

that laws be enacted preventing any person from opening coal mines, or cutting and selling timber of any kind from the lands of the Muskoke Nation except citizens thereof; and that a Royalty be placed upon every bushel of coal mined, and stick of timber cut and sold; the royalty collected and paid into the Treasury, to be used upon appropriation by the Council towards the liquidation of the national debt; that an officer be appointed to collect said royalty and pay it over to the Treasury as soon as collected, and who shall be required to give bond and surety for the faithful performance of his duty.

I would also recommend that, that portion of the constitution requiring the Treasurer to give bond and surety, be amended so as to require him to give bond to the full amount of funds that may come into his hands. For statement of Financial condition I refer you to the Report of the Hon. Treasurer.

I herewith submit for your information a statement showing the acts of appropriation made by the council of the Muskoke nation during the part of year and the Warrants issued under them. There is no discrepancies, or appropriations overdrawn; every person has received his own. The Books are open for inspection at any time you desire it.

In 1866, the congress of the United States in an evil hour for the Indians of this Territory, passed an Act granting lands to certain Railroads through our country in aid of their construction—contingent upon the extinguishment of our title. This title being