

AN ACT IN RELATION TO CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AND
FUNDS OF THE CHOCTAW NATION.

WHEREAS: Spencer Academy, belonging to the Choctaw Nation, while in the unlawful possession of the Secretary of the Interior, was destroyed by fire; and

WHEREAS: The Secretary of the Interior has not only taken unlawful possession of said school property, but while in his custody same has been destroyed by the negligence of the custodian in charge thereof; and

WHEREAS: In addition thereto, we are informed that, presumably by order of the Secretary of the Interior, the following funds belonging to the Choctaw Nation, have been misappropriated, to-wit:

Interest on Choctaw invested fund, July 11, 1900,	\$ 108.36
Interest on Choctaw Orphan Fund, July 10, 1899,	399.37
" " " " " October 2, 1899,	50.63
" " " " " January 16, 1900,	290.01

Making a total of,	\$849.37

and that the same has been paid to John D. Benedict, Superintendent of Schools in the Indian Territory; and

WHEREAS: There is no authority of law for the payment of any sum of money to John D. Benedict on account of the Choctaw Nation, and certainly no authority of law to pay same out of the invested funds aforesaid; THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED: That the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation be directed to ask an explanation of this matter from the secretary of the Interior, and if restitution be not promptly made, to take such further steps as, in his opinion, will fully protect the interests of the Choctaw Nation.

Green M. Cartain

Chairman Finance
Committee

Approved Oct 31st 1900
G. H. Dukes
Principal Chief
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Read and interpreted
passed the Senate
and referred to the
House this 30th
of October 1900

A. P. Hand.
Pres. of the Senate

Read & interpreted
passed the House
and referred to the
Principal Chief
this 31st day of
Oct. 1900.

J. W. Hunter
Speaker of the
House

Recorded in the
House record book
this Oct. 1st 1900

E. E. Owen
Clerk

MADE OF THE CHOCTAW NATION