

To the Honorable the Senate and House of
Representatives—

We your Special Law Com-
mittee to whom was referred the
question of Persons wishing to
establish Citizenship in the Choctaw
Nation, have after giving the
subject our most earnest and care-
ful consideration would most
respectfully recommend the passage
of the following Bill—

And your Committee wish to be
discharged from further duty
in the premises—

Attest

S. P. Willis
Secretary

} Walter King
} Chairman of the
} Committee

Whakta Dumaha

Oct 17th 1876.

Sec 1

An Act entitled ~~an~~ act directing and authorizing the appointment of a Committee by the General Council ~~of the Choctaw Nation~~ enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled - That any person who is not now recognized as a citizen, ^{of this nation} or of Choctaw descent and ~~being desirous~~ claiming to be a citizen or of Choctaw descent shall petition to the General Council during the regular session thereof for the rights and privileges of citizenship, of the Choctaw Nation, such petitioner shall prove his or her right ~~by blood~~ or other means by which they claim citizenship - by not less than two good, respectable Choctaws, disinterested persons, before a proper Committee or the Chairman thereof - And the Chairman or secretary of the Committee shall have power to administer any ^{and} all oaths that may be necessary in conducting the investigation.

Sec 2

Be it further enacted &c. The Committee aforesaid to be appointed by the presiding officers of both houses of the General Council, and they shall report to that

Body, by act or resolution or otherwise
in response to the petition or petitions
of the person or persons claiming to
be citizens ~~of~~ or of Choctaw blood
or descent, and in the event of the
adoption of such report of the com-
mittee, then such person or persons
shall thereafter be deemed and considered
to be Bona fide citizens of the Choctaw
Nation —

Sec 3

Be it further enacted &c. That it is hereby made the
duty of the Sheriffs of each County in this
Nation, to ascertain at as early a day as is
practicable the number, and names of
^(Colored & Capt)
persons or parties in their respective Counties
who claim Choctaw rights by blood or
otherwise, who are subjects of this act, and
who have never established the same
in accordance with the laws of this
Nation. Also all such as may hereafter
come into this Nation and report the fact
to the principal Chief immediately —

Sec 4

Be it further enacted &c. That all persons as mentioned
in a preceding section of this ^{act} living in this
Nation and claiming to be a citizen by blood
or otherwise and who shall fail to comply with
the provisions of this act, after having

been duly notified thereof by the Sheriff or other authorized person shall be deemed and considered an intruder, and shall be removed beyond the limits of the nation forthwith by the Principal Chief.

Sec 5

Be it further enacted, That any and all persons who make the attempt under the provisions of this act to establish their rights and fail in ~~it~~ establishing the same shall be reported immediately to the Principal Chief by the President of the Senate, and the Principal Chief shall forthwith proceed to remove them as other intruders.

Sec 6

Be it further enacted, That the National Secretary be and he is hereby required to furnish the Sheriff of each County in this Nation with a Copy of this Act, at as early a day as it possible to furnish the same, certified to by him.

Sec 7

Be it further enacted, That all expenses incurred on the part of the officers of this Nation in carrying out the provisions of this act, be and the same shall be paid by the parties wishing to establish Citizenship. Provided however, that the cost shall be made out by the Principal Chief and presented to the Committee for Collection previous to said Committee's proceeding to

Act upon the cases before them - the said
Court collected under the provisions of
this act to be, by the Chairman of the
Committee, paid into the National
Treasury for National purposes.

Sec 8

Be it further enacted &c. That all acts or
parts of acts heretofore passed, coming
in any manner in conflict with
the provisions of this act, do and
the same is hereby repealed, and that
this act take effect and be in force
from and after its passage.

Report of

James A. Alexander

Special Sav. Committee

Passed the Senate
Oct 19th 1876

G. B. Moore

President

Passed the
House Oct 19th 1876

A. W. McQuinn

Speaker

Approved Oct 17th 1876

William Teale

Principal Chief
Bureau of Indian Affairs

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