

Bill No 17

An act entitled an act regulating the granting of permits to trade, expose goods wares or merchandise for sale within the Choctaw Nation, and to reside within the same, and for other purposes.

See 1

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that before any person or persons who are not citizens of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation shall be permitted to expose any goods, wares or merchandise for sale within the limits of the Choctaw Nation, he, she, or they shall be required to obtain a permit from the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation - such permits shall be granted by the Principal Chief on the following terms and conditions only, to wit:

1st. The person or persons wishing to obtain such permit shall make application in writing to the Principal Chief, setting forth the place and county in which he, she or they desire to do business, the kind of business, and the probable amount of capital to be employed therein; such application shall be signed by twenty or more not less respectable citizen householders of the county in which the person or persons applying propose to do bus-

iness; and the applicant shall at the same time provide a bond which the Principal Chief can ~~may~~ or will approve with good and sufficient securities - citizens of the Choctaw Nation - in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, payable to the Choctaw Nation, and conditioned that said person or persons principal therein, shall well and truly obey the laws and regulations of the Choctaw Nation, in regard to traders and merchants therein, not inconsistent with existing treaties and the Constitution and laws of the United States relating thereto, and shall pay over to the National Revenue Collector of the Choctaw Nation such tax or taxes as may be demanded of him her or them, and be due from him her or them by virtue of ~~existing laws of the~~ provisions of this act hereinafter.

2nd Upon the above requirements being complied with, the Principal Chief shall issue to said person or persons, under his hands and the seal of said Nation, a permit through the hands of the National Revenue Collector authorizing such person or persons to carry on such business as he she or they may have proposed in the application and at the place mentioned in the application

and for the period of one year from the date of such permit, and the Principal Collector may renew said permit from year to year by endorsement thereon under his hands, and such renewal shall have the same force and effect as the original permit, provided however that the National Revenue Collector shall not deliver said permit until the said tax, as hereinafter provided, is paid.

Sec 2

Be it further enacted, that a tax of two per cent per annum is hereby levied upon the cost of all goods, wares and merchandise as shown by the invoices of the person or persons proposing to trade, and the accuracy and correctness of said invoices must be sworn to before some officer competent to administer oaths and such oath must also include the aggregate amount of said invoices, and the same shall be done in reference to all goods wares or merchandise thereafter introduced for sale barter or exchange by such person or persons for and during each succeeding twelve months, and the same shall be the basis of assessment of the said two per cent per annum, the payment whereof shall be made in advance else the Revenue Collector shall not deliver the permit.

Sec 3

Be it further enacted, that if any Carpenter, Wagon maker, Blacksmith, Wheelwright, Millwright, Tailor, Shoemaker, Miller, Machinist, Sawyer, Tanner ^{clerk}, Renter, Doctor, Editor or any other such like mechanic or artisan or professional character shall desire to carry on his trade or avocation or exercise any of the functions thereof within the limits of the Choctaw Nation before doing so he shall make application as hereinafter directed, to the Principal chief setting forth the particular trade or avocation in which he wishes to engage and the county wherein, and if such application is conformable to law the Principal chief shall issue a permit thereon, through the hands of the National Revenue Collector or some one of his deputies, under his hand and the seal of the Nation authorizing such ^{person} or persons to remain in the nation and pursue his trade or avocation in such county for the period of one year from the date thereof, which permit may be renewed from year to year by the Principal Chief in the manner provided for the renewal of the permits of merchants and traders; provided however that a tax of Twenty-five dollars shall be due and payable in advance on the

permit of each person so applying, in default
of the payment whereof the National Revenue
Collector shall not deliver such permit
and such permit shall be void, and
provided further, that for the renewal of
each permit, the person so benefited shall
pay the same tax as on original permit
in default whereof such permit and renew-
al shall be void and the applicant shall
be removed from the limits of said Nation
by direction of the Principal Chief

Sec 4. Be it further enacted, that if any
laborer, teamster, servant or other per-
son in like capacity shall desire to re-
main in the limits of the Choctaw Nation
and pursue his or her employment, he
or she shall make application in writing
^{as hereinafter directed} to the Principal Chief; before so en-
tering upon such duties, setting forth the
particular duties in ^{which} he or she wishes to engage
and the county wherein, and if such application
is conformable to law, the Principal Chief
shall issue a permit thereon, through the hands
of the National Revenue Collector or some one
of his deputies, under his hand and the seal
of the Nation authorizing such person or per-
sons to remain in the Nation and pursue
his or her employment in such county for

the period of one year from the date thereof, which permit may be renewed from year to year by the Principal Chief in the manner provided for the renewal of the permits of merchants and traders; provided however, that a tax of six dollars shall be due and payable in advance on the permit of each person so applying, in default of the payment whereof, the National Revenue Collector shall not deliver such permit, and such permit shall be void, and provided further, that for the renewal of each permit, the person so benefited shall pay the same tax as on original permit and in default whereof such permit and renewal shall be void and the applicant shall be removed from the limits of said Nation by direction of the Principal Chief

See 5

Be it further enacted, that no permit is to be granted under this act to a non-citizen for one year or for a shorter time than one year unless the application for permit shall be signed by twenty or more citizens, who are substantial house holders, residing in the town, neighborhood or county in which the applicant for permit proposes to carry on his her or their business or avocation, and the signers of

such application shall certify from their personal knowledge to the moral character and industrious and temperate habits of the applicant, and that the applicant is not a gambler, and unless the tax thereon is paid in advance, and a bond in each case is filed with the application for a permit said bonds for merchants and traders to be for One thousand dollars, for persons contemplated in Sec 3 of this act, to be for Five hundred dollars, for persons contemplated in Sec 4 of this act to be for One hundred dollars whether for one year or for a shorter time than one year ~~and to be conditioned~~ as follows that which bonds to be such as the Principal Chief may, can or will approve with good and sufficient securities, citizens of the Choctaw Nation and payable to the Choctaw Nation, and conditioned that said person or persons, principal therein, shall well and truly obey the laws and regulations of the Choctaw Nation in regard to non-citizens resident therein, not inconsistent with existing treaties and the Constitution and laws of the United States relating thereto, and shall pay over to the National Revenue Collector of the Choctaw Nation such tax or taxes as

may be due and payable under the provisions
of this act.

Sec 6

Be it further enacted, that permits for
one year must be granted in the months
of October and November alone for
each and every year, and that permits
for a shorter time than one year may
be granted on the first week alone of
each month during a year; provided
that persons contemplated in Sec 4 of this
act who desire to remain for six months
or less time in the Nation shall pay three
dollars in the same manner and on the
same conditions as prescribed in Sec 4
for persons remaining one year, and that
persons contemplated in Sec 3 of this act
who desire to remain for six months or less
time in the Nation shall pay three dollars
in the same manner and on the same
conditions as prescribed in Sec 3 for
persons remaining one year.

Sec 7

Be it further enacted, that any person or
persons desiring to obtain permits under this
act who may have a son or sons of the
age of eighteen years, and a daughter or
daughters of the age of sixteen years, along
with them and included in their family
or may have ward or wards of the six

and age aforesaid shall obtain permits in
the same way and pay the same tax for
them as for grown persons.

Sec 8

Be it further enacted, that all suits arising
under this act shall be determined in
Choctaw Courts, and the penalty for viola-
tion of this act shall not be less than fif-
ty dollars nor more than Two hundred
dollars at the discretion of the Court
having jurisdiction thereof.

Sec 9

Be it further enacted, that upon suf-
ficient cause, such as failure or re-
fusal to comply with the laws governing
such cases, the Principal Chief shall cause
the removal of any person or persons
who may have obtained permit or permits
under this act, beyond the limits of
the Choctaw Nation.

Sec 10

Be it further enacted, that an act
entitled An act regulating the granting of
permits &c Approved November 20th 1867
is hereby repealed in full.

Sec 11

Be it further enacted, that all permits
issued or renewed between the time of the
passage of this act and the 1st Monday
in October 1876 shall expire at the lat-
ter date.

Sec 12

~~Be it further enacted, that this act~~

Passed the Senate
Oct 10-1875

~~Senate~~
~~Passed further~~
~~on Oct 10-1875~~

O. B. Moore
President
Alphonso M. Parker
1875 Colman Hall
Principal Chief
Choctaw Nation

~~Shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.~~
~~Proposed by~~
~~Alfred Wright~~
~~Chair of Committee on Chifs Message~~

Sec 12
Passed the house
Nov 11. 1875.
Legislative session

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Be it further enacted, that no tax of
any kind shall be required of school
teachers, Ministers of the Gospel or Mis-
sionaries so long as they strictly pursue
their line of business, but this section
shall not be so construed as to grant
them any greater privileges otherwise
or any more exemption from the operations
of Choctaws laws in regard to non-
citizens and of the Intercourse law, than
any other class of non-citizens residing
herein.

Sec 13

Be it further enacted, that this act
shall take effect and be in force
from and after its passage.

Proposed by
Alfred Wright
Chair Committee on Chifs Message