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United States -ndian Inspector,

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for Indian Territory, Muskogee, I.T. Sir:-

November 27, 1903, you transmitted a resolution of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation entitled "Resolution denying further compensation to S.W.Peel for leagl services rendered and stating the reasons therefor," which was approved by the Principal Chief of the nation November 5, 1903.

You call attention to the fact that on January 9, 1903, your office forwarded to the Department a similar resolution of the General Council of said nation, and that you were advised by departmental letter of February 2, 1903 that the resolution was merely an expression of opinion of the Council upon the question at issue and that it was not considéred necessary to submit the resolution to the President for executive action thereon.

Inclosed herewith is a copy of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs' letter of December 15, 1903, in which it is stated that he sees no reason why this resolution should be submitted to the President for approval.

Following the action of February 2, 1903, I have this day transmitted said resolution to the Commissioner for the files of

of f the Indian Office, no executive action thereon being deemed necessary. You will advise the Principal Chief accordingly. Sanothen Respec tfully, RON N.

E. A. HITCHCOCK,

Secretary.

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