

by its friends, making the cattle of Cherokees by blood exempt from taxation. Some cattle, belonging to Cherokees by marriage, were found grazing in Coweta district and were assessed by Capt. Mutteloke, the stock superintendent, and the tax demanded of the owners, who refused payment, and the question referred to this office for my decision. Upon learning these parties were only Cherokees by marriage, I decided that they were non-citizens and that their cattle were liable to the tax imposed by our law, and so informed Capt. Mutteloke, at the same time instructing him to proceed with the collection of the tax. The officers of the different districts have reported to this office quite a number of the names of intruders since your last Council, all of whom likewise have been promptly reported by me to our agent, requesting in every instance their removal from our country. Yet it seems many of them, if not all, are still remaining in our country with seeming impunity.

Your attention is invited to the propriety of postponing the election of judges and other officers usually elected by your body until the meeting of the new Council.

In consequence of depreciation of jury script the