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LETTER OF J. GEORGE WRIGHT

United States Indian police are serving the following notice on merchants in the Creek Nation.

Muskogee, I. T.,

May 1, 1905.

To.....

I hand you herewith copy of the Creek permit law. The courts have decided that the tax prescribed by this law is rightfully imposed, and that a failure to pay justifies the department in closing the stores or places of business of such persons or firms so failing, whether the title to town lots on which business is being conducted has passed from the Creek Nation or not.

The Honorable Secretary of the Interior has directed that this tax be paid at once, and demand is made on you for same. All delinquent taxes must be paid from time of last payment, when the collection was suspended while the matter was pending in the courts. Persons or firms commencing business since said suspension must pay from date they commenced business.

No collections are made by the officers in the field. Taxes must be remitted to Mr. J. Blair Shoenfelt, U. S. Indian Agent, at Muskogee, Indian Territory. All payments due up to and including March 31, 1905 should be paid on or before June 1, 1905, after which date the U. S. Indian Agent will take steps, without further notice, to close places of business of those who have not paid.

Remittances must be accompanied by sworn statements upon blanks provided, or which will be furnished on application.

Very Respectfully,

J. GEORGE WRIGHT,

U. S. Indian Inspector for Indian Territory.