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And all citizens who desire to employ such non-citizen shall make application in writing, signed by four citizens residents of the County one of whom may be the applicant, to the County Judge who shall grant the application, if there be no good reasons otherwise, and direct the County Clerk to issue the permit under his hand and Seal; which permit shall expire on December 31st next succeeding the date of the application, and the Sheriff shall deliver said permit to the citizen on whose farm the farmer or renter proposes to labor, provided the sum of Five dollars be paid to said Sheriff therefor; one dollar of which shall go to the Sheriff for his services, and fifty cents to the County Clerk, and all citizens shall pay Five Dollars for permits issued under this section whether the same shall be for one year or a less period.

SECTION 2. Be it further enacted, That no fee due the County Clerk or the Sheriff under this Act shall be due or payable until the permit for which it is due shall have been actually collected by the Sheriff, who shall retain one dollar for his services, and deliver the remainder to the Clerk who, after deducting fifty cents as fees, shall turn the balance into the county treasury for County purposes.

SECTION 3. Be it further enacted, That any citizen wishing to employ a non-citizen to work for him as a hireland, ( and a hireland by this act is one who is hired by the day or month for wages), shall report the name of such person to the County Judge, who shall direct the County Clerk, if no good reason otherwise be shown, to record the name of such citizen, and the number and names of the persons so hired by him, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose; provided, the citizen shall pay the Clerk ten cents for each name so recorded, and the Clerk shall furnish a list of such non-citizen hirelands to the Sheriff, who shall collect the sum of two dollars and fifty cents from such citizen for each non-citizen so em-

Read and  
Interpreted and  
passed the same  
and referred to the  
Chief Clerk  
25<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1899.

Geo A. Huber  
Speaker of the  
House.

W. W. Cooper

Recording Secretary

Filed in my office  
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Hobson Brown  
Notary Public  
C.M.

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and Passed the same  
and referred to the  
Chief Clerk  
This 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899

W. P. Word  
President  
Society

Will Everidge  
Clerk

approved this the  
25<sup>th</sup> day of March  
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Green McCurtain  
Principal Chief  
Choctaw Nation  
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SECTION 5. Be it further enacted, That any citizen who shall employ any non-citizen in any other manner than is herein provided shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than Twenty-five dollars and no more than fifty dollars.

SECTION 6. Be it further enacted, That the Costs of prosecution and the collection of judgments under this Act shall be by execution subject to the law heretofore existing defining exemptions, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by,

W. G. Wood

BILL NO. 20.  
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Passed the House March 25, 1899.

Joe A. Nicks  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Passed the Senate March 25, 1899.

H. P. Ward  
President of the Senate.

APPROVED; March 25, 1899.

Green M. Curtain  
Principal Chief of  
The Choctaw Nation.

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EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 8, 1899.

APPROVED,

William H. Stanley

OFFICE OF  
NATIONAL SECRETARY.  
CHOCTAW NATION.

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CADDO, INDIAN TERRITORY.

T H I S T O C E R T I F Y, That the above and hereto attached  
"Bill No. 20" is an Act of the Choctaw General Council passed at a special  
session thereof in March 1899, and approved by the Principal Chief of  
said Nation in his official character on March 25, 1899, and that I do  
hereby respectfully submit the same for the approval of the President of  
the United States, in accordance with the provision of Section 32, of the  
Act of Congress of June 28, 1898, (30 Stats? 495,), entitled "An Act for  
the protection of the people of the Indian Territory, and for other pur-  
poses"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Soloman J. Homer,  
National Secretary of the Choctaw nation,  
have hereunto affixed my official signature  
and the Seal of the Choctaw nation, this  
the 27th day of March, One thousand eight  
hundred and ninety-nine.



*Soloman J. Homer.*  
National Secretary,  
Choctaw Nation.

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