

Territorial Bills is to be found in the passage by Congress in July 1866 of enormous land grants to railroads in the Indian Territory contingent upon the extinguishment of the Indian titles. We have reason to believe, that if Congress would repeal or annul these enormous land grants, the railroad companies or their representatives would leave the halls of Congress and cease to annoy the Indians.

The complexion of Congress has been changed by recent elections, and the Indians have lost many firm friends in members who have passed out and we have reasons to fear their places have been filled by new members who do not understand our sacred rights. In this uncertainty, I consider it more necessary now than ever that the Creeks send a competent Delegation to Washington City to guard their interests during the approaching session of Congress. The expense of a Delegation is a heavy annual charge on the resources of the Nation, and one which we should avoid if possible, but the necessity is imposed upon us by the activity of our adversaries and we are compelled in self defense to send intelligent and influential Delegates to Washington every winter to watch their schemes and thwart their machinations. The Delegates you may select to represent Creek interests at the federal Capital as well as guarding against hostile congressional legislation