

the present condition of the situation of the United States treasury, or the manner and delay consequent thereupon in making payment to the Cherokees for their Strip lands, but under more favorable circumstances, their payments would be spent in advance, and in most cases absolutely squandered either before or after reaching the owner.

The tax levied upon personal property, to support the machinery of this new government, would rapidly absorb the property itself, when even the household effects would be seized upon to pay the taxes due, which is the case already with many of our brethren and friends west of us. During this time, we presume, the 200,000 (two hundred thousand) non-citizens among us would have contributed their quota of the needed tax, although unrepresented in the councils of state, and having no voice in its election of public officers, for it is just as unjust to impose all the burden upon the Indian alone. We feel apprehensive that an agreement embodying such a provision as would deprive the non-citizen of his vote would not meet the approval of Congress, however much it might desire changes in other respects.

If, with the combined force of United States deputy marshals, Indian police, and our own local officers,