

MESSAGE OF SAMUEL CHECOTE

Executive Office M. N.

October 5th, 1880

To the House of Kings and Warriors

In National Council Assembled.

Gentlemen

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the Muskogee Nation, I herewith submit my annual communication.

Since the last adjournment of your body, the general health of our people has been good and we have had a favorable season for our crops, so that we have to thank Providence for a prosperous year.

The improvements made in the discipline of our Educational Department, especially that branch which has to do with the neighborhood schools has been very marked. With the present rate of improvement, it is to be hoped that our schools will before many years be all that we can expect. For particulars in regard to this department you are respectfully referred to the reports of the superintendent of Public Instruction and the superintendents of the Boarding Schools.

During the year of 1874, the Secretary of the Interior,