

BILL NO 10

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

We, your memorialist, the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled in Special Session, most respectfully request that the lands to be segregated in the Choctaw Nation, on account of their coal and asphalt deposits be secured against intrusion.

By the terms of the Supplementary Agreement, as soon as these lands are reserved, all citizens must vacate them and seek their allotments elsewhere. These lands will be left unoccupied, and unless some steps are taken to control them it is likely that they will be used by intruders and squatters and the timber cut therefrom without remuneration to the tribes.

We desire to obviate this condition, and most respectfully request that the matter be taken in hand by the Department, and in co-operation with the Principal Chief, some remedy adopted:

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION, IN
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

That we most respectfully request the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to take charge of these lands, when segregated, and in co-operation with the Principal Chief, lease them, wherever possible, to the best interest and advantage of the Tribes, and place the proceeds therefrom, to the credit of the respective tribes; provided however, that where lands are occupied by citizens for farming purposes, they will not be required to remove therefrom until their growing crops are gathered.

And be it resolved that this resolution be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Read, interpreted, passed

Senate, and referred to House
this 12th day of Dec. 1902.

Attest: Joe. H. Conner
Rec. Sec.

James Bowser
President of Senate

Read, interpreted, passed
House and referred to Chief
this 13th day of Dec. 1902.

Attest: N. W. Cooper
Rec. Sec.

R. J. Ward
Speaker of House.

Approved this 13th day of Dec. 1902.

Sam. H. Curtain
Principal Chief C.N.



WHITE HOUSE, , Washington, D.C.

Disapproved, January 6 1903.

T. Roosevelt

OFFICE
NATIONAL SECRETARY
CHOCTAW NATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That the above and hereto attached bill No. 10 is an Act of the Choctaw General Council, at a special session thereof, in December, 1902, and approved by the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, in his official character on December 13, 1902, and that I do hereby respectfully submit the same for the approval of the President of the United States, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29, 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 purposes."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Edward H. Wilson,
National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation, have
hereunto affixed my official signature, and the
great seal of the Choctaw Nation, this the 18 day of
December, one thousand, nine hundred and two.

Edward H. Wilson
National Secretary of the
Choctaw Nation.

