ley him October 29. 1900 entitled an ack for the payment of certain contingent expenses necessary to protect the interests of the Choctaw Nation and increasing the contingent fund of the Principal Chief thereof." We invite attention to the fact that the ack above referred to was disapproved by the President of the United States and that the Principal Chief therefore had no right to direct the National Auditor to issue warrants thereunder for any purpose, and that the National Auditor acted without authority ~~of law~~ when he issued said warrants

Sec 2 We find also that acting under the act referred to above the Principal Chief has allowed Mansfild McMurry and Cornish a regulary salary as General attorneys for the Choctaw Nation of $ 2500.00 dollars per year, that their salary account has been rendered monthly at the rate of $ 208.33⅓ per month, that the Principal Chief has approved said accounts and that the National Auditor has issued warrants thereon under instructions of the Principal Chief.

Sec. 3 We find further that Mansfield McMurry and Cornish have been submitting accounts for the expenses claimed to have been incurred by them while representing the Choctaw Nation as General attorneys and as Citizenship attorneys, that these accounts have been approved by the Principal Chief and that the National Auditor has issued warrants thereon.

We desire to state, however that our investigation shows that Mansfield McMurry & Cornish have performed services and incurred expenses in representing the Choctaw Nation in townsite and other matters in tribal tax litigations and in various suits in which the Nation was interested and we believe that they should be allowed a reasonable compensation for the services performed and should be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred by them.





We have carefully examined the statements submitted by them to the Principal Chief purporting to be Itemized Accounts of services rendered and expenses incurred by them in behalf of the Choctaw Nation ~~in townsite and other matters~~ But these statements do not contain information sufficient to justify the General Council in appropriating money in payment thereof. We believe that these parties should be required to submit to the General Council accounts showing in detail each Item of expense incurred by them in each suit in which they appeared for the Choctaw Nation and that these statements should be accompanied by receipts to whom money was paid including the costs of forming briefs and of filing and docketing cases.

We believe also that these parties should not be allowed a regular salary but should be allowed a reasonable fee for services actually performed by them and that they should be required to submit accounts of such services.

We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation.

Sec I That the Principal Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have Mansfield McMurry & Cornish submit to the next General Council accounts showing the services performed by them and the different suits in which they appeared for the Choctaw Nation from April 1st 1900 to and including July 31st 1901

Sec. II That the Principal Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have Mansfield McMurry & Cornish submit to the next General Council Itemized statements showing each Item of expense incurred by them in each suit in which they appeared for the Choctaw Nation from April 1st 1900 to and including July 31st 1901

Sec. III That the Principal Chief be and he is hereby directed not to allow Mansfield McMurry & Cornish a regular salary but to allow them a reasonable fee for actual services when he deems it for the best