

Bill No 22

An Act to prescribe Privilege or Permit Taxes and defining the manner of their Collections,

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled,

- Sec 1 That there shall be paid upon cattle of what soever kind owned or held by non-citizens in the Choctaw Nation a Privilege Tax of 70 cents per head.
- Sec 2 That such Privilege tax shall hereafter be payable to such person or persons, and collected under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.
- Sec 3 That the expense of collecting such Privilege Taxes shall be deducted from the gross collections and the balance paid quarterly into the Treasury of the Choctaw Nation.
- Sec 4 That such Privilege taxes shall be due and payable annually upon demand, and if said taxes are not paid when demanded the cattle upon which such taxes are due shall be held to be in the Choctaw Nation without its consent, and unlawfully upon its lands, and the presence of said cattle and the owners and holders thereof in said Nation shall be deemed detrimental to the Peace and welfare of the Indians.
- Sec 5 That all acts and part of acts in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the President of the United States.

Proposed by S. W. Buchanan,

Approved October 23rd 1903

Green McClinton
P. C. C. N.

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E. E. Ryan
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Bill No 23

An Act Providing for the settlement of existing matters of difference between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

Whereas There exists matters of difference between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Chief among which is the claim of the Chickasaw Nation to an interest in the sum of \$68,102.00 appropriated and paid to the Choctaw in pursuance of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Choctaw Nation v. U. S., United States, rendered under the act of congress approved March 3rd 1881 entitled an "act for the ascertainment of the amount due the Choctaw Nation as compensation for the lands taken in fixing the boundary

between the State of Arkansas and the Choctaw Nation and whereas it is necessary and of the highest importance that this and all other matters of difference existing between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations shall be settled in a way that shall be final and binding upon both Nations before the end of the Tribal Government, Therefore Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation in regular session assembled, Sec 1st That the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation is hereby authorized to appoint a Commissioner on behalf of the Choctaw Nation to represent and act for said Nation in the matter of the settlement of all matters of difference existing between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and such Commissioner when so appointed shall have full power and authority to stipulate and the award and finding of such Commissioner acting jointly with any duly authorized Commissioner or authorized authority created for that purpose by the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec 2nd That such Commissioner shall proceed in the discharge of his duty under the direction of the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, and he shall make written report to him which report shall be transmitted to the General Council of the Choctaw Nation for its information and such action as it may seem proper in the premises.

Sec 3rd That the salary of such Commissioner shall be \$600 per day and he shall receive ten cents per mile when traveling upon his official duty, which in actual service and an itemized account of the same shall be presented to the Principal Chief upon whose certificate the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for the same and the National Treasurer shall pay, the same out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec 4th That all acts or part of acts coming in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by Peter Couser
Quinn Chiefs Message Committee
Approved, October 25th 1903
Green McClinton P. C. C. N.

Attest
E. E. Ryan
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