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more arrogant than in Oklahoma. The extension of the liquor business over the Indian Territory is earnestly desired by the wholesale liquor dealers of the United States. The Choctaw people are inclined to morality and religion; yet if exposed to the whiskey influence of Oklahoma, our present high standard of morality and religion will be lowered. The treaty of 1830 with the United States Government under the provision of which this territory was segregated from the public domain of the United States as a continuing home for the Indian solemnly guaranteed "That no part of the land granted them shall ever be embraced in any territory or state." This pledge was given to each of the other tribes of the Indian Territory. The Treaty of 1897 between the United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations ratified by act of Congress June 30th 1898 after providing that the tribal governments as modified by that instrument, should continue until March 4, 1906 says

"This stipulation is made in the belief that the tribal governments so modified will prove so satisfactory that there will be no need or desire for further change until the lands now occupied by the Five Civilized Tribes shall in the opinion of Congress be prepared for admission as a state to the Union"

Again the United States government has maintained the strictest law prohibiting the introduction and sale of intoxicating liquors within the Indian Territory, the treaty of 1897 and the act of Congress of 1898 above referred to contains that law.

"The United States agrees to maintain strict laws in the territory of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes against the introduction sale barter or giving away of liquor and intoxicants of any kind or quality."

Practically the same provision appears in the agreements with each of the five tribes negotiated within the last five years. The purpose of that provision was to prepare the Indians of the 5 tribes and their territory for admission as a state into the American Union. This protection was claimed by the Indians when these agreements were made and was readily assented to and

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enacted into law by Congress. Union with Oklahoma as a state means a total disregard of these provisions and that protection. Ours is a just cause. It is for the protection of the Indian, and the betterment of the whiteman of the Indian Territory. May we not know that our appeal will be heard by every church and by every temperance organization in the United States? Will you not act in the premises by organizing for our protection? We ask you to make an appeal to your senators and representatives in Congress and insist upon them carrying out their pledges of the United States Government. Therefore

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation in regular session assembled.

1st That we earnestly request the various religious and temperance organizations of the United States to assist the Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes in their efforts to prevent the annexation of Indian Territory to Oklahoma, either in part or in whole, and to secure an independent state for Indian Territory, on March 4, 1906 under a constitution that will prohibit the sale of intoxicants within the boundaries of such state, thereby protecting the Indians from the baleful influence of intoxicating liquor.

2nd Be it resolved that the National Secretary immediately furnish a certified copy of this memorial to the Chairman of the Five Civilized Tribes Executive Committee on independent statehood for Indian Territory.

3rd Be it further resolved that said committee is hereby requested to give this memorial widest possible circulation.

4th Be it further resolved that this resolution be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by Peter Connor
Com on Chif Message Chairman
Approved Oct 23rd 1903
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Attest
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Sec. Genl.