

and persistent effort to extinguish the title to our lands -- declaring our Patent of none effect, and forcing over us this Territorial Government -- ostensibly for our better protection; allowing our people the privilege of selecting a portion of their own lands -- purchased and paid for; while the Representatives of the people who are our protector and guardian takes possession of the remainder of our lands; opens them up to settlement by their own people, destroys our government and rights as freemen, and gives to these railroads over 20,000,000 acres of the best land in the Territory, for which she has already given Patents, and been paid for -- and causes us great expense in sending Delegates year after year to watch and guard our own interests and protest against this great wrong and injustice. The remedy for all this evil, is the repeal of the laws making these grants. To effect this I would advise and recommend that the Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws and seminoles be requested to unite with us in an effort to have the congress of the United States repeal these acts, and to employ able and influential counsel to act as our agent, to represent our rights before said congress, and to effect the repeal of all grants of land to railroads passing through our country, and to relieve us from this constant agitation and danger of losing not only our homes, but our dearest rights; and to carry this into effect, I recommend that you make a liberal appropriation for this purpose; that the chief Executive be authorised to correspond with the chiefs and Governors of the other nations