

Dawes Commission. Every Indian in the Seminole nation who has leased his land to a white man has had Capt. McKennon draw the lease, and that accounts for the favorable terms upon which the Indians leased and the class of people to whom the leases were made. They were the first nation to get their allotments made and while the other nations have been struggling with departmental rules and resisting treaty provisions, the Seminoles have been quietly getting their farms improved by white men and collecting their rents.

The secretary to the chief of the Seminoles is Coody Johnson, a negro as black as night. But he has a good head and is a fair lawyer. He transacts nearly all the chief's business, goes to Washington on tribal business for him, and does it satisfactorily too. Chief Micco can not speak a word of English. In all his transactions with the government he uses an interpreter, usually Johnson, who can speak English, Creek or Seminole with equal fluency.