

States to make a hard bargain for the strip of land. But the Creek Nation is an independent Indian Nationality in Treaty relations of the most sacred character with the United States government and are not to be challenged with an impracticable factions^u spirit, if in the adjustment of this question, they manifest a becoming National pride, and expect a full recognition of their property rights in the strip of land, which is undisputably theirs,

Special United States Commissioner, Genl. I. P. C. Shanks, made a proposition last May, in behalf of the United States, to buy the strip of land needed for the Seminoles. I submit Genl. Shanks proposition with this message for your consideration--and I suggest to your Honorable Body, that you appoint a special commission of nine persons, on the part of the Creeks, to confer with general Shanks, who will be present at this Council in the official capacity of Special Commission in behalf of the United States, to confer with the Creeks, in the adjustment of the Seminole question.

I have now directed your attention Gentlemen of the Council, to some of the more important matters that have suggested themselves as requiring your special attention. In your deliberation other subjects bearing on the welfare of the Nation, will present themselves, and I feel assured you will, as a legislative Body, comprising the representative and progressive men