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LETTER OF E. A. HITCHCOCK TO GREEN McCURTAIN

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Prin. Chief of the Choctaw Nation:

I have no objection to the request made by you, through your son, and have to advise you that the Dawes commission will be directed to transmit the patents, when approved, direct to you by special messenger, and after the patents have been signed by you, they will be transmitted by the messenger of the Dawes Commission to Governor Johnston, and when signed by him, the messenger will return them to the Dawes commission to be forwarded to the department for the approval of the secretary through the commissioner of Indian Affairs and when approved by the secretary will be returned to the Dawes commission to be recorded, and after recording the commission will send the patents for allotments to Choctaws by messenger to you for delivery to the allottees; and in like manner will transmit to the governor of the Chickasaw nation for delivery to the Chickasaw allottees.

I am especially gratified at the spirit manifested in

your letter of June 1905, handed me by your son, and I am also pleased to know that your action and the action of Governor Johnston is due in no small degree to the excellent, advice given by your son, whom the department has favorably known as the representative of the Choctaw nation here at the capital.

Respectfully,

E. A. HITCHCOCK,

Secretary.