

We, your committee, to whom was referred the itemized reports of Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, for expenses incurred and legal services rendered, under the direction of the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, under and in pursuance of the act of the general council of the Choctaw Nation approved December 19, 1902, have had them under consideration, and after careful investigation, find them to be true and correct. We, therefore, respectfully recommend the passage of the following bill:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF REGULAR EXPENSES NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE CHOCTAW NATION.

Whereas, Regular and necessary expenses have been incurred and legal services have been rendered by Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, under the direction of the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, in pursuance of the act of the general council of the Choctaw Nation approved December 19, 1902, in protecting the interests of the Choctaw Nation in the various matters that have arisen within the past year; ~~in excess of the sum of two thousand dollars appropriated and made available by said act; and,~~

Whereas, it is deemed just and proper that provision be made for the payment thereof; and also for the protection of the interests of the Choctaw Nation in various like matters that may hereafter arise from time to time; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. That the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation be and he is hereby authorized to direct the payment of such expenses as have been incurred and for such legal services as have been rendered by Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, under his direction, in pursuance of the act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation approved December 19, 1902, in protecting the interests of the Choctaw Nation within the past year, ~~in excess of the sum of two thousand dollars appropriated and made available by said act,~~ not to exceed the sum of seven thousand, five hundred and twenty-one dollars, payment to be made in the ~~following~~ manner, hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Itemized accounts thereof shall be presented to the Principal Chief and upon his approval, the national auditor shall issue his warrant therefor, and the national treasurer shall pay the same.

Section 3. The Principal Chief is further authorized to direct that such expenses be incurred and such legal services be rendered as in his judgment may be necessary to adequately protect the interests of the Choctaw Nation, in the various matters that may hereafter arise from time to time. Itemized accounts therefor shall be presented in like manner, to the Principal Chief to be by him submitted ~~by him~~ to the next ensuing council, and the same shall be paid not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars including both fees and expenses, whenever said accounts are approved by the council.

Section 4. The contingent fund of the Principal Chief, in addition to that now provided by law, is hereby increased sufficient to carry into effect the purpose of this act to the extent only of services already rendered and expenses incurred, and an appropriation therefor is hereby made; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval; and all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Proposed by

Jackson James

Chairman, Finance Committee.

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for the Payment of
regular expenses
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the Interests of the
Choctaw Nation

Read. Inter. proted.
passed the Senate,
and referred to Lower
House, this Oct. 30,
1903.

James Bowen.
Pres. of Senate.

Attest
Joel V. Cowen.
Recording Secretary

Read Interpreted Passed
The HOUSE And
Referred To Principal Chief
This October, 30 1903.

R J Ward
Speaker of the House
Attest
E. E. Dyer
Rec. Secy

Proposed by

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Approved this the
36th day of October
1903.

Green McLartain.
Principal Chief
Choctaw Nation

Filed in the office of the National
Secretary of the Choctaw Nation
day of Nov 1903
Edward H. Wilson
National Secretary.