

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR
FOR
INDIAN TERRITORY,

D 5497-1903

Muskogee, Ind. T., Jan. 15, 1903.

Mr. E. H. Wilson,
National Secretary, Choctaw Nation,
Doaksville, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

The resolution of your National Council, approved by the Principal Chief December 13, 1902, relative to leasing the unleased coal and asphalt lands in the Choctaw Nation, is respectfully returned herewith and you will note by the endorsement thereon that it was disapproved by the President on January 6, 1903.

Sections 56 to 60 inclusive, of the Choctaw and Chickasaw supplemental agreement relates to the segregation and sale of coal and asphalt lands, and section 61 provides:

That no lease of any coal or asphalt lands shall be made after the final ratification of this agreement, the provisions of the Atoka agreement to the contrary notwithstanding."

The resolution above referred to was considered by the Department to be in conflict with section 61 as quoted, and it was therefore necessary to disapprove the same.

Very respectfully,

J. M. Shroyer
Acting U. S. Indian Inspector
for Indian Territory.

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Encl. 136.