

TABLEQUAH ARROW

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GREEN M'CURTAIN IS SEATED

The Choctaw Council is now Peacefully at Work --
Order Restored by the Arrival of Federal
Troops.

After a week of bitter strife at Tuskahoma, the Choctaw capital, the contest between Green McCurtain and Thomas W. Hunter for governorship has been settled. The Hunter men were supported by the outgoing administration and got possession of the capitol and apparently had things their way. Sheriffs, U. S. Indian police and deputy marshals were there in force and managed to keep the factions unarmed and active trouble smothered. But at last the United States government sent a company of soldiers there and forced peace. The Hunter faction was disarmed and dislodged from the capitol. Supreme Judge Garland proceeded to conduct an official count, after which Governor - elect McCurtain was notified of his election by a majority of 689 votes.

Soon after McCurtain was put in charge, Hunter issued the following proclamation:

Office of Principal Chief,
Choctaw Nation,
Tuskahoma, Oct. 16, 1902

"Whereas, on October 11, 1902, one Green McCurtain was, by a mob of men, illegally declared principal chief of the Choctaw nation, said mob having been admitted to the capitol building by

soldiers of the United States in command of one Major Starr, and

"Whereas, said United States soldiery dethroned, deposed, disarmed and removed, and disabled and prevented from performing their respective duties the chief executive, his lighthorsemen and staff, the general council, of which the house of representatives was at the time in session; and

"Whereas, it is said that said Green McCurtain is professing to perform the duties of principal chief of this nation, therefore

"I, T. W. Hunter, the duly elected and qualified principal chief of the Choctaw nation, as proclaimed in joint session of the general council on October 9, 1902, proclaim to the people of this nation, and to all people, that said Green McCurtain is not the duly elected and qualified principal chief; that he has no right to bind said nation in any liability, nor to transact any business as such principal chief; that he has not the great seal of said nation, nor any legal authority whatever to in any way affect the real rights of the Choctaw nation, and his every such act is and will be illegal and void, and will be contested, and his present illegal,

insurrectionary and rebellious assumption of authority will be contested before all proper tribunals and authorities as rapidly as practically possible.

"Given under my hand as such principal chief, this the fifteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and two."

The secretary of the interior last Saturday wired Indian Agent Shoenfelt that McCurtain would be recognized as the chief executive of the tribe and that the government in executing and administering laws would act accordingly. This will leave McCurtain in absolute control and the further talk of contest, which is said to be confined to a few irrational and irresponsible Choctaws, will be of no avail.