

schools and colleges in the different states; while they appear to be rappidly advancing in their studdies; some of them seem to be embarrassed pecuniarily; the funds for their support not having been paid as promptly as desired. I have received several communications making complaints, and recommend that in making appropriations for this purpose, the Supt. Public Instruction be allowed to make these payments quarterly in advance. For further information I refer you to the Report of our Supt. Rev. Wm. McComb.

The Delegation sent to the seat of government of the United States by you during the last session of Congress, done what they could in protecting the interest of our people, and pressing their claims before the Indian Department and Congress. A bill to reimburse the Creek Orphan fund held in trust by the United States, some of which has been misapplied by that government, is now before congress. This claim, as you know originated under the treaty of 1832 in which certain, lands were set aside for the benefit of the Orphans of that day, which to be retained and divided, or sold under the direction of the President of the United States for their benefit. This last was done, and the funds occuring therefrom invested by the Government. And though the claimants have derived but little benefit from that treaty, and have been begging that government for the last twenty five years to pay them the amount so held in trust and due. A portion has from some cause been delayed; but I have some reason to hope