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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN INSPECTOR

FOR

INDIAN TERRITORY,

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Muskogee, Ind. T., Jan. 14, 1904.

Honorable Green McCurtain,  
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,  
Kintah, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

Referring to the memorial of your National Council, addressed to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, stating it is absolutely imperative that steps be taken to relieve the pending distress, owing to the poverty that exists among the full-blood Choctaws, and asking that a per capita payment be made from the accumulated townsite funds, I have to respectfully state I am in receipt of a letter dated the 6th instant, from the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, in which he states it is not considered necessary to transmit this memorial to the President for executive action, and with reference to the making of a per capita payment, I am instructed to advise you that it is not believed any part of these funds should be paid to Choctaw citizens at this time or until the affairs of your nation are nearer final settlement, but that upon a proper showing made by the tribal authorities that full-blood Choctaws are in need, Congress will be requested to pass at an early date legislation similar to that contained in the act of April 29, 1902 (32 Stat., 177), making appropriation of sufficient Choctaw



funds to relieve the temporary distress of these Indians.

Very respectfully,

J. GEO. WRIGHT,

U.S. Indian Inspector  
for Indian Territory.

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