

An act to raise and equip a force
of Militia

Be it enacted by the General Council of
the Choctaw Nation assembled, that
for the better securing to the citizens of
this Nation their rights of person and prop-
erty under the law, and for a speedy apprehen-
sion of murderers, robbers, thieves and
any other criminals and felons within the
jurisdiction of this Nation and bringing them
to trial before the Courts, there shall be
immediately organized under the direction
of the Principal Chief a force of three com-
panies of Militia - one from each district
and each to be composed of fifty members
inclusive of officers - the Captains to be
appointed by the Principal Chief - 1st and 2nd
Lieutenants to be elected by their respective
companies - the Captains to select the other
members of their companies out of those
Choctaw citizens of their respective districts
between the ages of eighteen and fifty
except civil officers
years, and appoint the non-commissioned
officers of their respective companies.
All of the officers to take ~~the oath~~ of
office before some officer ^{authorized} ~~competent~~ to
administer oaths, and the Captains to

muster in their respective companies.

Sec 2

The Principal Chief may call out said militia, one or more Companies or parts of companies whenever the condition of any locality may seem to require it, in pursuance of this act by giving notice to the Captains of twenty days both as to time and place of rendezvous - Captains shall select two faithful men as couriers and through them notify the other members of their companies of the time and place of meeting. All militiamen selected under the provisions of this act shall hold themselves in readiness to move in obedience to orders from their respective Captains, and shall furnish their own equipment, and for every day's actual service Captains shall be entitled to two dollars and fifty cents per day - Lieutenants Two Dollars - Non-commissioned officers One dollar and seventy-five cents, and privates One dollar and fifty cents. The pay of the Captains to be drawn under certificates of the Principal Chief and that of the Lieutenants, non-commissioned officers and privates to be drawn upon certificates of their respective Captains

Sec 3 The rank of the Captains shall be fixed by

the Principal Chief, and the companies to be known as "A" "B" & "C" and the Lieutenants to take rank in the same order as their respective captains. Captains or other officers in command of companies or detachments of companies shall preserve the usual military order and discipline in their respective commands under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Principal Chief.

Sec 4

The duties of the commands thus organized shall be to act and cooperate with the civil authorities of this Nation in executing the laws of the same, and also to act as conservators of the peace by arresting all persons guilty of violations of the law in their presence or that may come to their knowledge upon reliable information; such persons thus arrested to be turned over to the Sheriffs of their respective counties to be held to answer the civil law; and further to aid the Sheriffs whenever called upon to execute sentences of courts, guard prisoners, suppress riots, make all kinds of legal arrests, spill whiskey and do all other things necessary for the preservation of good order

Sec 5 Be it further enacted that all acts or part of acts heretofore passed, coming in any manner in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby Repealed and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage

Nelson McCoy

Chairman Committee
on Chief Message

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