

## Bill No-5-

An act favorable to vesting Authority in the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation to make final disposition of all tribal affairs after the expiration of the Choctaw Tribal Government.

Whereas, the Atoka Agreement, Among other things, provides that our tribal Government "shall continue for the period of eight years from the fourth of March, eighteen hundred and twenty eight", And

Whereas there is no disposition on the part of the Choctaw Council, to ask Congress for an extension of the tribal Government by reason of the expenses connected with the same. And

Whereas, it is apparent that many matters of vast importance to the Choctaw people will not have been settled by the time set for the expiration of the tribal Government, namely, the signing of patents to Mississippi Choctaws, whose rights to such patents will not have matured on March 4, 1906; the signing of patents to town lots for which the full amount will not have been paid on March 4, 1906, and patents to lands that that will be in contest at the date of the expiration of the tribal Government; the disposition of the surplus lands and the coal and asphalt lands and coal and asphalt deposits and the signing of patents there of; and such other rights as may arise in the settlement of the tribal estate;

Whereas, it is right and proper that the Choctaw people should have some voice in the final settlement of their affairs after their tribal

Government shall have ceased.

Therefore, be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation in Extraordinary Session Assembled-

Sec 1 That it is the sense of the General Council that the principal chief should be constituted and empowered in behalf of the Choctaw Nation with full Authority generally to do and perform all and every act requisite or proper to effectually wind up the tribal affairs of the Choctaw Nation remaining unsettled at the expiration of the tribal Government on March 4, 1906, to all intents and purposes with the same validity as if the tribal Government was acting with full authority itself:

And we, the General Council hereby confirm all of the said acts of the Principal Chief as fully as if done by the tribal Government.

Sec 2 That this act shall take effect on and after March 4, 1906

Proposed by

Daniel Webster

Approved this 4 day of July 1905

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