

Executive Office, Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief



Sans Bois, I. T. Jan., 26th, 1900.

Hon. S. R. Woods,
National Auditor, C. N.,
Lenox, Ind. Ty.

Dear Sir:-

Herewith enclosed I send you certificate for first quarter's salary of citizenship attorneys. You will please send the warrant to me to cover the amount called for in certificate.

Very truly,

Green McCurtain
Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

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TO THE NATIONAL AUDITOR , CHOCTAW NATION ,

T h i s i s t o c e r t i f y t h a t , the law firm of Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish, attorneys for the Choctaw Nation in citizenship cases, appointed under an Act of the Choctaw Council passed at its Regular Session, October 1899 and approved by the President of the United States, is entitled to the sum of Twelve Hundred and Fifty Dollars ^{out of the National Treasury} for first quarter's salary, quarter beginning November 23, 1899 and ending February 23, 1900.

The National Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue National warrant for the aforesaid amount in favor of the said Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish.

Given under my hand, this the twenty-sixth day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred.

Green McCurtain,
Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

South McAlester, I.T., Feb'y., 20th, 1900.

Mr. S.H.Woods,
Lenox, Ind. U.S.

Dear Sir:-

Some time since I sent you certificate to cover
Citizenship Attorney salary for first quarter, and upon said
certificate you issued National warrant for \$1,000.00. In
this you made mistake, the warrant should have been for
\$1,250.00 instead. You will please make this correction,
and send to me at Sans Bois and I will return the \$1,000.00
warrant as soon as I get back home.

If it is possible, I would like for you to issue two
warrants to cover this amount. One for \$312.50 and the other
for \$937.50. I should think you could do this by numbering
them the same and lettered differently. However, send me wa-
rrant or warrants amounting to \$1,250.00, and I will return the
\$1,000.00 warrant as aforesaid.

Very respectfully,

Green M. Burtain
Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Choctaw Nation.

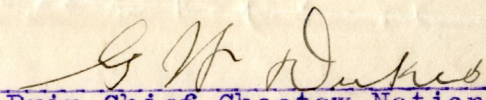
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

I herewith transmit for your information and proper action report of the Leased District Delegation.

The report reviews at some length the history of the Leased District claim and discusses the line of procedure adopted and followed in the effort to recover payment thereon. It is further suggested that this council memorialize the Congress of the United States to afford proper and equitable relief to the Choctaws and Chickasaws in this claim. Form of the memorial suggested is herewith transmitted.

Inasmuch as the report of the Delegation and form of memorial is full in its explanation of this claim, I do not deem it necessary to here discuss it further than to submit it to your body for action.

Respectfully submitted.


Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Washington, D. C.
Jany. 2, 1901.

Hon. G. W. Dukes,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Tushka Homma, C. N.

Dear Sir:-

We take this opportunity to make report to you on the leased district and through you to the General Council of the Choctaw Nation. We had hoped to avoid the expense and delay of litigation, but in 1895 Congress required us to institute a suit in the Court of Claims of the United States against the United States and the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians, to judicially ascertain the status of the lands of what is known as the Wichita reservation. After three years of preparation of the case, such as filing the petition, digging out testimony, oral, written, documentary and historical, preparing briefs, motions, &c. too numerous to mention, it was submitted to the Court of Claims in March 1898.

It was decided by that Court in January 1899, as per opinion sent herewith. That opinion is almost in full accord with the contentions of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

In due time appeals were taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, where after some preliminary motions it was argued and submitted in March 1900. The case was decided by the Supreme Court on Dec. 10, 1900, and the Court of Claims was reversed. A copy of the opinion of the Court is sent herewith.

It is well known to the Choctaw people that a provision was inserted in the Atoka agreement by Congress when it was ratified that the final decision of the Courts in the Wichita case should be a basis of settlement for the remaining lands of the leased district.

Now in spite of that provision the Congress on the 31st of May 1900 passed an act requiring the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations to file a suit against the United States to determine the claim of said Nations to the lands of what is known as the Kiowa Comanche and Apache reservation. That suit was duly filed and is now pending in the Court of Claims. Just what to do in the present situation is ~~xxxx~~ somewhat embarrassing.

A form of Memorial to Congress is herewith enclosed. The above is submitted to offer the General Council an opportunity to give whatever of advice may seem to them the wisest.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

J. S. Faubus
Wesley Anderson

Delegates Choctaw Nation

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CHOCTAW NATION,

G. W. DUKES, PRINCIPAL CHIEF.

National Secretary,
S. J. HOMER, Caddo, I. T.
National Treasurer,
GEO. W. SCOTT, San Bois, I. T.
National Auditor,
S. H. WOODS, Lenox, I. T.
National Attorney,
A. TELLE, Atoka, I. T.

Talihina, I. T., June 11th, 1901. 190


Hon. Geo. W. Scott,
Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation,
Sans Bois, Ind. Ty.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of the legality of my secretary, J. N. Leard's, salary warrant, you are advised that I hold it to be legal for several reasons, but principally on the ground that he did not qualify as my secretary till the increase of salary had passed the Choctaw Council and been approved by myself - which, would not be increasing same during his term of office. The Choctaw Council virtually ordered this increase to be paid this year by placing the salary in the general appropriation bill at \$1,000.00. The fact that the work of the private secretary justifies the payment of the above amount is admitted by all acquainted with the work attached thereto and therefore will not inter into a dicussion of the matter.

You are hereby instructed to honor, receive and pay private secretary warrants when presented to you.

Very respectfully,


Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.