

To effect such a change it would be necessary for these Nations to agree to a survey and pro rata distribution of all their lands.

2. For the erection over them a Territorial form of government, such as Congress shall deem proper, wise and just.

3. To become citizens of the United States.

Among some of the advantages it is thought that might be derived by an early agreement with the Commission, rather than trust entirely to action by Congress in this all-important question, mention was made of the following by the Commission:

To protect the Indians in their homes; the lands when allotted them, be made inalienable for a long term of years; that none but these land-owners could be allowed to vote at elections. By which plan or agreement the Indians would be permitted to control all the political affairs of the country thus organized as at present, although representing but little more than one-fifth of its population, including both whites and Indians.

All money held in trust by the United States Government, upon which the interest only is now paid annually or semi-annually to the nations to which they belong, and applied by them to the use and maintenance