to all enquiring friends and best wishes to yourself and family.

Your Friend

C. C. Lipe

Tahlequah Ind: Terry July 26/87..

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Mr Bullet Foreman

Webbers-Falls I. T.

Dear Sir

I have bill sale from one Col-scun-nee of a
black gelding horse about 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ hands high - four (4)
years old - branded with figures "39." on the left
shoulder said to be running on the prairie near your
place. - I would be pleased to learn if such an
animal is known to be there & if so, would be under
obligations to you to notice his whereabouts until
he may be caught up (with intent to be brought to me)
by one Taylor Prince (cousin of Col-scun-ne) sometime,
as he has promised, soon after the election - enclosed
stamp for answer -

Your friend.

W^m Rasmus.

I am again in the law business and am partner of E. C. Boudinot Jr

OFFICE OF
J. R. MAYFIELD
GENERAL MERCHANT

Webbers Falls, Ind. Ter., Aug 2nd 1887

G. B. Foreman

The election went as followess

Mayes	Vote	286
Bunch	"	107
Maye's Majority		<u>179</u>
Smith		351
Clark		35
Smiths Majority		<u>316</u>

Senate Lynch & Gray by a large majority

Council Neal. Jones, Crossland & Walter Agnew

Circuit Judge Shumake. Sheriff W. Vann Clerk H. J.

Vann Solicitor Jim Hog-shooter Dist Judge H C

Lowry

Yours truly

J. M. Lynch

I heard Brown voted for Rabbit - How is that

Yours
Joe.

Oo-wa-la, Ind. Ter.
Aug. 10th, 1887

Hon. G. B. Foreman
Vism, I. T.

Friend Bullett:

As the great Campaign of 1887 is over I will write you a few lines. We held the Downing Party down to a fine thing for this to be Mayses own District. We polled 1200 votes, and Mayes only got 88 majority. We elected our Sheriff Clerk Solicitor and two Councilors, and we have a tie between two of our men, which will cause another election, and that will give the Downingites another lick at us, but I hope we can down them, for I would like to hold our majority in the two houses, so we can elect all of our officers from Treasurer down to Executive, Councilors. We have got Mayes, completely tied up, by getting a majority in the two houses, but I was awful sorry that Bunch got beat. This settles it with me, that we will never have another full blood Cherokee for Chief, for I am satisfied that their will never be another such effort made to elect one, as their was Bunch, and I can say that the adopted citizens in this District

stood by him like men, so he can't lay any blame on
Cooweescoowee, Dist. Your District done well.
I was a little surprised to hear of Benge downing
little Rogers for Senate, but then I am glad of it,
but Canadian played h--l with us. Mayes can
give that District credit of electing him, it just
took that majority to put him in. I will go to
Tahlequah next week. I would be glad for you to
write to me their, and give me your preference for
Treasurer and other officers.

Truly Your Friend

C. C. Lipe

Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. November 6th, 1897

Friend Bullett:

Your letter of Oct. 9th I received about half hour ago. I was at home when the letter came to Tahlequah for me. I came down from home Saturday, a week ago, and did not know that your letter was here waiting for me untill Henry Eiffert came in today and gave it to me, so I will write you at once.

A number of people have gathered in town, but the Chief elect has not arrived yet, guess he will come in this evening, perhaps he is afraid that some one will bush whack him, and is waiting to come in after night. Everything is very quiet so far. No prospects of a fight and I hope their will be non while I am in town. I think everything will go off very quietly, until some one proposes to throw out all illegal votes on both sides then Mayes friends will kick. I can't say who will be president of the Senate, but think that Jackson, Christeo will be made temporary Chairman, and if Benge gets his seat I think he will be made the permanent Chairman. I think it will take all the week to organize the two houses, and get to business.

I would be glad to see you up the last of this month. I will go up home in about a week. I am looking for a little Lipe up at my house, and will have to go home and see it, and will try and get back the last of the month. I will write you next week if any thing turns up. Will do the best I can for your men.

Your Friend

C. C. Lipe

Tahlequah C. N.

Dec 28th 1887

G. B. Foreman

Friend Bullet:

I received your letter and was sorry that you could not come as soon as I expected you. The Council and Senate is up to their eyes in the contest cases. They have progressed as follows. The cases against Bell and Senge have been withdrawn. Keyes vs. Hendricks was tried yesterday and resulted in seating Hendricks. The case Augerhole vs. Muskrat was tried today and resulted in seating Muskrat all done by a strict party vote regardless of law or justice. We called up the case of Wolf-Coon vs. Eli Whitmen and then adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 o'clock. We had several windy speeches from Attorneys and members of the Senate.

The lower house have been three days on one contested case, that of Andy Lastly (colored) vs. Johnson Fields of Tahlequah District, and has not got through yet, but will probably get through early in the morning. The indications now is that Fields will be seated but they is no telling what changes

will take in the tide of affairs after the raucous tonight. It will take all week to get through with the contested cases unless some of them are withdrawn. Bushyhead and Bob Ross are having a hot contest for the nomination of Treasurer by the National party. It is rumored tonight that Bushy telegraphed this evening for two of his trusted Lieutenants, namely Miss Blackstone and Jim Keyes to leg for him in getting the nomination for treasurer. I think the elections will come off next week. Come if you can. Scales is here looking up at the Supreme Bench. Broadhorns has gone home disgusted. How is my folks, I have not been able to get a letter from home since I left. I am very anxious to hear from them.

Yours very truly,

J. M. Lynch

I will look for you by Sunday night.

Tahlequah, C. N.

Wednesday Night $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 o'clock, Jan. 19, 1888

Dear Sue:

According to promise I will try and write you a few lines notwithstanding the latness of the hour. We had quite an exciting election today which was hotly contested, and resulted in both parties claiming the victory which is thus explained. After Bushyhead's term of office expired and before Mayes took his seat three members of the Council died and Bushyhead issued a proclamation ordering elections to fill the vacancies and these three men voted in the elections today, and by their vote the candidates on the National ticket on a joint vote of both houses got 29 votes and the Downings got 27. Now take them three illegal votes from 29 it will leave 26 for the Nationals and 27 for the Downings giving us a majority of one vote, thereby electing our ticket. That is Treasurer, Supreme Judge, Editor, Advocate and Auditor. The Executive Councilors are mixed, but we do not know how it will be settled as the Chief refuses to commission any one until the thing is settled, and it looks at present that we are going to have trouble over it as neither party will agree to give way. The Downings met just after supper in the Senate Chamber to consider the matter. A big crowd gathered and we had seven speeches in all. Some of them by able men touching the law in regard to the question. But did not conclude just what to do in the matter and will meet tomorrow night for the same purpose. There is great excitement over it and talk of fighting. How this will end is at present puzzling the whole Council. The following is the ticket that is seen today.

Treasurer, Clem Rogers	Downing Ticket
" Bob Ross	National "
Supreme Judge	
" O. P. Brewer	Downing "
" " J. A. Scales	National "
Editor Advocate	
" " Gus Ivey	Downing "
" " Bill Boudinot	National "

Editor Advocate
 Auditor Dave Williams Downing Ticket
 " " Sam Love National "
 Exct. Councilors

Mose Ridge & Frog Sixkiller & J. Whitmen & John Gross & Little Adam & Daniel Redbird. And both tickets claim the election. We are also having a hard fight on a delegation bill. The Nationals wants to send four and propose to force us to take either Bushyhead or Bill Ross for one of their men and Bunch for the other and we only want two. In fact, we are having a Devil of a time. Caucus nearly every night until midnight and in the Senate all day is about to wear me out. In fact, it is beyond the endurance of man to stand it much longer and I am awful tired and sick of it. I expect we will be here all next week. Can't tell yet just what day Council will adjourn. I thought I would write to Bullet tonight but I am too tired and sleepy to do it. Tell him to come up. You must write. I will close and go to bed. Love to all.

Ever yours,

Joe

Vian C. N.

Jan 19. 1888

Mr Huggins.

Charley. Eusminger, told me he left the estimates off stone used at the Illinois-bridge, in your office for me please send them as Mr Cameron refuses to pay for the stone until he gets the estimates from the division engineer who had charge of the work. Yours Respt

G. B. Foreman

Jany 20th 88

G B Foreman

Dear Sir

In reply to this I sent the Est for stone taken off of your claim to D J C- & Co at Muskegee. I held it here for several days thinking you would call for it and when you did not fwd it as above. if it has not reached there I will send another

Yours truly

G. F. Huggans
Chf Engr

WAR DEPARTMENT
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, January 25th, 1888

Mrs. Nannie Foreman,
Vian, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

Madam:

This office is in receipt by reference from the Hon. Commissioner of Pensions, of your communication of the 18th, inst., requesting to be informed, if parties, from whom a certain kind of property was taken by Federal troops, during the late war, are entitled to payment therefor, and in reply thereto: I have the honor to inform you that it has been referred to the Quartermaster General U. S. Army, to whose department the subject pertains.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. C. Kelton

Asst. Adjutant General.

Sallisaw Ind Ter.

3/8/89

Friend Bullet,

Your favor of a few days ago, is at hand. I am getting along nicely domiciled in my own home, as to my health I feel alright but am a little hoarse yet, long shot better than a dead man.

The political wave is looming up. We had one little meeting and discussed the probable candidates. My chances for the place is good, but am undecided as to the propriety of my accepting the nomination for senate for two reasons, first my own personal interests are such that should I be successful in the election, it would be hard for me to leave just at that particular time on account of my rents from my farms, the grays would swindle me out of my share, were I to leave home, another is I want them to run nook again for clerk and it would not be policy for two brothers to be candidates for office on the same ticket. Should I decline to accept the nomination I shall certainly put up a man who will sweep the district as by cyclone, Gunter George, and the

Moton boys with their influence are now with our party and this "spells" about 25 or 30 recruits, "votes"

If I see my way clear, with Nook and myself both in the field I may take the chance of going through. But rest assured if I dont run my self I shall dictate the men for the senate who will be elected. Hope your path is clear as the cristal waters that flow down the raging stream of Illinois, and that your eleoquent speech may ring against the walls of the senate chamber a member of the next council like the sparkling waters against the cliffs on the banks of that beautiful river. Let me hear from you again.

Your friend

C. O. F

Will give you a send off in the next from 3-15-6-
in Telephone

Tahlequah, Ind. Ter.

Febr'y. 25th 1890.

Hon. Bullette Foreman,

Illinois Station, Ind. Ter.

Friend Bullette;

I have thought for some time that I would write you, but I have never, till now, got at it. Not that I have much to write about, but I like to communicate with those I think of."

I suppose you keep up with what is going on in Washington concerning the "Strip," and that there is little I can tell you on this subject. I think we will have another Commission come to try and buy our lands, and I also think it will be composed of Senators of the United States. Senator Vest says that we must be paid for these lands all that they are worth, if it is \$5⁰⁰ per acre. Senator Ingalls says that the Govt- of the U. S. must have the outlet, but that the Govt- must acquire these lands honorably and right and pay what it is worth if it is \$10⁰⁰ per acre.

There is no doubt but that we will have to soon part with our title to the strip, but in doing so,

let us act like men who have the best interests of the whole people at heart, and avail ourselves of every opportunity that presents itself. We can no longer, I don't think, say that we will not consider a proposition to buy our lands.

The National Council should consider this question and do all in its power to put as good as fair a question to the people as possible. Then let the Cherokee people cast their vote on the question, and which ever way it should go, we would have to accept. But you know all this.

The Chief has rec'd. several calls to go to Washington on this business, but as yet has not fully made up his mind as to whether he will or not. I have this day sent your name to the Agricultural Department at Washington to have you sent some seeds, also the name of John Brown and others.

Please write me the news, and I will return the favor.

Yours Truly

Gonnell Rogers

Tahlequah, Ind. Ter.

April 10th, 1890

Friend Bullette:

Your letter of the 4th was rec'd in ample time and I was glad to hear from you. I had about come to the conclusion you were not going to write me.

I am glad to know, as you and every one will be, if you are not already apprised of it, that the Watts' will have to go. Their case was reviewed by Special Agent Parker, from Washington, here a short time ago. The whole matter was gone over and Mr. Parker made a report in the case favorable to the Watts. The Chief was in W- when the report reached there and turned himself loose on the subject. He soon got the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to understand that the Watts' had never been admitted to citizenship in this Nation. This fact settled the whole matter. They will be allowed I suppose, under some kind of an arrangement, to dispose of their farms to citizens. I think the Com. Ind. Affs. suggests something of the kind.

The report is being written in the Office of Indian Affairs now, and will contain 40 pages of type

written matter. As soon as we receive a copy of it at this office, I will give you the principal features in it.

An election has been ordered in Canadian Dist. to fill the vacancy in the lower branch of the National Council, caused by the death of Will Sheppard. The election takes place on the 28th inst. I wouldn't be surprised that we should have a call or Extra Session of the National Council very soon after this time. The Chief has not said, but then we are not all so simple but that we can "catch on" sometimes.

Ex. Senator Cameron of Wisconsin has been placed on the U. S. Commission instead of Fairchild, who you know resigned because the Cherokees would not take \$1.25-per acre for the "Strip" - I guess, or rather think, an understanding has been had with the Chief and some Senators of the U. S. that they will come and renew negotiations some time this summer.

The people at Washington all seemed to think that their Commission "came out at the little end of the horn" with the Cherokees on the subject of the

sale of our Western lands. I think we are all right, if only we act like men in this matter. Let all the conditions and requests of the Cherokees be the very basis of negotiations in effecting a transfer of this part of our Nation. Then we will certainly be in a good condition every way. The Cherokees are enlightened men and have a great business to manage; let them do it as becomes them; let them, as they now understand, if they do not take care of their own interests, that nobody else will. If we show by our manner and dignity that we are going to maintain all questions touching our political government, in a gentlemanly and upright way, we will then increase the respect and social rights, that is our due, and consequently be in a much better condition to compete with men all over the world.

I shall always be glad to hear from you, and hope ere long to have the opportunity of seeing you.

Yours very truly

Connell Rogers

Fort Gibson, In. Ter.

May 13, 1890

Judge G. B. Foreman and Dr. W. W. Campbell
Illinois Station, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sirs:

Absence from home has caused a delay in acknowledging your kind invitation to attend a picnic to be given at your place the 31st instant. I thank you for your kind remembrance and would be pleased to be present at that time, but cannot now promise to do so as I had an invitation to be present here the 30th which I had accepted. If however I can I will accept your invitation and avail myself of the opportunity thus afforded of addressing our fellow citizens of Illinois District or questions affecting the interests of our common country.

Yours very respectfully,

Will. P. Ross

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CHEROKEE NATION, IND. TER.

Tahlequah, May 26th, 1890

Hon. G. B. Foreman,
Campbell, Ind. Ter.

Friend Bullette:

The Chief has been at home for some time past and only returned to this place yesterday. I inclose you your other warrant for \$100. I sent you one the other day. I suppose you got it all right. I hope so. at least.

There has up to this time only four Districts finished taking the Census. - Tahlequah, Saline, Flint and Canadian. I guess Illinois Dist. will probably be the next to report.

Tahlequah Dist. has 989 voters. Saline 352. The other two Roles I have not as yet worked up, when I do I will give you the votes in them.

I was glad to hear from you and will promise to try and interest you in exchange for the political news of the Dist.

The Watts Case is before the Ass't Atty. General. It was reviewed by the Com. Ind. Affs. and a strong report made in favor of the nation.

The Com. sent it to the Secty. of the Interior, and he to the Asst. Atty. General's Office. This office has not yet fully examined into the case, but when he does, he cannot but sustain the Com. and the Nation. The Watts are the most indefatigable workers I ever saw, they just won't give up. I wish I had such sure Cherokees to help me in what ever I undertake. Then I could promise myself that I would always come out victorious.

The Nationals had a meeting here at the Court House last Saturday night - Old Bengé and Dick Wolfe were at it, but I have been unable so far to find out what they done.

Circuit Court is in Session here today, and it is also grinding at Illinois too I guess, as we have court on the same day at our Court House that they do here. There are about 40 cases before this court. The most of them divorce suits. If I had a wife I don't believe I would try and get rid of her-on the contrary I would be afraid she would go off and leave me, if I should be afraid of anything.

You ask me what the matter is with Gid, and if he too wants to run for Chief? I don't know unless it is and I don't know if he knows or not, and that is, that he has so far failed to get an office under Mr. Mayes. I say I don't know that this is the case, but others say it is. Clem Rogers is opposed to Mayes because he and Noolin Bell cannot say how this Nation shall be managed.

If Mr. Mayes had Commissioned Clem Rogers as Treasurer when he was not elected, all would have run along nicely. You know all about this though.

Noolin Bell only wants some man Chief who he can control and manage according to his way of thinking how the Cherokee Nation should be run. I hope we may never elect so weak a man.

I don't know if Mayes stands much of a chance of re-nomination, but I don't see how we can better it, certainly we will have to do the best we can.

Bob Ross according to what little information I can gather from the Nationals, has the best chance for nomination from this party. Bushyhead is doing what he can for himself, and will cut no little

figure in the Convention in August. He has his
workers, but nothing is sure yet.

I have written you a long letter and have not
said much. Please let me hear the news whenever
there is any. I don't know whether the Chief can
be at the picnic at Ill. on the 31st or not.

Your friend

Cornell Rogers

Please acknowledge receipts of the warrants.

May 27th, 1890

Dear Bullette:

Since writing you the inclosed letter, yours with the warrant to me asking me to have it cashed and send you the money rec'd.

I had inclosed you your other warrant, but after receiving your letter took it out and now have both of them.

If you do not know it I will tell you that there is no General Fund on hand with which these warrants can be paid. I don't think there will be any before some Council meets and makes provisions to pay them.

The shortage came around by the last Council borrowing \$100,000 of the grass money and agreeing to replace it out of the first annuities. So

you see this fund (Gen) has been consumed in replacing what was borrowed.

I inclose you both of your warrants. I will try and come to your picnic, don't know if I can get off or not.

Connell Rogers

Tahlequah

I, William Elliott of the Canadian District of the Cherokee Nation do hereby constitute and appoint Geo. B. Foreman of said District and Nation my attorney, for me and in my name to draw my portion of the \$300,000 lately set apart by the United States to the Cherokee, and commonly known and called in said Nation "Bread Money," hereby not fixing and confirming whatever my attorney, the said Geo. B. Foreman, may lawfully do for me in the premises.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name at the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, July 28th, 1880.

(Signed) William Elliott

United States of America
Western District of Arkansas
On the 28th day of July, A. D. 1880
before me personally.

Sallisaw I T

July 8/90

Hon G. B. Foreman,

Campbell I T

Friend Bullet:

We are to have a big barbacue at Hanson Switch on Saturday the 19th where we expect to instruct our delegates to the general convention. Myself, Andy Russell, George Baldrige, Josiah Seabolt, W^m Chuckalate (and your Cousin) Richard Foreman, are the deligates.

If you can be certain to come down, you can come on the local we propose to have a good time and you can further your chances materially for the nomination. I think that Lynch will be here. The deligates are true blue, and I am chairman you can guess how it will go.

Tell Roach Young to come if he can,

Yours truly

C. O. Frye

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Cherokee Nation, Ind. Ter.

Tahlequah, Oct. 30th, 1890

Judge G. B. Foreman
Vian, Ind. Ter'y.

Friend Bullette:

You may be some what surprised in receiving a letter from me, nevertheless, will write you a few lines.

Harris Sisson has been in town this week and tells me that your lot is with the Downing party and that your many friends of your Dist. are very anxious to run you for the Senate in the coming election, which in my opinion is the right thing. It is true my influence in your Dist. might be limited but am willing to assist you in any way that I can. We will expect you here some time during Council.

Yours truly

C. J. Harris

S. B. SEVERS
Manufacturer and Dealer in

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Muskogee, Ind. Ter. Dec. 11th, 1890

Judge B. Foreman
Illinois District Cherokee Nation:

Dear Sir:

I am a Creek man who has been living on Greenleaf in your Nation. I am about to move into the Creek Nation. I do not owe any man, here or there, but Turcurner who lives on Vian, claims a debt due him or his old wife made by Song John, or John Harrison several years ago at this place. I had nothing to do with the debt and Turcurner wants to hold me for my uncle's debts and threatens me with your officers. Please tell him to let me alone. If he wants to sue let him come to the Creek Nation where debt was contracted and the Administratrix, named Lucy, resides. I had no interest in the debt and do not wish him to bother me.

Hoping you will instruct your neighbor, Muscles or Turcurner, I am your friend and C.

Chinnubbee his
 X
 mark

Attest ,)

Roller Scott
J. Ross. ^

Judge, this man's talk is true. Chinnubbee is a
good man.

Yours,

J. Ross

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CHEROKEE NATION, IND. TER.

Tahlequah, Febry..4th..1891.

Hon. G. B. Foreman,

Campbell, Ind. Ter.

Dear Bullette:

I was at Braggs on the 30 of last month, and I hoped to see you there, but was disappointed. I wanted to see if you would accept a nomination for the Senate and talk about making a ticket to place before the people of our Dist. at the next election. I saw John Brown and had a little talk with him, but he was sorter shy.

I think we can elect most of our men if we work the matter as it should be, and I think the law abiding citizens should do all in their power to do something looking to bringing out good representative men. Let us do this and I cannot but think good will be the result.

I am going down home some time this month to see about setting some apple trees and would be glad if

you could come up to see me, we could then have a talk and understand each other. Can't you come?

I want you to run as one of the Senators and there will be little trouble in arranging matters. I don't know the other man will be, we will have to see about him. I saw Uncle Jack Cookson and he is all right.

Write me a letter giving me the standing of the Dist. if you can politically; what effect Bushyhead will have if he should run as an Independent candidate &c.

I am in a push and have but little time to write, so excuse this short letter.

Truly your friend

Connell Rogers

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

CHEROKEE NATION.

Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. Febr. 18th 1891

Received of Connell Rogers for G. B. Foreman, one
Warrant for Registration, for One Hundred Dollars -
(\$100⁰⁰/₁₀₀) Date above.

Robt. B. Ross,

Treasurer, C. N.

By

Don^{1.} H. Ross -

Secretary-

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHEROKEE NATION, IND. TER.

Tahlequah, Feby. 19th. 1891

Hon. G. B. Foreman.

Campbell,

Ind. Ter.

Friend Bullette;

When Blue Wilson was here the first of the week, he said for me to get your warrant and have it registered that it could be drawing the 6% int. allowed by law - Inclosed you will find receipt for the warrant. You can look to and get it from the Treas- as soon as it is registered, which can hardly be till after the payment is over -

I rec'd. your letter and hope to see you soon about the politics of the Dist.

The payment is in progress - Each one gets

\$15⁷⁰.

Yours Truly

Connell-Rogers

Tahlequah, I. T.

Feb 28, 91.

Mr Foreman

Dear Cousin

I received your letter sometime ago. Will say I think everything is all right. But I am going to the Snake District payment, and wont be back for several days. Come if you can, on the 6th or 7th of March, and I will be back by that time, and if you dont come then, - then come the last of the following week, for I will have to attend the Flint payment. &c. I want to be present as I will have to be. So I want to arrange it so I will be here, so let me know by letter what time you will be here, so I can arrange for to have all the parties here.

So let me know beforehand -

Your Cousin

M. O. Ghormley.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Creek Nation

, Tahlequah, Ind. Ter. April 6th, 1891

Hon. J. B. Mayes
Principal Chief, C. N.

My dear Sir:

Hon. Wm. A. Phillips writes me from Washington D. C. that, under a contract he had with the Cherokee Delegation, Messrs. Rowe and Wolfe, he succeeded in having appropriated, by Congress, for the benefit of the Cherokee Nation, the sum of \$19,843.82 - the same being the amount diverted from the proceeds of the "Kansas Strip Lands" for expenses of survey, etc. The agreement of the Delegation with Col. Phillips was for ten (10) "per cent" of the amount recovered, payable in Washington and aggregates the sum of \$1,984.38, leaving a balance to the credit of the Nation of \$17,859.44.

Col. Phillips now expects his pay and ought to have it. He suggests that, in the absence of the Delegation from Washington this Department take the necessary steps to enable him to get the amount due him under contract with the Delegation and to have the balance put to the credit of the Treasurer

of the Nation - so that it may at once be available. How to do this, in the absence of specific authority, I am at a loss how to determine. He, Col. P, is of opinion that, a simple note to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, from this office, requesting him to put the residue of said money - after deducting charges for collecting - to the credit of the Nation - in the Sub-Treasury at St. Louis, - would be sufficient - inasmuch as his agreement with our Delegation is on file in the Department of the Interior - with the approval of the head thereof.

I would most respectfully ask of you an interchange of views in regard to this matter - to the end that even handed justice may be done in the premises.

I enclose herewith a copy of the note suggested by Col. Phillips - and also a copy of the agreement between him and Delegates Rowe and Wolfe.

Very respectfully,

Rob. B. Ross

Treas. C. N.

Know all men by these Presents: That we Richard M. Wolf and David Rowe, duly authorized Delegates of the Cherokee Nation to transact the business of the said Nation with the Government of the United States and its proper Departments, Congress and Courts, and acting for and in behalf of said Nation, have made, constituted and appointed Hon. Wm. A. Phillips, Attorney and Counsellor at Law of Kansas, now in Washington City, D. C. the true and lawful Attorney of the Cherokee Nation to enter into negotiations with, and to act in behalf of said Nation before the Departments, and Congress of the United States on the following specified matters to wit:

First: To secure for the Cherokee Nation the sum of nineteen thousand eight hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty two cts. (\$19,843.82) or thereabouts or whatever sum or sums there may be of the proceeds of the sale of the Cherokee Strip in Kansas, sold and not accounted for to the Cherokee Nation, and held, claimed or suspended for certain alleged charges and expenses under order

of the First Comptroller of the Treasury,
the said charges and expenses not being duly
authorized by treaty.

Second: To secure for the Cherokee Nation or cause
to be paid the rent or money due for grazing privi-
leges for the past year, of which the Nation has
been deprived, and which she has failed to obtain
through the issuance of certain Executive Orders,
proclamations, etc. ordering the Cherokee Strip
Live Stock Association and their sub-lessees, to
vacate the Strip with their cattle grazing thereon,
said land being in the Indian Territory, belonging
to the Cherokee Nation and lying west of the Arkan-
sas River, And it is further agreed that the said
W. A. Phillips, ~~our~~ Attorney shall take all
necessary and proper steps to secure the collection,
settlement of or appropriation of all or as much
of said sums which were to have been paid and have
not been paid as can be obtained, and have the same
placed to the credit of the Cherokee Nation.

Third: That it is further agreed that the said
Phillips Attorney in the premises shall have authority
to have a settlement and adjustment of such sums of

interest or annuities which while authorized and required to be paid by treaty, have not been paid by the treaty, have not been paid by the United States, being the interest due for monies or bonds held in trust and annuity for the years 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, and 1865 or any other other such sums which were due and unpaid and required by treaty or agreement to be paid, and that he shall for the said Cherokee Nation, do and perform all necessary and proper Acts to bring about such settlement that will lead to the securing of an appropriation or payment therefore and have as much of said amount as practicable placed to the credit of the Cherokee Nation.

And it is further agreed between the said parties Richard M. Wolfe and David Rowe, duly authorized Delegates of the Cherokee Nation, and the said Wm. A. Phillips, Attorney, that said Wm. A. Phillips shall receive ten per centum of any and all sums thus placed to the credit of or secured for the Cherokee Nation, as soon as each sum or either shall be obtained, and that the said ten per centum shall be deducted therefrom and paid to

said Phillips, present in Washington City, as soon as said amount shall be secured and the remainder shall be forwarded at once to the Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation.

These Articles of agreement and Power of Attorney of said Phillips to run six months from date hereof, and until the collection of his fees for services rendered within said time the said Phillips to meet all necessary expenses incident to the securing any payment or judgment in behalf of the Cherokee Nation, and it is further agreed that should the said Phillips fail to get any payments in favor of the Cherokee Nation on foregoing specified amounts, that he will make no claim against the Cherokee Nation for any service in the prosecution of the foregoing amounts or claims.

As witnesses our hands this seventh day of February, A. D. 1891.

Richard M. Wolfe (Seal)
David Rowe (Seal)
Wm. A. Phillips (Seal)

Personally appeared before me this seventh day of February A. D. 1891 at Washington, D. C., Richard M. Wolfe and David Rowe, Delegates of the Cherokee

Nation, parties to the within contract, made this seventh day of February A. D. 1891 by and between them as the delegated and duly empowered authority of their Nation and Wm. A. Phillips of Kansas now in Washington, Attorney at Law.

And I hereby certify that said contract was duly signed and executed in my presence by the aforesaid interested parties, after the same had been read and explained to them, and that the source and extent of authority claimed is as set forth in said contract for the purposes therein indicated.

In testimony thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, the day and year first above written.

M. V. Montgomery,
Associate Justice of the Supreme
Court of the District of Columbia.
District of Columbia to wit:

I, R. J. Meigs, Clerk
of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia
hereby certify that M. V. Montgomery whose genuine
signature is subscribed to the foregoing certified,
was at the time of signing and attesting the same

Associate Justice of said Court duly commissioned
and qualified.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court this

(Seal) 7th day of February A. D. 1891.

R. J. Meigs, Clerk of the
Dist. of Columbia.

By S. J. Meigs, Asst. Clk.

Approved and signed by Commissioner Morgan
February 14th, 1891

Approved by Secretary Noble Feb. 18th, 1891

(Endorsement)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Cherokee Nation, Ind. Ter.

Tahlequah, August 6th, 1891

Dear Bullette:

The election is over and we have been beaten. At Fort Gibson the Downing men split their votes and cast them for me and Mark Benge, and at Garfield they voted for you and Levi Cookson - This ran both of them ahead and beat us. It is easy enough now to tell what was done. But let the matter go, perhaps we are better off as the thing stands. Mayes was elected by 422 votes. I don't know how many Tehee got, but the race was close with everything in his favor. He is probably elected.

The Council is Downing by a big majority. The Senate stands 9 Downing not counting Sequoyah, for we have not heard anything definite from there. We have our Senator from there if not both of them. The boys celebrated on a large scale last night - had two pairs of anvils going for about an hour and a half. Bushyhead is mad. Paschal has not shown himself since the election, and he is out of all humor. Tixie Brown says that Bushyhead and the leaders of the Liberal party deceived the people for

the purpose of trying to beat Mayes and elect Benge, and that henceforth he (Tuxie) is a Downing man. Every body is blessing Bushyhead. He certainly is the dearest politician in the Nation today.

Everybody is in high hopes and all goes well.

I will try and come home and stay this winter and will see you often.

Give my best regards to your wife and family, and believe me

Truly Yours

Connell Rogers

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Cherokee Nation, Ind. Ter.

Tahlequah, Aug. 25, 1891

Hon. G. B. Foreman,
Campbell, Ind. Ter.

Dear Bullette:

You told me to have your warrant due Aug. 17th, registered. This I had done together with the Chief's for \$500.00 and Judge Brewer's for \$150.00 and ninety-nine 80/100 dollars belonging to me. Mr. Ross in his hurry to start to the "Strip" last week, placed these warrants in a letter addressed to me and gave them to Ed Hicks to give to me, as he did not see me anywhere and was in a hurry to start. Ed received the letter containing the warrants, but further he has no remembrance about it. He said that he put it in the hip pocket of his pants, but can remember nothing more about the affair.

When Mr. Ross returned from "Strip" he asked me if I had gotten the warrants, I told him no, then he said that he had given them to Ed to give me. He asked Ed about them and this was the first time he had thought of the matter since he received

the letter. The letter contained registered warrants to the amount of \$849.80.

Perhaps Ed may find them yet, I sincerely hope so, as I intended paying a debt with mine which will have to be otherwise provided for.

I will, or rather I will get Mr. Ross, to advertise them and protest their payment, which will render them of no value to anyone.

If they are not paid we will have to wait till Council to have them duplicated. We will get the interest however. I am very sorry about this and it is not my fault, rather Mr. Ross'.

Capt. J. L. Adais and Col. Harris are each talked of for Treasurer. Harris I guess will beat him. The "Strip" seems to be the great attraction now. Everybody buying cattle (?)

Let me hear from you. If we find the warrants I'll write you immediately.

Truly your friend,

Connell Rogers

Tahlequah, I. T. Jan. 14, 1892

Hon. Bullette Foreman:

Friend Bullette:

I gave Wallace Thornton the duplicated warrant, made in the place of the one that was lost, to hand you. I suppose he has by this time. I put your lost one in the Treasury Department for registration, subject to your order, so if you will write the Treasurer, Mr. Starr, he will send it to you, or if you wish, I will see to it myself. On account of Harris' sickness the books, money, etc. have not yet been fully turned over to the new incumbent.

We found the old warrants that were lost. When they were ordered duplicated and declared "no good" the party having them, took them and placed them all in a crack in the post-office where they would be found. Some rascal had them and was probably holding them for a reward. He was afraid to put them in circulation as he would probably have been

proven a thief. They were cancelled and pinned
back in the warrant book.

I don't know if I will remain here or not.
Harris has not given me any definite answer yet.
I don't know what changes he intends making. I
may have to go home.

Let me hear from you occasionally and in the
meantime,

Believe me,

Yours truly,

CConnell Rogers.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

CHEROKEE NATION, IND. TER.

Tahlequah, Jan. 25th 1892

Hon. G. B. Foreman,

Campbell,

Ind. Ter.

Friend Bullette:

Inclosed you will find your warrant which I put in the Treasurers Office for registration - It is \$100.⁰⁰ and your last one as Judge. I sent the Duplicate warrant to you by Mr. Wallace Thornton. I guess you get it - Let me hear from you to know that you got both of them all right -

Yours truly

Connell Rogers

I had the above all ready to send you when your letter came this evening- Your claim was not passed, I don't know why -

Yours &c

C. R.

Grayson, Louisiana
Caldwell Paris
March 6, 1892

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Mrs. Sarah Foreman.

Dear Madam:

Please send me word by mail soon as you can
if you will sell me some of your Confederate money,
or sell me all you have. Let me know what you
will take for it.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Respectfully yours

John G. Keller

Grayson, La.

UNION RESOLUTION

Tahlequah Cherokee Nation
January 5th, 1880

In general convention of the Kee-too-wah Society, the Downing and Ross parties, having entered into an agreement and formed one party.

Johnson Spade reported in general convention and acknowledged the union with the Downing party general managers, and Huckleberry Downing reported and acknowledged this union with the Ross party general managers, also, Lacy Hawkins, Geo. Downing, and Adam Feeling, reported, and acknowledged the same, the union of the Downing and Ross political parties.

We permanently form ourselves in one body politic. John Grass being absent in general convention of the Kee-too-whah Society. Our names affixed here below is to guarantee our union into one body politic, and friends to our autonomy of the Kee-too-whah Society.

It is understood three general head managers, three District managers, and three District lodge managers are to be elected according to the platform of the Kee-too-whah Society.

The present six general head managers shall continue in office until completely.

John Walkingstick, President gen. con.,

Thomas Pota, Sec'y

Approved by general managers.

Johnson Spade

H. B. Downing

Geo. Downing

Lacy Hawkins

Adam Feeling

The names of members in attendance in general convention:

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Stephen Tehee | 10. Wilson Sanders |
| 2. Panther | 11. A. L. Lacie |
| 3. Stagger | 12. Phillips |
| 4. Thomas | 13. Clo-stah-ma |
| 5. Jackson | 14. Eagle Brown |
| 6. J. B. Acorn | 15. Josiah Pota |
| 7. S. R. Gourd | 16. Ned Acorn |
| 8. W. Augerhole | 17. Ju-No-Ye |
| 9. Dick Pan | 18. John Downing |

Hon E. E. Adair

C. N.

Clerk of Sequoyah Dist

Dear Sir.

We the undersigned citizens of the Cherokee Nation, residing in Sequoyah District - hereby apply to you - for license or permit to sell timber to non citizens. Under act of National Council of December 3^d 1886 - And under Executive instructions of March 4th 1887.

And hereby tender to you any sum of money - you may deem sufficient - to cover any royalty to be paid to the Cherokee Nation.

July 6th 1887

W. W. Wheeler
A. Quesenbury
W. H. Turner

A true Copy -

I will Grant License or permits to Citizens of the Cherokee Strickly under act of the National Council approved December 4th 1886, on lawful claims to sell lumber and timber land.

This July 6th 1887.

E E Adair
Clerk Sequoyah District
C N.

An Act.

Providing for the appointment of a Commission to negotiate with the United States Commission.

Whereas, The Government of the United States in 1893 to 1897 inclusive appointed and instructed a commission to negotiate with the several Tribes of the Indian Territory and effect if practicable a change in their relations with the United States, in their method of land tenure,

Whereas, The Commission appointed by the Cherokee Nation under an act of the National Council approved August 23rd, 1896 as amended by a act approved December 4th, 1896 failed to reach an agreement with the United States Commission, and,

Whereas, The Congress of the United States passed an act entitled "An Act for the protection of the people of the Indian Territory, and for other purposes", approved June 28th, 1898 in violation of our treaties, destroying our self government and providing for a change in our land tenure, and

Whereas, said act of Congress is very unsatisfactory to our people and should be changed, amended or modified, and

Whereas, said Commission has been returned by an act of the Congress of the United States approved July 1st, 1898, with all the authority to negotiate with the Cherokee Nation granted by previous acts of Congress, and

Whereas, A question of such gravity should be submitted to a majority vote of the Citizens of the Cherokee Nation and permit them to determine by a majority vote whether or not they will ratify or reject any agreement entered into before it is binding on the Cherokee Nation; therefore

Be it enacted by the National Council of the Cherokee Nation:

That the Principal Chief be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint and commission, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in accordance with the constitution, seven citizens well versed in the affairs of the Cherokee Nation to serve as a commission on behalf of the Cherokee Nation for the purpose of meeting and conferring with the United States Commission.

The Commissioners shall appoint a chairman from one of their number and select a clerk, an

interpreter and a stenographer who shall be present at every conference and record the proceedings in detail

The Commissioners, clerk, interpreter and stenographer shall each receive such compensation as may hereafter be provided by law.

Be it further enacted:

That the said Cherokee Commission is authorized and empowered to meet, confer and negotiate with the United States Commission with respect to any matter committed to said United States Commission by the Government of the United States for the negotiations with the tribes of the Indian Territory.

Provided However:

That no agreement herein authorized to be made between the Cherokee Commission and the United States Commissioners shall be of any act or provision thereof upon the Cherokee Nation binding in any way or manner, unless the same shall be ratified and confirmed by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Cherokee Nation as defined in section 453 page 235 of the compiled laws of the Cherokee Nation, 1892, as hereinafter provided.

Be it further enacted:

That the said Commission shall report full their proceedings had under the provisions of this act to the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation not later than the second day of January when the terms of office of said Commissioners shall expire and, in case an agreement is entered into, the Principal Chief shall cause said agreement to be immediately published in both the Cherokee and English language, duly authenticated, in the Cherokee advocate and printed certified copies posted at every precinct and post office in the Cherokee Nation for the information of the people; and the Principal Chief, in the event an agreement is entered into and aforesaid shall, immediately after the same is reported as above provided issue his proclamation addressed to the Clerks of the several districts, elected for the two years beginning the third Monday in November 1897, calling a special election to be held at the various precincts in the several districts of the Cherokee Nation for the purpose of voting on the ratification or rejection

of said agreement and said election shall be held and returns made as provided in Article 1, Chapter 1, Chapter VIII of the compiled laws of the Cherokee Nation and where the same are not applicable under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Principal Chief. Provided further: That the Principal Chief shall prepare and furnish said clerks with suitable blanks upon which to record said vote, and that when said returns are received by the Principal Chief, he shall, together with the Assistant Chief, Treasurer and a joint Committee of both branches of the National Council, composed of two members from each branch thereof, selected equally from each political party, count and announce the vote and cause a record of the result of said vote to be made in the Executive Department of the Cherokee Nation and communicate the same to the United States Commission.

Be it further enacted.

That in case said agreement is ratified by a majority vote of the citizens of the Cherokee Nation as aforesaid it shall be binding on the Cherokee Nation only in case the same is ratified without amendment by the Congress of the United States on

or before March 4th 1899.

Passed the Council

Nov 28 1898

Will. W. Ross, Jr.
Clerk of Council

John R. McIntosh
Speaker of Council

Passed the Senate December 1st A.D. 1898

Richard M. Wolfe
Clerk of Senate Cherokee Nation

Wolfe Coon
President of Senate
Cherokee Nation.

Approved Dec 2nd 1898.

S. H. Mayes,
Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation.

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Executive Department, Cherokee Nation.

December 13th 1898

This is to certify that the within is a true and
correct copy of the original now on file in this office,

In testimony whereof I this day at Tahlequah,

I. T. attach the seal of the Cherokee Nation.

(Signed) Tom Gulager

Asst. Executive Secretary.

(Seal)

THE DOWNING PLATFORM

A Ringing and Definite Declaration of Principles
to all Classes of Citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

Adopted by the Party at a Convention Held at
Tahlequah, April 12, 1895.

Majority Rule.

Section 1, The Downing party cheerfully sub-
mits to a majority rule in all elections by the
people and an honest count of the votes.

Form of Government

Sec. 2. The great object of the party will ever
be to maintain our present form of government as a
Cherokee government, believing it to be the best
for the protection of our race.

Friendly Relations.

Sec. 3. The Downing party will at all times con-
sider the treaties and agreements existing between
the Cherokee Nation and the government of the
United States, as the supreme law of the land, and
will observe them as such and will use its utmost
endeavor to see that they are carried out, and will
cheerfully continue the friendly relationship
with our red brothers of the Indian Territory.

Progression.

Sec. 4. We favor progress and the proper use of
the resources of the country to the best advantage
of all the citizens of the Cherokee Nation, to the
end that industry and enterprise may be encouraged,
as the cultivation of the soil, home industry and
honest toil constitute the life and prosperity of
a country like that of the Cherokee Nation. It
shall be the pride and effort of the party to
foster and encourage farming, stock raising, trade
and the development of the natural resources of the
country, to the end that labor shall be fully rewarded.

and not only be profitable but honorable. But in the encouragement of individual enterprise the Downing party will never lose sight of the paramount right of the whole Cherokee people in all of the common property.

Education.

Sec. 5. Education must ever be the greatest aim of the Cherokee people; the party, therefore, favors the increase of school facilities to an extent that a good education may be placed free within the reach of every child who is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Under no circumstances will the party become indifferent or neglectful of this important subject, as every other interest should subserve that while enlightens and educates the Cherokee people. The party will favor a non-partisan competent Board of Education and their power restricted, so far as public schools are concerned, to the examinations of applicants, leaving the selection of the teachers to the trustees of the various schools, elected annually by the patrons from those passing satisfactory examinations as evidenced by a certificate from the Board of Education.

Public Funds.

Sec. 6. The Party favors an economical administration of public affairs to the end that public funds may not be squandered, but used as necessity may demand for the best interest of the people and the government. In many instances a nation must be liberal, but never wasteful. Under no circumstances will it favor the issuance of "preferred" warrants. In order to better protect the public funds, it will favor legislation requiring all claims, legal or equitable, intended to be submitted to the national council, except audited certificates, to be first submitted to the supreme court or some other tribunal sitting as a court of claims, so that the Cherokee nation may be represented and all facts ascertained and certified to the national council.

Revenue.

Sec. 7. We favor more stringent legislation looking to the increase and collection of internal revenue

from our natural and artificial resources to their greatest extent, but not to the detriment of our general welfare. The itemized reports of revenue collected by various officers should be published quarterly, and for any failure to comply with the law summary power of suspension should be bested in the principal chief.

The natural resources should be a source from which much money should find its way into the National treasury. If handled properly this can be done and at the same time prevent monopolies and abuses by a few to the injury of the many.

Public Debt.

Sec. 8. The Party pledges itself to the payment of the public debt and to the maintenance of the government's credit. To liquidate the present indebtedness it favors the use of the residue of the money set aside to pay for the "intruder" improvements as well as the revenue derived from the sale of the same.

Judicial Reform.

Sec. 9. The Party favors a rigid though fair and impartial enforcement of the laws of the Cherokee nation, and will continue in its efforts to reform the judiciary to the end that the expense, may be reduced to a minimum, and the lives and liberty as well as the property of the people may be protected by granting the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the Cherokee nation.

Corruption Condemned.

Sec. 10. The Downing party pledges itself against all kinds of corruption in any department of our government: Executive, legislative and judicial. It denounces the so-called "Financial Agent Bill" passed by the National party, and condemns the corrupt methods used in its passage.

Per Capita Payment.

Sec. 11. The Party will insist on the congress of the United States making the appropriation of the entire sum of money found due to the Cherokee

nation by the accountants appointed as provided in the "Cherokee strip" agreement, viz: The sum of (in round numbers) \$4,300,000 and pledges itself to pay the same out per capita to all bona fide citizens of the Cherokee nation.

Public Domain

Sec. 12. The constitution expressly provides that the lands of the Cherokee nation shall remain common property, and as a necessary precaution against monopoly of the lands so held, and that the rights of all in the public domain might be equally secured and protected; the constitution likewise provides that the council shall have the power to adopt such laws and regulations as its wisdom may deem expedient and proper, to prevent citizens from monopolizing improvements with the view of speculation. We therefore hold that the lands of the Cherokee nation, in their undivided condition, are intended to be used and occupied by citizens, according to their several needs, and for the purpose of agriculture and domicile, and to an impartial adjustment of all abuses by citizens of this intention and pledges its most earnest endeavors that every citizen may be insured a home without money and without price.

Citizenship and Intrusion.

Sec. 13. The Downing party will ever insist upon the right of the Cherokee nation to determine who are citizens by blood, as conceded by the Supreme court of the United States in the case of the eastern band of Cherokees vs. the United States and Cherokee nation. The party will persistently demand the speedy removal of all authorized persons within the Cherokee nation, invoking the United States to remove them, as solemnly guaranteed by treaty and Cherokee strip agreement, but in the event the United States fails to remove such persons speedily as therein specified the party will favor such persons speedily as therein specified the party will favor such legislation by the Cherokee nation as will authorize the sale of all the intruder improvements to our citizens and aggressively assist them in securing possession of the

same through the courts or by such means as may by law be created or authorized by the National Council.

Equal Rights.

Sec. 14. The Downing party renews its fidelity to all citizens of the Cherokee nation, both by blood and adoption, and recognizes that one great object of the Cherokee nation must be ever to keep peace and friendship among her own citizens, and to keep alive in every citizen the true fire of patriotism, the genuine love of country, as our government must be maintained by the united efforts of the entire people. The party, therefore, guarantees equal civil, political and property rights to all citizens as pledged to them under the constitution and laws of the Cherokee nation and treaty stipulations. The body politic of the Cherokee nation consists of its citizens, to wit: Cherokees by blood, adopted whites, Shawnees, Delawares, Freedmen and Creeks, and must be one people, with a mutual interest. The party recognizes the fact that the destiny of our country rests in the hands of this entire people, and its great purpose will be to make every citizen feel and know that this is his home; that here his life, liberty and property will be protected. The party indorses the recommendations of Hon. C. J. Harris in his special message, dated April 10, 1894, as to whom the late "Strip proceeds" should be paid, and pledges itself, if successful, to pay all bona fide adopted citizens of the Cherokee nation their pro rata part of said proceeds withheld by the National party in violation of their constitutional and treaty rights.

W. W. Hastings,
Secretary

D. M. Faulkner,
Chairman.

1	Simon Girty	died	March	10.	1883
2	Sam Taylor	died	March	12.	1883
3	Dick Ratley	died	Feb	23.	1883
4	Ben Tapp	died	Feb	13.	1883
5	Cherokee Foreman		died	Feb 11.	1883
6	Ella Ratley	died	Jan	16.	1885
7	Butler Garrison	died	Jan	20.	1885
8	George Foreman	died	Feb.	11.	1885
9	Pierce Foreman	died	Dec	2.	
10	Sarah Foreman	died	March	24.	1879
11	Ned Foreman	died	Feb	27.	1889
12	Joe Lynch	died	Jan	14.	1890
13	Alex McCarty	died	Feb	14.	1890
14	Rockey Smith	died	July	12.	1890
15	Sallie Vore	died	Aug	21	1890
16	Bill Bradley	died	Sep	14.	1890
17	Bill Sheppard	died	Jan	23.	1890
18	Joe Tapp	died	Dec	18.	1890
19	Nannie Thornton	died	June	28.	1890
20	Tobe Harles	died	Nov	9.	1891
21	Charley Martingale		Dec	27.	1891
22	Bullet Foreman	died	July	4.	1892
23	Sallie Blackstone	died	Mar	6.	1892

24	Kiah Fields	died	Mar	21.	1892
25	Tom Blackstone	died	Apr	9.	1892
26	Florence Buchanan		died Apr	6.	1892
27	Jim Hayes	died	July	29.	1892
28	Blue Wilson	died	Mar	11.	1893
29	Gilbert Wilson	died	died	Dec 6.	1893
30	Noah Still	died	Dec	7.	1893
31	George Whitmore	died		Dec 8.	1893
32	Bill Cox	died	Dec	14.	1893
33	Robin Still	died	Nov	25.	1893
34	Louisa Mackey	died		May 6.	1893
35	Rosa Scales	died	Jan	12.	1894
36	Sallie Brown	died	Feb	16.	1894
37	Lellie Wells	died	Feb	18.	1894
38	Sam Barricks	died		Mar 7.	1894
39	Jim Shanks	was killed		May 4.	1896
40	Jess Hair	died	Dec	27.	1896
41	Tim Fields	died	Nov	27.	1896
42	Lizzie Collins	died	Dec	15	1878
43	Looney Hicks	died	Mar	30.	1870
44	Bulah Brown	died		Aug 11.	1879
45	Sam Payne	died	Mar	22.	1879

46	Creek Payne	died	Apr	2. 1879
47	Dick Brewer	died	July	11. 1879
48	Lifter	died	Oct	1. 1896
49	Watie Bell	died	Dec	25. 1894
50	Mrs Spencer	died	Jan	1. 1895
51	Mrs Roger's baby	died		Aug 30. 1895
52	Maud Thornton	died	Sep	11. 1895
53	Mrs Lifter	died	Oct	19. 1895
54	Tennie Turner	died	Oct	9. 1895
55	Bob Wells baby	died	Oct	25. 1895
56	Thurza Wright	died	Oct	25 1895
57	Chadie Richard	died	Oct	30 1895
58	Ella Linder	died	Nov	9. 1895
59	Irving Voré.	died	Nov	15 1895
60	John Wells	died	Dec	6. 1895
61	Calvin Fargo	died	Nov	28. 1895
62	Famie Benge	died	Nov	29. 1895
63	Susan Griggs	died	Jan	1. 1896
64	Charley Richard		died	Jan 24 1896
65	Joe Stone	died	Feb	15 1896
66	Mamie Wilson	died	May	20 1889
67	Maggie Mackey	died	June	14. 1897
68	Artama Jennings	died		June 27. 1897

69	Kellah Fields	died	July 1.	1898
70	Claurine Lynch		Dec 24	1898
71	Mary Lynch	died	Oct 7.	1898
72	Mr Haynes	died	Oct 26.	1898
73	Sallie Haynes	died	Dec 13.	1898
74	Robert Blackstone	died	Feb 2.	1897
75	Lizzie Lynch	died	Feb 23.	1897
76	Mary Ratley	died	Nov 25	1889
77	Winnie Smith's baby	died	June 28.	1898
78	Hyrum Linders babies	died	June 25	1895
79	Quinie Vann	died	Sep 10.	1897
80	Cephas Foreman	died	Feb 8	1899
81	West	died	Feb 18	1899
82	Eliza Oar	"	" 20	1899
83	Emma Foreman	died	June 23	1898
84	Ellen Carlile Foreman		Feb. 18	1899
85	Sallie Faulkner	died	Sep 2	1898
86	Rosa Smith	"	Feb 28	1899
87	W. W. Wilkerson	died	Mar. 11.	1899
88	Laura Maskey	died	Mar. 27	1897
89	Charley Starr	"	" 29	1897
90	Red Cloud Brown	died	Aug 11.	1898

91	Annie Madden	died	Dec.	17.	1898
92	Luvonia Faulkner	died	Mar.	17.	1899
93	Pearl Earnest	died	Mar.	16.	1899
94	Gilbert Foreman	died	Feb	13.	1888
95	Hath Garrison	died	Aug	3.	1863
96	Joseph Garrison	"	July	3.	1860
97	Joe Garrison Jr.	died	Sep	18.	1863.