

election, held on Sept. 3d, passed off quietly and satisfactorily as far as I have learned save and except in two towns, to-wit: the Arkansas colored and the Taskegee. The former was broken up, as I learn, by a personal difficulty between two men. On receipt of this information I immediately ordered a special election to come off on the 12th of Sept., which order by some means failed to reach the proper officers until that day, thereby operating a partial failure, as the time of notice was too short to be general. Consequently the result of misunderstanding between the presiding officer and the voters as to the place of voting. On learning this fact I immediately ordered a special election as in the other case. In both these orders I especially authorized the election to be held for the election of Council members only. Nevertheless I learn both these towns voted for First and Second Chiefs also. This, I learn, was advised by Col. Tufts, our agent. For what reason I am not sufficiently advised. While it is greatly regretted that these towns, by any means, failed to vote on the 3d as provided for by law, yet I cannot see any just or legal means whereby their votes could be received