Chahta Tamaha Ch,
Oct 30 1883

An act to prevent the Carrying of Pistols and fixing the Penelty thereof.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled. that it shall not be lawful for any person to carry a pistol of any kind within the limits of the Choctaw Nation except the Sheriff and their deputies and the Lighthorseman on duty and Militia

Sect 2 Be it further enacted, that the Grand Jury shall Indict all violators of this act. and all Citizens that are convicted for violating this act shall be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars and not less then five dollars at the discretion of the Circuit Court. having Jurisdiction

Sec 3rd Be it further enacted. that it shall be the duty of the Sheriff and his deputies. and lighthorseman to arrest all violators of this act without written process upon their own sight or upon the information of any Citizen of said nation and require them or him to give bond to appear at the Circuit Court from day to day while said court is in session until discharged by due Course of Law.

Sec 4th Be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of this nation and their deputies and the lighthorseman

to disposess all citizens and non citizens residing in the Choctaw Nation under a Chickasaw or Freedman that formly belonged to the Choctaws or Chickasaws of any and all Pistols they may be carrying in violation of this act and hold the same untill the fines and costs of the Court are paid, but if the said offenders are unable to pay said fine & costs then the Circuit Court shall issue execution against the Pistols of said offender or offenders, which pistols shall be sold by the Sheriff of said the County at auction to pay Costs first and the remainder to be devoted to the payment of the fines. Provided however that the circuit court shall have power to issue execution against any property of the offender or offenders liable to execution, to pay the penalties imposed by this act.

Sec 3" Be it further enacted that if the Information herein provided for shall be given by a private citizens of the Nation one half of the fine collected is paid to said informant and the other half paid into the County treasury of the County wherein the offence was committed

Sec 6th Be it further enacted, that Sheriffs their deputies and Lighthorseman who refuse or neglect to discharge their duties under this act. shall on information before the Circuit Court having Jurisdiction be fined [illegible] =red dollars for each offence and [illegible] collected of Sheriffs their deputies & lighthorseman shall be turned into the County Treasury of the county wherein the offense was committed for County purposes,

Sec 7th Be it further enacted, that no person or persons, shall ~~not~~ carry a gun of any kind, to a religious meeting, ball or gathering of any kind, except ~~the~~ their deputies, and lighthorseman and Militia on duty any persons violating this section of this act shall be fine in any sum of not exceeding fifty dollars nor less then five dollars, and it shall be the duty of the circuit Judges of this district to charge the Grand Jury to make Inquiry for all violation of the provision of this act.

Sec 8th Be it berther enacted that this act take effect and be inforce from and after its passage, and all acts or parts of acts, heretofore coming in Conflict with the provision of this act are hereby repealed

No. [illegible]

An act [illegible] prevent of carrying Pistol

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J W Everidge
Speaker

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Chas Winston
President –

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