

Executive Office,
Choctaw Nation.

Oct. 25. 1887.

To The Hon. Members of the Senate and
House of Representatives -
Sirs -

I have examined the
within report and respectfully
refer the same to the General
Council with my approval of
the suggestions therein contained
and hope the resolutions accompa-
nying the same may be passed
by your honorable body.

Yours
Your Most Obedt. Servant
Thompson McFinnery
Spin. Chief
Choctaw Nation.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States did, on the 15th. day of November, 1886, render a judgment in favor of the Choctaw Nation for \$2,858,798.62

AND WHEREAS, the amount of said judgment is less than the amount due from the United States to individual Choctaw claimants, the payment of which was assumed by the Choctaw Nation under Article XII of the treaty of 1855;

AND WHEREAS, the Choctaw Nation by its delegate Campbell Leflore, did, by means of a memorial presented to Congress, demand from the United States the payment of said judgment;

AND WHEREAS, the United States have failed to pay the said judgment, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

That the said memorial demanding the payment of the said judgment is hereby approved and adopted.

And. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Campbell Leflore, the authorized delegate of the Choctaw Nation, be and is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the Choctaw Nation, to make a requisition upon the proper authorities of the United States in such form as may be required, for the payment to the Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation, of the full amount of

of the Supreme Court, together with interest thereon,
from the date of the rendition thereof until its payment.
And the said requisition, when made, shall be taken and
accepted as, and is hereby declared to be the requisition
of the proper authorities of the tribe, provided
for by Article XII of the treaty of 1855.

3rd - Be it further resolved that
this resolution take effect and be
in force from and after its
passage.

Tushka Nonna, C.S.

Oct. 15, 1887.

Thompson McKinney, Esq.,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Sir:

As the Delegate of the Choctaw Nation, the successor of the Delegation of 1853 composed of J. P. Pritchlynn and others I deem it my duty to submit to you the following preamble and resolutions as the legislation on the part of the Nation necessary to a full presentation of the Choctaw Claim adjudicated to be due the Choctaws by the Supreme Court of the United States on the 15th day of Nov. 1886. The judgment in favor of the Choctaws is \$2,858,798.62. I do not think that there is anything in the legislation asked for, to which any body can take exceptions, certainly nothing but what the Council has done over and over again by approving of the acts of the Choctaw Delegation and their attorney charged with the prosecution of this Claim. The points covered by it are -

1st. It adopts my memorial presented to Congress at its last session. for

the payment of the judgment.

2nd. It provides me with authority to make a requisition which is a requirement of the treaty and must be made any way before the money is paid, and it is better that it is done before the appropriation is made.

3rd. It guards against any delay that might arise from technical quibbles about the form of the requisition and leaves room for careful consideration such as was found so necessary in the preparation of my memorial and room to amend if need be.

4th. It takes away any pretext for delaying the appropriation for want of the requisition of which I was in such dread last winter.

5th. It presents a square demand for the interest direct from the Council.

6th. It makes an open way for a new appeal directly to the President, the Department or to Congress as circumstances may require.

7th. It is a complete answer and bar to the use against us of any of Coleman Cole's old memorials which might otherwise be resurrected and used

to our injury and delay as they were before.

8th It is in effect a complete approval and acceptance of the provision inserted by the Senate in the deficiency bill for the payment of the judgment except as to the interest which was as follows, viz: For payment to the Choctaw Nation \$2,858,798.62 the same being amount of a judgment in favor of the Choctaw Nation rendered on appeal of the Supreme Court of the United States at the October term of said Court in the year 1886 and the said sum shall be paid over directly to the treasurer of the Choctaw Nation. I am fully satisfied that this legislation should be passed at this session of Council and equally so that no other action whatever in reference to the "Net-proceeds" matter should be had until after the Appropriation is made.

I ask this legislation not because I have any serious doubt that the Appropriation will be made at the next session of Congress but because long experience has taught me that there are and always will be

persons on the look out for some way to
 stave off so large a payment as this,
 in order that they may purchase
 benefit themselves thereby, and in
 order to defeat any such effort I deem
 it the duty of the Council to provide me
 with ready and prompt answer at
 hand to any objections which may seem
 to be well founded. With this leg-
 islation I think I shall be in good
 condition to protect the interest of the
 station - and as it can be done without
 any serious trouble. Common prudence
 dictates that it should be done.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully &c.
 Campbell L. Love,
 Choctaw Delegate

Report of
Campbell Le Gore

Law and Proceeds &c

Read & interpreted
and refer to the
Senate.

Oct. 25th 1887.

By F. S. Allen, Jr.,

Speaker.

Read & interpreted
in the Senate &
referred to Finance
Committee Oct
25-1887

C. Winston

President

Read
Superseded