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LETTER OF C. S. VINSON TO GREEN McCURTAIN

Lehigh, I. T.

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Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,

Sir:

In view of the suffering of our people (the Choctaws) owing to the scarcity of money, and almost entire failure of crops last year, I hereby ask you as principal chief to borrow the balance of the net proceeds money now in the treasury or as much thereof, or of any other money in the treasury, and appropriate it to the several counties according to population as you deem necessary, to feed those in need, to buy provisions for them, and provisions only. Provision in this suggestion means something to eat only.

Now Governor I acknowledge that this is not

law, but the necessity is so great, meaning life or death by starvation of a great many of our people. It is my opinion that you, as principal chief, have the right to order the treasurer to lend to the nation the said net proceed money or any other money that he has to feed the most needy if not all of our people.

It is my opinion also that this is not a time to stand or stop on technicalities, but we must devise some plan to feed our people until they can make a crop, for simply this reason, they are starving. Now Governor this is only a suggestion. Hoping there will be some measure suggested whereby our people can be saved this one time, I subscribe myself your obedient servant,

C. S. VINSON,

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