

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Choctaw Nation,



Passed at Its Regular Session, 1902
and Extra Session, 1902.

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Acts of the Choctaw Nation.

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BILL NO. 1.

AN ACT amending the Law relating to the appointment of National Lighthorsemen.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the law relating to the appointment of National Lighthorsemen be, and the same is hereby so amended as to provide for the appointment by the Principal Chief of thirty National Lighthorsemen, instead of nine, and that said appointments shall be made without respect to District.

Sec. 2. That the law relating to National Lighthorsemen shall remain in full force and effect, except as herein amended.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by T. J. Cephas.

Approved October 13, 1901

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER,

P. C. C. N.

Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 8, 1903.

Disapproved

T. ROOSEVELT.

## BILL NO. 2.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall appoint a clerk for the said committee whose duty it shall be to make and keep a full record of the work of said committee.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That the clerk of the said Finance Committee shall receive for his services Five Dollars (\$5.00) per day. That the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for actual services, and the Treasurer shall pay the same. And this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved Oct. 14, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN.

P. C. C. N.

## BILL NO. 3.

We, your special committee to whom was referred the petition of H. P. Ward of Atoka county, Choctaw Nation asking for an investigation of all alleged illegal votes cast at the election held Aug. 6th, 1902, for County Judge, report that we find that C. S. Vinson was declared elected by a majority of four votes. We had before us witnesses and Affidavits and records from the Dawes Commission which fully established the fact that there were at least eleven (11) illegal and fraudulent votes cast for C. S. Vinson which went to make this majority.

We recommend the passage of the following

resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That C. S. Vinson is hereby declared not entitled to the office of County Judge of Atoka County, Choctaw Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That H. P. Ward received a majority of legal votes cast for County Judge at the election held August 6th, 1902, and is therefore entitled to the office; and the Principal Chief is hereby instructed to commission said H. P. Ward according to the terms of this resolution.

Sec. 3. Be it further resolved: That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman of Committee.

Approved Oct. 15, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

## BILL NO. 4.

A RESOLUTION of Adjournment.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

That the present regular session of the General Council do adjourn on the 24th day of October, 1902, at 11 o'clock a. m., and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by WILL EVERIDGE.

Approved October 16, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, Clerk. P. C. C. N.

## BILL NO. 5.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the chairman of the committee on petitions shall appoint a clerk for the said committee whose duty it shall be to make and keep a full record of the work of said committee.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That the clerk of the said committee shall receive for his services Four Dollars (\$4.00) per day. That the National auditor shall issue his warrant for actual services and the Treasurer shall pay the same and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by JOEL GARLAND.  
Became a Law by Limitation.

## BILL NO. 6.

A RESOLUTION electing a Superintendent of Public Instruction.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in joint session at (2) o'clock, p. m. Monday, October 20th, 1902, for the purpose of electing a Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by Jeff FULTON,  
Became a Law by Limitation.

## BILL NO. 7.

AN ACT Authorizing the National Auditor to duplicate a certain warrant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the National Auditor is hereby authorized and instructed to issue to C. T. Perry of Sugar Loaf County a duplicate of the following described warrant No. 32 D. dated Jan. 1st, 1902, (Payee) C. T. Perry, Sheriff, salary from October 1st, 1901 to December 31st, 1901, said warrant having been destroyed by fire on the 20th day of January 1902.

Sec. 2. The National Treasurer is hereby instructed to pay the duplicate, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by M. D. CAINEY.  
Became a Law by Limitation.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Clerk.

## BILL NO. 8.

AN ACT changing the San Bois County Court Ground.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1 That the County Court Ground heretofore known as Oakehanak Chito Court Ground is hereby changed and removed from its present site to Kinta, in San Bois county, Choctaw Nation,

said site to be known hereafter as Kinta Court Ground, and the County Judge of Sans Bois county is hereby authorized and empowered to locate the County Court House in a suitable and convenient place in said town.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the first term of County Court shall be held at said County Court Ground on the first Monday in November 1902 and thereafter.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act shall be and the same are hereby repealed and this Act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by D. S. NOAH.

Approved Oct. 20, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN.

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 9.

A RESOLUTION accepting the report of T. E. Sanguin, Collector for the Third District of the Choctaw Nation for the quarters ending September 30, 1901, December 31, 1901, and March 31, 1902.

Your Finance Committee to whom was referred the report of Mr. T. E. Sanguin, Collector for the Third District of the Choctaw Nation, reporting the amounts of royalty collected by him from licensed traders and other persons and companies, have carefully examined the report and find that

it covers the quarters ending September 30, 1901, December 31, 1901, and March 31, 1902.

We find further, that the amount shown in the report to be due the Choctaw Nation, namely, Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents, (\$9,663.25), is true and correct, according to our examination.

We were furnished a receipt signed by the National Treasurer showing the payment by Mr. Sanguin into the National Treasury of the amount due according to his report.

We call attention to the fact, however, that the report is not accompanied by sworn statements of the parties paying royalty. These sworn statements are required by an act of the General Council, passed and approved during the regular session of October, 1901. Mr. Sanguin advised your committee that the merchants in his district refused to make the sworn statements and that acting upon the advice of the Principal Chief, he made no attempt to compel the merchants to furnish the sworn statements.

In view of the circumstances, your Committee believes that the report should be accepted without the sworn statements, therefore would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED.

Sec. 1. That the report of T. E. Sanguin, Collector for the Third District of the Choctaw Nation, for the quarters ending September 30, 1901, December 31, 1901, and March 31, 1902, be, and the same is hereby accepted as true and correct.

Sec. 2 That this resolution shall take effect

and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Jackson James,  
Chairman Finance Committe.

Approved Oct. 21, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

BILL NO. 10.

AN ACT removing the Gaines County Court Ground from its present site.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the County Court Ground of Gaines County heretofore known as Hartshorne Court Ground is hereby changed and removed from the present site to Mountain Station in Gaines county, Choctaw Nation. Said Site to be hereafter known as Mountain Station Court Ground, and the County Judge of Gaines County, Choctaw Nation; is hereby authorized and empowered to locate the County Court House in the most suitable and convenient place in said town.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the first term of County Court shall be held at said County Court Ground on the first Monday in November, 1902, and thereafter.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with this act shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and

after its passage.

Approved Oct. 21, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, Clerk. P. C. C. N.  
White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 5, 1903.

Disapproved T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 11.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the chairman of the Finance Committee to appoint an assistant clerk.

Whereas, The day of adjournment of the present Council has been set for Friday, October 24, 1902, and whereas the various reports to be examined by the Finance Committee involve a great amount of detailed work, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the chairman of the Finance Committee is hereby authorized and directed to appoint an assistant Clerk.

Sec. 2. That the assistant clerk shall receive for his services three dollars (\$3.00) per day, and that the National Auditor shall issue warrant for same, and Treasurer shall pay said warrant and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved Oct. 21, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN

P. C. C. N.

BILL NO. 12.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Finance Committee to collect and destroy all canceled Choctaw warrants.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Finance Committee is hereby authorized to collect and destroy during the present session of Council all canceled Choctaw warrants that may be elsewhere.

Sec. 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES, Chairman Fin'ce Com.  
Approved Oct. 21, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

BILL NO. 13.

AN ACT changing an election precinct in Sans Bois county.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the election precinct in Sans Bois county heretofore known as Oakehanak Chito precinct be and the same is hereby abolished.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That an election precinct be and the same is hereby established at Kinta, in Sans Bois county, and shall be known as Kinta precinct, and that the voters of said county may vote at same at the next regular elec-

tion, to be held on the first Wednesday in August, 1903, and at every election in said county thereafter, and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by JOEL GARLAND.

Approved Oct. 21, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 14.

AN ACT appropriating money to pay the expense of the special election on Supplementary Agreement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the sum of five hundred and ten dollars (\$510.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expense of the special election held September 25, 1902, on Supplementary Agreement.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by PETER CONSER.

Approved Oct. 21, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Clerk.

BILL NO. 15.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Chairman of the Committee on Chief's Message shall appoint a clerk for said committee, whose duty it shall be to make and keep a full record of the said committee.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That the Clerk of said committee on Chief's Message shall receive for his services the sum of four dollars (\$4.00) per day. That the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for actual service, and the Treasurer shall pay the same, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval. Proposed by JEFF FULTON.

Approved October 21, 1902.  
White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 13, 1903.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. Cooper, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 16.

AN ACT changing the election precinct in Gaines County, Choctaw Nation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

That the election precinct heretofore known and called Leflore precinct, in Gaines county, is hereby changed and removed to Featherstone, in said county, about two miles east of the present

Leflore election precinct, and to be known and called Featherstone election precinct, in said Gaines county, Choctaw Nation.

Sec. 2. And that the first election shall be held at said Featherstone precinct on the first Wednesday in August, 1903, and thereafter.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts or parts of acts, coming in conflict with this Act, are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Proposed by JACKSON JAMES.

Approved Oct. 21, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 17.

AN ACT in relation to the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation.

Whereas, the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation, heretofore used, has been lost, destroyed or misplaced. Therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure a seal embodying an exact duplicate of the design of the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation, heretofore used, and so lost, destroyed or misplaced; and when so procured, said Seal, and none other, shall be the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation.



Sec. 2. That there is appropriated therefor out of any funds in the Treasury of the Choctaw Nation, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for said amount, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same.

Proposed by G. L. WASHINGTON.

Approved Oct. 22, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.  
White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 18.

AN ACT changing an election precinct in Blue county.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the election precinct in Blue county known as Boggy precinct be and the same is hereby abolished.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That an election precinct be and the same is hereby established in the town of Caney. Said town is situated about ten miles east of Boggy precinct. And the election precinct so changed and removed shall be hereafter known as Caney precinct.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That the next regular election, to be held on the first Wednesday in August, 1903, shall be held at said

precinct, and that all elections thereafter shall be held at said Caney precinct, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by H. B. HAYES.

Approved Oct. 22, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.  
White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 19.

AN ACT changing the location of the Towson County Court Ground.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED.

Sec. 1. That the County Court Ground in Towson county, heretofore known as Clear Creek Court Ground, is hereby changed and removed from the present site in Towson county to Valiant, in Towson county. Said site to be known as Valiant Court Grounds, and the county judge of Towson county is hereby authorized and empowered to locate the county court house in a suitable and convenient place in said town.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the first county court shall be held at said County Court ground on the first Monday in November, 1902, and, thereafter.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the pro-

visions of this Act shall be and the same is hereby repealed. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by G. L. WASHINGTON.

Approved Oct. 21, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. Cooper, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23. 1903.

Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 20.

AN ACT changing and removing the election precinct from Doaksville, in Towson county, to Ft. Towson, in said county.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the election precinct at Doaksville, in Towson county, is hereby removed about one mile southeast of Doaksville to Ft. Towson, in said county, and the first election shall be held at said Ft. Towson election precinct on the first Wednesday in August, 1903, and all future elections thereafter.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by T. J. CEPHAS.

Approved October 22, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER, Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 21.

A RESOLUTION refusing to accept the annual report of Peter J. Hudson, National Auditor, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1902.

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the annual report of Peter J. Hudson, National Auditor, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1902, have carefully examined the report and would respectfully report as follows:

1st. The clerk of the First Judicial District of the Choctaw Nation on April 22, 1901, issued a certificate for one dollar for boarding a prisoner during the special term of court, held in April, 1901. Under the law, the payment for this service should be made out of the County Treasury. Therefore, the warrant issued on this certificate is illegal.

2nd. May 28, 1902, Mr. Hudson issued three warrants to Mr. Thomas B. Latham, as follows:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| No. 43.—Thos. B. Latham, salary from March 21 to May 23, 1902, warrant issued May 28, 1902..... | \$250 00 |
| No. 44.—Thos. B. Latham, salary from March 21 to May 23, 1902, warrant issued May 28, 1902..... | 250 00   |
| No. 45.—Thos. B. Latham, salary from March 21 to May 23, 1902, warrant issued May 28, 1902..... | 361 10   |
| Total.....                                                                                      | \$861 10 |

These warrants were issued to Mr. Latham on a certificate of the Principal Chief, dated May 27,

1902, which certificate states that Mr. Latham is entitled to pay for services rendered as citizenship attorney, per act of the General Council approved by the Principal Chief on Oct. 19, 1899, and by the President of the United States on January 10, 1900. An examination of said act shows that the attorneys appointed thereunder can be removed only for cause. The evidence at hand does not show that the attorneys originally appointed under that act, namely, Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, were removed according to law.

Your Committee is advised that the Department of the Interior has refused to recognize the said Thomas B. Latham as citizenship attorney for the Choctaw Nation, but has recognized Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish as such attorneys.

Your Committee believes that the certificate of the Principal Chief directing the National Auditor to issue said warrants was without authority of law, and that the warrants issued thereunder were, therefore, illegal.

3rd. Inasmuch as the foregoing warrants were illegal, we believe that Peter J. Hudson, National Auditor, should be required to reimburse the National Treasury the following amounts:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Warrant illegally issued on certificate of District Clerk..... | \$ 1 00         |
| Warrants illegally issued to Thos. B. Latham .....             | 861 10          |
| <u>Total.....</u>                                              | <u>\$862 10</u> |

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the annual report of Peter J. Hudson, National Auditor, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1902, be and the same is hereby not accepted:

Sec. 2. That the National Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to make demand on said Peter J. Hudson, National Auditor, for the amount of \$862.10, and to make a report of his action under this resolution to the next General Council.

Sec. 3. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman of Finance Committee.

Approved Oct. 22, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 21 a.

A RESOLUTION accepting the annual report of Geo. W. Scott, National Treasurer, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1902.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the annual report of George W. Scott, National Treasurer, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1902, have carefully examined the report, and find that it shows receipts and disbursements as follows:

Total receipts.....\$79,910 63  
 Total disbursements..... 74,937 55

Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1902..\$ 4,973 08

Your Committee finds that the National Treasurer paid one warrant which was declared illegal by a resolution of the General Council on November 6, 1901. The warrant is as follows:

No. 59 I., G. W. Dukes, dated February 15, 1901.....\$1,000 00

Our investigation shows that this warrant was issued to G. W. Dukes, then Principal Chief, to defray the expenses of the Commission that went to Washington to urge immediate action by Congress on the Supplementary Agreement of February 7, 1901. We believe that it was proper for the Principal Chief to take whatever steps he deemed proper to hasten action by Congress on the said Agreement, but that the expense in connection with the trip to Washington should not have exceeded one thousand dollars. The warrant in question was for that amount and for that purpose, and we believe that the Nation should pay the same. We would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the annual report of Geo. W. Scott, National Treasurer, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1902, be and the same is hereby accepted as true and correct.

Sec. 3. That this Resolution shall take ef-

fect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved Oct. 22, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
 Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
 Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 22.

AN ACT authorizing final settlement with Henry Willis as Superintendent and Custodian of Tushkaloosa Academy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Superintendent of Public Instruction be and he is hereby authorized and directed to convey unto Henry Willis the Tushkaloosa Academy building and improvements thereunto belonging in part payment of all claims of the said Henry Willis against the Choctaw Nation on account of services rendered by the said Henry Willis as Superintendent of said Academy and Custodian of said property under a contract had with the Choctaw Nation.

Sec. 2. That in the settlement herein provided for, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is authorized and empowered to give a bill of sale and good title of said Academy, together with cash payment as hereinafter provided for, for which he shall receive from Henry Willis receipt in full of all claims whatsoever the said Henry Willis may have against the Choctaw Nation on account of any services rendered as Superintendent of said Academy or Custodian of said property, and that

the contract heretofore had with Henry Willis as Superintendent of said Academy be surrendered to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for cancellation.

Sec. 3. That in addition to the conveyance of the Tushkaloosa Academy buildings and property thereunto belonging, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is directed to pay unto Henry Willis the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) in cash, which shall be the balance in full of all claims of Henry Willis against the Choctaw Nation on account of said Tushkaloosa Academy as aforesaid. And the said sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) is hereby appropriated for this purpose, and the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for same in favor of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the National Treasurer shall pay the same, and all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by JOHN M. HARRISON.

Approved Oct. 22, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 23.

AN ACT for the care and protection of the Capitol building.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Principal Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ some person to take charge and control of the Capitol building during the recesses of the Council.

Sec. 2. That such person so employed shall receive as compensation for caring for and controlling the Capitol building the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) per year, to be paid quarterly upon certificate of Principal Chief.

Sec. 3. That if in the judgment of the Principal Chief it shall become necessary to the proper care and protection of the Capitol building to have the assistance of peace officers, he is hereby authorized to detail five national lighthorsemen for the purpose, to be under his control and direction. Said detailed lighthorsemen shall receive each two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day for their services while on duty, in addition to their regular salary of twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) per month, and shall be paid upon certificate of Principal Chief.

Sec. 4. That there is hereby appropriated out of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act. That upon certificate of the Principal Chief as aforesaid the National Auditor shall issue his warrant and the National Treasurer shall pay the same.

Sec. 5. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

passage and approval.

Proposed by JEFF FULTON.

Approved Oct. 23, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. Cooper, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 24.

AN ACT for the relief of Mother M. Virginia.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF  
THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the sum of six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay Mother M. Virginia for board and tuition for girls during the scholastic year of 1897-1898.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant and the National Treasurer to pay the same, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by PETER CONSER.

Approved Oct. 23, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 26, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 25.

AN ACT amending an act entitled, "An Act to increase the Contingent Fund of the Principal Chief."

Whereas, the ratification of the Supplementary Agreement will greatly increase the official correspondence of the Principal Chief with the various branches of the Department of the Interior, thus necessitating a large outlay for stationery and clerical assistance; and;

Whereas, many important matters will be continuously arising in connection with said Agreement that will require the personal attention of the Principal Chief away from home, thus increasing his traveling expenses; and,

Whereas, the present contingent fund of the Principal Chief is wholly inadequate to meet these various expenses. Therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF  
THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED.

Sec. 1. That the Act of the General Council of October 19, 1900, entitled, "An Act to increase the Contingent Fund of the Principal Chief," be and the same is hereby amended so as to increase the amount of the Contingent Fund of the Principal Chief from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

Sec. 2. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Sec. 3. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Proposed by JNO. HARRISON.

Approved October 23, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER, Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 26.

AN ACT for the relief of Mrs. J. F. McCurtain.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

That the sum of three hundred and sixty-one dollars and ten cents (\$361.10) for books purchased for Jones Academy be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for said amount, and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by WILL EVERIDGE.

Approved Oct. 23, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.

Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 27.

ARTICLES of Impeachment.

The House of Representatives of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, in regular session assembled, in pursuance of the Constitution and

Laws of the Choctaw Nation, hereby prefers Articles of Impeachment against Solomon J. Homer, National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation, and charges:

1st. That he has, in willful neglect of his duties as National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation, absented himself from his office in the Capitol building from day to day, during the regular session of the Council, and thereby willfully neglected to perform the duties incumbent upon him, and the regular business of the Council has been thereby embarrassed and delayed.

2nd. That he willfully neglected his duty as National Secretary by failing to attend the joint session of the two Houses of Council on Saturday, Oct. 11, 1902, convened for the purpose of counting the votes for Principal Chief; and by failing to perform the duties required of him by law, in receiving such vote from the Supreme Judges and transmitting the same to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, thereby rendering it necessary, by reason of such willful neglect of duty, for the President of the Senate to designate some other national officer to perform the duties required of him.

3rd. That he has willfully neglected his duties by failing to deliver to the Journal Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Council, the books necessary for recording the proceedings of the Council; and by failing to furnish the two Houses of Council the records, documents and stationery which it is his duty to furnish.

4th. That he willfully destroyed, or permit-

ted to be lost or destroyed, certain official records, delivered to him as National Secretary for safe keeping, and failed to produce the same when called upon, to-wit: The report of Hon. Green McCurtain, National Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation, showing the Lease District payment.

5th. That he is frequently under the influence of intoxicants, and thereby unfit for the performance of the duties incumbent upon him as National Secretary.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

That the above and foregoing be adopted as the Act of this body in preferring Articles of Impeachment against Solomon J. Homer, National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation; and that same be duly transmitted to the Senate of the General Council for action by that body, as required by the Constitution and Laws of the Choctaw Nation.

SUMMONS.

To Solomon J. Homer, National Secretary, Choctaw Nation:

You are hereby summoned to appear before the bar of the Senate of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock, on the 21st day of October, 1902, to answer the Article of Impeachment preferred against you by the House of Representatives.

A copy of such Articles of Impeachment is hereto attached and made a part of this summons.

JAMES BOWER,  
President of Senate.

Attest: JOE W. CONSER,  
Secretary of Senate.

Read, interpreted, passed the House and referred to the Senate, this the 17th day of October, 1902.

R. J. WARD,  
Speaker of the House.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

After the same being presented to the Senate on the 17th day of October, 1902, the President of the Senate, acting in accordance to the law, did cause summons to be issued to Solomon J. Homer, to appear on the 21st day of October, 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m., to answer the charges preferred against him by the House of Representatives, and on said Oct. 21st, 1902, the Senate of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, being in regular session, and every member of the Senate being present, the matter of hearing, trial and determination of the Articles of Impeachment against Solomon J. Homer, National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation, heretofore duly preferred by the House of Representatives, was taken up; and it appearing to the Senate that said Solomon J. Homer had been duly served by summons, with a copy of such Articles of Impeachment attached thereto, advising him of the time when such Articles of Impeachment would be tried, and admonishing him to answer the same, and that he came not, and made no answer thereto, but wholly made default; and thereupon the Senate proceeded to hear, try and determine such Articles of Impeachment, and after hearing the evidence adduced in support thereof, and being well and sufficiently advised in the premises, doth find that the said Solomon J. Homer is guilty of each and every one of said Ar-



ticles of Impeachment; and it is therefore ordered, considered and adjudged that such is the judgment of the Senate; and that he be removed from the office of National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation, and disqualified to hold any office of honor, or trust, or profit under the Choctaw Nation.

AYES.

- Peter Conser
- Jackson James
- Joel Garland
- Daniel Webster
- T. J. Cephas
- James Bower
- D. C. Christy
- Ellis Bohanan
- John Harrison
- Davis Noah

NAYS.

- T. L. Griggs
- M. Charleston

Approved this 21st day of October, 1902.

JAMES BOWER,  
President of the Senate.

Attest: JOE W. CONSER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 28.

AN ACT for the relief of certain Indian Police.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

Sec 1. That the sum of four hundred and seventeen dollars (\$417) be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay certain Indian policemen for services rendered the

Choctaw Nation during the regular session of October, 1902, as follows:

|                    |         |           |          |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| John West          | 15 days | at \$3.00 | \$ 45.00 |
| Alf McCoy          | 15      | " "       | 45.00    |
| Peter Maytubby     | 8       | " "       | 24.00    |
| Arthur Chamberlain | 8       | " "       | 24.00    |
| Wm. Sunday         | 8       | " "       | 24.00    |
| Iny Boone          | 8       | " "       | 24.00    |
| Wm. Cully          | 8       | " "       | 24.00    |
| Thos. Stedham      | 8       | " "       | 24.00    |
| Tom Williams       | 8       | " "       | 24.00    |
| Chas. Plummer      | 5       | " "       | 15.00    |
| Frank West         | 6       | " "       | 18.00    |
| M. Cully           | 6       | " "       | 18.00    |
| Dan Bryant         | 4       | " "       | 12.00    |
| Louis Hardage      | 15      | " "       | 45.00    |
| John Brown         | 6       | " "       | 18.00    |
| Jno. Simpson       | 11      | " "       | 33.00    |

Total.....\$417.00

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for the amount due each of said Indian Police, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same.

Sec. 3. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by JOHN HARRISON.

Approved Oct. 24, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 6, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL, NO. 29.

GENERAL APPROPRIATION Bill.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION ASSEMBLED:

That the following sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the National Treasury to defray the regular and necessary expenses of the government for the fiscal year commencing Oct. 1, 1902, and ending September 30, 1903:

|                                                       |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Principal Chief's salary.....                         | \$2,000 00 |
| National Secretary's salary.....                      | \$2,600 00 |
| National Auditor's salary.....                        | 600 00     |
| National Treasurer's salary.....                      | 600 00     |
| National Attorney's salary.....                       | 400 00     |
| Private Secretary to Principal Chief....              | 1,000 00   |
| Trustee, coal and asphalt, under Atoka Agreement..... | 4,000 00   |
| Thirty National lighthorsemen.....                    | 4,550 00   |
| Three Supreme Judges.....                             | 1,200 00   |
| Three Circuit Judges.....                             | 1,500 00   |
| Seventeen County Judges.....                          | 4,250 00   |
| Three District Chiefs.....                            | 150 00     |
| Three District Attorneys.....                         | 1,500 00   |
| Election Judges and Clerks.....                       | 490 00     |
| Grand and Petit Jurors.....                           | 7,050 00   |
| Witnesses at Circuit Court.....                       | 3,000 00   |
| Contingent Fund for National Auditor..                | 400 00     |
| Contingent Fund for Principal Chief...                | 3,000 00   |
| Contingent Fund for National Treasurer                | 400 00     |
| Contingent Fund for National Secretary                | 450 00     |
| Publication Fund for National Secretary               | 350 00     |
| Sheriffs and Deputies attending Circuit Courts .....  | 1,350 00   |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Clerk of Supreme Court.....                                                                             | 100 00   |
| Three Circuit Clerks.....                                                                               | 900 00   |
| Seventeen County Clerks.....                                                                            | 1,700 00 |
| Seventeen County Sheriffs.....                                                                          | 5,100 00 |
| Thirty-four Deputy Sheriffs.....                                                                        | 3,400 00 |
| Seventeen County Rangers.....                                                                           | 850 00   |
| Sheriff attending Supreme Court....                                                                     | 24 00    |
| Superintendent of Public Schools.....                                                                   | 600 00   |
| Contingent Fund for Superintendent of Public Schools.....                                               | 450 00   |
| Circuit and County Judges pro tem.....                                                                  | 30 00    |
| Caring for Capitol Building.....                                                                        | 75 00    |
| Expenses of General Council, regular session of 1902.....                                               | 650 00   |
| Citizenship Commissioners and Clerk...                                                                  | 7,200 00 |
| Delegate to Washington, D. C., salary.                                                                  | 2,500 00 |
| Expenses of Delegate to Washington, D. C.....                                                           | 1,000 00 |
| Supreme Judges, mileage.....                                                                            | 110 00   |
| Three interpreters for Circuit Courts....                                                               | 150 00   |
| Stationery and safe keeping of records for Supreme Court during years of 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902..... | 37 50    |
| Seal for Third District Circuit Court...                                                                | 5 00     |
| Act approved by Principal Chief Oct. 19, 1899, and by President of the United States Jan. 10, 1900..... | 5,000 00 |
| Coal Commissioner under Supplementary Agreement.....                                                    | 4,000 00 |
| Secretary of Board of Health, Choctaw Nation, salary for 1901 and 1902.....                             | 600 00   |

That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman of Finance Committee.

Approved this 24th day of October, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 30.

A MEMORIAL, asking for the removal of Benjamin F. Hackett as United States Marshal for the Central District of the Indian Territory.

To the President of the United States:

Your memorialist, the Choctaw Nation, in regular session assembled, at Tushkahoma, the Capital of the Choctaw Nation, respectfully represents:

That it is composed of Senators and members of the House of Representatives, elected by the suffrage of the Choctaw people.

That the entire Choctaw Nation, with the exception of a small area, comprises the Central Judicial District of the Indian Territory.

That Benjamin F. Hackett is the United States Marshal for the Central Judicial District of the Indian Territory.

That the conduct of United States Marshal Hackett and certain of his subordinates throughout the Choctaw Nation, for the past several months, and upon the occasion of the recent assembling of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation was and is such as to convince the Choctaw people that he is unworthy of the high office he holds. He openly co-operated with one of the

contending factions in the recent contest for Principal Chief, by permitting armed and lawless men to take and hold possession of the Capitol building and exclude therefrom, for an entire week, regularly elected members of Council and other officers. When appealed to, he stated openly that he would not remove such armed and lawless men from the Capitol building, or permit it to be done; thus causing an expensive and vexatious delay in the regular business of the Council of an entire week, and necessitating a detail of United States troops to dispel the anarchy that prevailed. After the Capitol building had been so held and controlled for many days, he approached the present Principal Chief, Hon. Green McCurtain, and asked him to meet the contending candidate, Thomas W. Hunter, for a conference. He came personally with Hunter to the hotel of Governor McCurtain and in his presence Hunter made a proposition that he would permit the Council to enter the Capitol building and count the vote for Principal Chief without interruption if he (McCurtain) would agree to divide the patronage incident to the office. After the rejection of the proposition by Governor McCurtain, the same armed and lawless men held control of the Capitol building, as theretofore, until the United States troops arrived and cleared the building and premises of all armed men. After the arrival of the troops Marshal Hackett maintained that the possession of the Capitol should not be interfered with, and he and his deputies retired from the Capitol grounds only after having been specifically requested to do so by the commanding officer.

The Choctaws have ever reposed the greatest

confidence in the Government of the United States and respect for its representatives, but they believe Marshal Hackett to be a bitter partisan, prejudiced and unfair, and not impelled by a desire to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his high office. Inasmuch as the Choctaw people are the wards of the Government of the United States, and constitute a large proportion of the population and own a large proportion of the property of the Central Judicial District of the Indian Territory, with which Marshal Hackett is connected, they feel it not unreasonable to ask that the representatives of the Government of the United States refrain from their exercise of their official power and influence either for or against any of the factions of the Choctaw Government.

We, therefore, respectfully and earnestly request that Benjamin F. Hackett be removed from the office of United States Marshal for the Central Judicial District of the Indian Territory; and that a man be appointed to that high position who will exercise the duties of his office as the representative of the Government of the United States fairly, impartially, and with justice to all.

Proposed by JOHN HARRISON.

## AYES.

Peter Conser  
Jackson James  
Joel Garland  
Daniel Webster  
T. J. Cephas  
James Bower  
D. C. Christy  
Ellis Bohanan

## NAYS.

T. L. Griggs  
M. Charleston  
L. D. Vaughn  
Levi Wechubbee  
Williamson Mamby  
Wallace McMurty

## AYES.

## NAYS.

John Harrison  
D. S. Noah  
R. J. Ward  
Will Everidge  
C. C. Choate  
G. L. Washington  
Jeff Fulton  
I. W. Tushka  
Bryce Hayes  
Sam Ott  
R. J. Nicholas  
S. A. Watkins  
M. E. Jefferson  
Morris Carney  
Sim Colbert  
Osborne Lawrence  
G. P. McKinzey  
Morris Impson

Approved October 24, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

## Acts of the General Council IN SPECIAL SESSION, 1902.

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### BILL NO. 1.

AN ACT changing and removing an election precinct in Boktuklo County, Choctaw Nation, to Glover, Choctaw Nation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the election precinct in Boktuklo County, known as Luksokla Election Precinct, is hereby changed and removed to Glover, Ind. Ter., in said county, about six miles east of the present Luksokla Election Precinct, and shall be known and called Glover Election Precinct.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the voters of said county shall vote at said Glover Election Precinct, and the first election shall be held at said Glover Election Precinct on the first Wednesday of August, 1903, and all future elections thereafter.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts

or parts of acts coming in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Proposed by M. E. JEFFERSON.

Approved Dec. 11, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. Cooper, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

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BILL NO. 2.

AN ACT granting to Cooper Surratt a ferry on Canadian river.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That Cooper Surratt, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, is hereby authorized and permitted to establish and operate a ferry boat on South Canadian river, one-half mile north of Whitefield, known as the Krebs Crossing; and this privilege shall continue for three years, and the right herein granted shall extend up and down the said river for a distance of one mile each way. The said Cooper Surratt shall keep the banks and approaches to the ferry boat in good condition, and the Choctaw Nation shall in no wise be responsible or liable to any person for loss or damages by reason of said ferry.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That Cooper Surratt shall have the right to charge for vehicles drawn by more than two horses, mules or oxen, seventy-five cents; for vehicles drawn by a single

animal, thirty cents; for each animal, horse, mule, or cattle, five cents; for each person on horse, twenty-five cents; for each person on foot, five cents; for each hog and sheep, two and one-half cents; for vehicles drawn by two horses, mules, or oxen, fifty cents.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts heretofore passed coming in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by JOEL GARLAND.

Approved Dec. 11, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.

Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

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BILL NO. 3.

A RESOLUTION endorsing the action of the Committee of the Five Civilized Tribes held at Eufaula, Ind. Ter., Nov. 28, 1902.

Whereas, A Committee of the Five Civilized Tribes was held at Eufaula, Ind. Ter., November 28, 1902; and,

Whereas, Said Committee adopted a preamble and resolutions as follows:

Whereas, The Five Civilized Tribes of the Indian Territory have, by agreement, made and entered into with the United States, provided for the dissolution of their Tribal Government. And,

Whereas, The changed conditions brought

tory, in so far as they represent the people of the Indian Territory as asking for Territorial form of Government or Statehood jointly with Oklahoma. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the action taken by the delegates of the Choctaw Nation in said convention is hereby approved.

Sec. 2. That the National Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to forward to the President of the United States, Secretary of the Interior and Committee on Indian Affairs a copy of this resolution.

Sec. 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by JEFF FULTON,  
Chairman Com. Chief's Message.

Approved Dec. 12, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 4.

Whereas, The land office of the Choctaw Nation will be opened at Atoka, Indian Territory, on Feb. 1, 1903; and,

Whereas, A great majority of the Choctaw people are totally unfamiliar with the subdivisions of land as made by the United States Government surveyors in the Choctaw Nation; and,

Whereas, There is no provision by which the the Choctaw people may acquaint themselves with the said subdivisions, and for that reason it is necessary for some method to be adopted whereby they may secure the proper data and be prepared to file upon their lands before going to the land office. Now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the office of Allotting Commission is hereby created.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint three competent persons for the three districts composing the Choctaw Nation, who shall be under his special supervision. And that the said Allotting Commissioners shall provide themselves with proper maps, plats, and field notes, in order that they may be able to furnish the citizens with plats of the lands they wish to allot. They shall visit each and every township in the Choctaw Nation, and make and deliver plats to all citizens who will allot land for themselves, or are legally authorized to select allotments for others.

Sec. 3. Said Allotting Commissioners shall be appointed for two years, or until such time as their services are no longer required, and shall receive, as compensation for their actual services, the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) per day, each, and two dollars (\$2.00) per day, each, in lieu of subsistence.

Sec. 4. And upon the failure of any Com-

missioner appointed under this Act to perform the duties outlined herein without a lawful excuse he shall, by the Principal Chief, be removed, and his successor appointed.

Sec. 5. And the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the salaries and expenses of said Commissioners, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the National Auditor shall issue warrants quarterly to pay said Commissioners, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by C. C. CHOATE.

Approved Dec. 12, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. Cooper, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Feb. 21, 1903.

Disapproved. T. ROOSEVELT.

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BILL NO. 5.

A RESOLUTION of Adjournment.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

That the present extraordinary session do adjourn Saturday, Dec. 20, 1902, at 10 o'clock a.m.; and this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by PETER CONSOR.

Approved Dec. 12, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

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BILL NO. 6.

AN ACT changing the location of the Skullyville County Court Ground.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the court ground in Skullyville County, Choctaw Nation, be and the same is hereby removed from the present site to the town of Spiro, seven miles northeast.

Sec. 2. And the County Judge of said County is hereby authorized to secure a suitable building for holding Court. And the next term of County Court, to be held the first Monday in January, 1903, shall be held at said place, and all terms of Court thereafter.

Sec. 3. And all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by SIM COLBERT.

Approved Dec. 12, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.



## BILL NO. 7.

AN ACT changing the Court Ground of Jackson County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the County Court Ground of Jackson County is hereby removed from Pigeon Roost Court Ground to a point one-half mile north-east of Boswell City, and it shall be called and known as Boswell City Court Ground. The County Court of Jackson County shall hold its first session at Boswell City Court Ground on the first Monday in January, 1903. And all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by LEVI WECHUBBEE.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C.  
Recording Secretary.

## BILL NO. 8.

A RESOLUTION condemning the action of Thomas W. Hunter as Townsite Commissioner for the Choctaw Nation, and requesting his removal from said office.

Whereas, Thomas W. Hunter, as Townsite Commissioner for the Choctaw Nation, has greatly

neglected his duties as such Commissioner, by absenting himself from his office and work without leave, for a period of twenty-two days in the month of October, 1902, and at various and divers other times. And,

Whereas, The said Thomas W. Hunter has been seen by various people, at divers times, in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and Paris, Texas, and other points, under the influence of liquor, and neglecting his business and absenting himself from his office as said Commissioner representing the Choctaw Nation. And,

Whereas, The said Thomas W. Hunter has sold and permitted to be sold various town lots in such a manner that the prospective purchaser might not see what he was bidding on, thereby causing the Nation great loss in the sale of said lots. And,

Whereas, The said Thomas W. Hunter, with his associate member, not only sold lots in the town of Caddo, in this manner, but attempted to sell over one hundred lots together, presumably in order that they might be bought at low rates by the Fair company, who claimed them, and in which the said Thomas W. Hunter is to be interested; that these lots were sold on the main street of the town, without going near them, over and against the protest of many citizens, as well as non-citizens. And,

Whereas, The said Thomas W. Hunter is said to be dealing in town property in various towns in the Nation, which property is held in the name of his wife and other parties, thereby disqualifying him from holding the office of Town-

site Commissioner. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Honorable Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby requested to remove the said Thomas W. Hunter from the office of Townsite Commissioner for the Choctaw Nation, and recognize the appointment of Butler S. Smiser to said office, and that the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation is hereby required to refuse to recognize the said Thomas W. Hunter as such Commissioner, and sign no deeds in townsites sold by him.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That copies of this Resolution be furnished the Honorable Secretary of the Interior; and that the same shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by PETER CONSER.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

Attest: W. W. COOPER, Recording Secretary.  
GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

BILL NO. 9.

AN ACT authorizing the County Judge of Skullyville County to sell the Skullyville County Court House.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the County Judge of Skullyville County, Choctaw Nation, be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, after giving thirty days' notice, to be posted in three conspicuous places in said County, to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the present Court House, together with all improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging, provided that nothing herein contained, shall authorize or permit him to sell any of the office fixtures, such as desks, tables, benches, chairs, lamps, etc.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted: That the said County Judge of the aforesaid County shall, and he is hereby directed that the proceeds from such sale be used by renting a suitable and convenient building for holding Court in the town of Spiro, in Skullyville County, Choctaw Nation.

Sec. 3. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by JAMES BOWER.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 10.

To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior:

We, your Memorialist, the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled in special session, most respectfully request that the lands to be segregated in the Choctaw Nation, on account of their coal and asphalt deposits, be secured against intrusion.

By the terms of the Supplementary Agreement, as soon as these lands are reserved, all citizens must vacate them and seek their allotments elsewhere. These lands will be left unoccupied, and, unless steps are taken to control them, it is likely that they will be used by intruders and squatters and the timber cut therefrom without remuneration to the tribes.

We desire to obviate this condition, and most respectfully ask that the matter be taken in hand by the Department and, in co-operation with the Principal Chief, some remedy adopted; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That we most earnestly request the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to take charge of these lands when segregated, and, in co-operation with the Principal Chief, lease them, wherever possible, to the best interest and advantage of the tribes, and place the proceeds to the credit of the respective tribes; provided, however, that where lands are occupied by citizens for farming purposes they will not be required to remove therefrom until their growing crops are gathered.

Sec. 2. And, be it resolved: That this Resolution be, and the same is hereby in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by WM. H. HARRISON.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 6, 1903.

Disapproved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. II.

To the Honorable Secretary of the Interior:

We, your Memorialist, the General Council of the Choctaw Nation in special session, most respectfully call your attention to the portion of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Supplementary Agreement providing for the segregation and sale of the coal and asphalt deposits of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

In view of the magnitude of this work and its great importance to the people of the Choctaw Nation, we feel justified in advising the Department that we are very anxious to have great care exercised in the segregation of this land.

Under the terms of the Treaty, lands now leased may be considered segregated, and our chief concern is in the segregation of the lands now leased. The lands now leased were found to contain valuable coal by thorough prospecting; and we hope the United States Government will make the same searching investigation and satisfy itself of the existence of valuable coal, within the meaning of the Treaty, before segregating any tract of land.

It has been intimated to the Council that non-citizens around the larger towns and certain railroads and coal companies operating within the Choctaw Nation will make efforts to induce the Department to segregate all lands having indications of coal, without reference to whether or not the coal abounds in quality or quantity sufficient to make it valuable. Lands adjacent to the larger towns are valuable independent of their coal de-

posits, and the purpose of this class of people in having these lands segregated is to buy them at public auction as coal lands and afterwards use them for other purposes.

We beg leave to respectfully remind you that lands frequently contain coal indications when practical investigation shows that the coal does not exist in commercial quantities. There is a large area of this class of land in the Choctaw Nation. Such lands are more valuable for agricultural purposes, and should not be segregated, but left for the purpose of allotment.

Proposed by DAVIS NOAH.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

Not returned. April 18, 1903.

BILL NO. 12.

We, your Finance Committee, have had under consideration the matter of expenses incurred by Ed. S. Bowman, Captain of Lighthorsemen, and his deputies, in defense of a suit brought against them in the United States Court on a charge of disturbing the peace. And upon careful investigation we find that the said Ed. S. Bowman and his deputies were in the discharge of their official duties when they performed the service for which they were arrested, and we believe that they should be reimbursed for the money expended by them in

defense of said suit. They have furnished itemized statement showing the amount expended by each one as follows:

|                |                     |                 |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Ed. S. Bowman, | expenses.....       | \$ 12 00        |
| “              | lawyer's fees.....  | 60 00           |
| “              | fine and costs..... | 34 30           |
| Total.....     |                     | <u>\$106 30</u> |

|                |               |         |
|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Sim Bohanon,   | expenses..... | \$12 00 |
| Tandy Anderson | “ .....       | 12 00   |
| Eli Honubbee   | “ .....       | 12 00   |
| — Ischomer     | “ .....       | 12 00   |
| Joe Wesley     | “ .....       | 12 00   |

Therefore:

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the following Act:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the sum of one hundred and sixty-six dollars and thirty cents (\$166.30) be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to reimburse Ed. S. Bowman and his deputies, — Ischomer, Joe Wesley, Eli Honubbee, Tandy Anderson and Sim Bohanon, for money expended in defense of said suit.

Sec. 2. And the National Auditor is hereby instructed to issue his warrant for the amount due each one, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same. And this Act shall take effect and

be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Committee.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 13.

A RESOLUTION memorializing the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes to establish a branch land office in the Choctaw Nation.

Whereas, The Land Office, as at present established, is far from the center of the population of citizens of the Choctaw Nation; and,

Whereas, A great proportion of the citizens who reside in the more remote parts of the Choctaw Nation can not, by reason of their extreme poverty, reach such Land office as at present located. And,

Whereas, The vast area of the Choctaw Nation renders the distance to be traveled so great that this class of citizens will find it difficult, if not impossible, to go to said Land Office to file on the lands they desire to allot. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes is hereby memorialized to establish a branch Land Office at some convenient place along the line of the Ft. Smith & Western Railway, or the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, within the First District of the Choctaw Nation, and also one in the Second District of the Choctaw Nation, along the line of the Arkansas & Choctaw Railway.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That a copy of this Resolution be sent immediately after its passage and approval to the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Sec. 3. And that this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by PETER CONSER.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 14.

AN ACT for the relief of Wesley Anderson.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the sum of three hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy cents (\$393.70)

be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to reimburse Wesley Anderson for services rendered the Choctaw Nation at Washington, D. C.

Sec. 2. And the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant for same, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same.

Sec. 3. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by G. L. WASHINGTON.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. Cooper, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 26, 1903.

Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 15.

AN ACT granting to Jonas Taylor a Ferry on Little River.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED :

Sec. 1. That Jonas Taylor, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, is hereby authorized and permitted to establish and operate a ferry boat on Little River, six miles northeast of Valliant, Indian Territory, known as the Stephens Crossing; and this privilege shall continue for a period of three years, and the right granted shall extend up and down the said river for a distance of one mile each way. The said Jonas Taylor shall keep

the banks and approaches to the ferry boat in good condition, and the Choctaw Nation shall in no wise be responsible or liable to any person for loss or damage by reason of said ferry.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That Jonas Taylor shall have the right to charge for vehicles drawn by more than two horses, mules, or oxen, seventy-five cents; for vehicles drawn by a single animal, thirty cents; for each animal, horse, mule, or cattle five cents; for each person on horse, twenty-five cents; for each person on foot, five cents; for each hog or sheep, two and one-half cents; for vehicles drawn by two horses, mules, or oxen, fifty cents.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts heretofore passed coming in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by T. J. CEPHAS.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.

Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 16.

AN ACT changing and removing an election precinct in San Bois County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF

THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED :

Sec. 1. That the election precinct in San Bois County, known and called Stigler Election Precinct, is hereby changed and removed to McCurtain, Indian Territory, about fifteen miles southeast of the present Stigler Election Precinct, and shall be known and called the McCurtain Election Precinct.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the voters of San Bois County shall vote at said election precinct on the first Wednesday of August, 1903, and all future elections thereafter.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by SIM COLBERT.

Approved Dec. 13, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 17.

Your Committee has carefully examined the petitions of G. Stephens, A. W. James and Simon Taylor, in the matter of the charges filed with the Principal Chief against G. W. Thompson, Judge of the Second Judicial District of the Choctaw Na-

tion, and we find that the following amounts are due them as witnesses, to-wit :

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| G. Stephens ..... | \$13 00        |
| A. W. James.....  | 13 50          |
| Simon Taylor..... | 19 70          |
| <b>Total.....</b> | <b>\$46 20</b> |

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following Act :

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED :

Sec. 1. That the sum of forty-six dollars and twenty cents (\$46.20) be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the relief of G. Stephens, A. W. James and Simon Taylor, for attendance as witnesses in the above mentioned cause.

Sec. 2. That the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for the amount due each one, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Com.

Approved Dec. 17, 1902.  
GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 18.

AN ACT for the relief of H. P. Ward, Henry Ansley, Hampton Tucker and L. C. Leflore, delegates to the International Convention held at Eufaula, Indian Territory, on Nov. 28, 1902.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the petition of the delegates to the Eufaula Convention, beg leave to report that we recommend only the allowance of their actual expenses, and therefore recommend the passage of the following Act:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the sum of twenty-four dollars and ten cents (\$24.10) be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to reimburse H. P. Ward, fare, \$2 70 hotel, \$3 50..\$ 6 20  
 Henry Ansley, " 1 20 " 3 50.. 4 70  
 Hampton Tucker, " 1 20 " 3 50.. 4 70  
 L. C. Leflore, " 5 00 " 3 50.. 8 50

Total.....\$24 10

for their actual expenses in attending the International Convention at Eufaula, Indian Territory; and that the National Auditor shall issue warrants for the several amounts, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Com.

Approved Dec. 18, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 19.

AN ACT granting to T. L. Griggs a ferry on Boggy.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That T. L. Griggs, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, is hereby authorized and permitted to establish and operate a ferry boat on Boggy River, at or near the Forks of the two Boggies, where the Caddo and Antlers dirt road crosses said river; the said T. L. Griggs being the owner of the premises thereat. And this privilege shall continue for a period of three years. And the right herein granted shall extend up and down the river for a distance of one mile each way.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted: That the said T. L. Griggs shall keep the banks and approaches to said ferry in good condition, and the Choctaw Nation shall in nowise be responsible or liable to any person for loss or damages by reason of said ferry.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That T. L. Griggs shall have the right to charge for vehicles



drawn by more than two horses, mules, or cattle, seventy-five cents; for vehicles drawn by two horses, mules, or cattle, fifty cents; for vehicles drawn by one animal, thirty cents; for each animal, horse, mule, or cattle, ten cents; for each person on horseback, twenty-five cents; for each hog or sheep, five cents.

Sec. 4. That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed; and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved Dec. 18, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER,

P. C. C. N.

Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.

Approved.

T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 20.

AN ACT appropriating money to defray expenses of the Special Session of the General Council, 1902.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the sum of six thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the National Treasury, to defray the regular and necessary expenses of the special session of the Council, beginning December 8, 1902, and

ending December 20, 1902. And the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for said amount, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Com.

Approved Dec. 18, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,

Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 21.

A RESOLUTION denying the claim of S. W. Peel.

Your Finance Committee has had under consideration the claim of S. W. Peel, for service claimed to have been rendered the Choctaw Nation in the Court of Claims at Washington, D. C., in the suit of the Pike heirs vs. Choctaw Nation. The matter has been carefully considered, and we submit the following report:

I

By an Act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, approved October 19, 1893, the office of Delegate to the Congress of the United States was created, which Act prescribed his duties, provided for his compensation, and is as follows.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF

## THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED :

Sec. 1. That the office of Delegate to the Congress of the United States be, and the same is hereby created. That said Delegate, so appointed as herein provided, shall not be less than thirty-five years of age, and a Choctaw Indian by blood.

Sec. 2. That said Delegate shall be appointed by the Principal Chief, by and with the consent and approval of the Senate. Said Delegate shall represent the Choctaw Nation in all interests whatever in Congress, and before the Departments, and shall keep the Principal Chief thoroughly advised as to all matters under his charge, and report to the General Council annually, and such matter and other reports as he may be called upon to make from time to time by the Principal Chief.

Sec. 3. That the term of office of said Delegate shall be for four years. He shall be required to reside at Washington, D. C., and shall be present during all sessions of Congress, unless otherwise directed by the Principal Chief.

Sec. 4. That the salary of said Delegate shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per annum, payable quarterly, upon warrants to be issued by the National Auditor; first quarter's allowance of said Delegate to be paid in advance at the time of his appointment.

Sec. 5. That said Delegate is authorized and empowered to employ such attorneys as he may deem advisable, and by and with the advice and consent of the Principal Chief, on requisition drawn by said Delegate and counter-signed by the Prin-

cipal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, on the National Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation, to disburse and expend not more than two thousand dollars per annum in payment of such attorney, or attorneys, so employed by said Delegate.

Sec. 6. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

## II

The investigation by your Committee shows that under this Act a warrant was issued to one S. W. Peel, and dated November 12, 1895, and that the National Treasurer has paid the same, a copy of which warrant is as follows :

No. . . . . \$2,000.00

## NATIONAL AUDITOR'S WARRANT.

THE TREASURER OF THE CHOCTAW NATION:

Pay S. W. Peel, or order, two thousand dollars, Attorney to Washington, D. C., 1895, out of the National Treasury, appropriated to pay National expenses.

Given at Tushkahoma, this 12th day of November, 1895.

G. W. DUKES,  
Auditor.

## III

Inasmuch as the Delegate was expressly empowered by law to pay not more than two thousand dollars for the services of attorneys, and inasmuch as our records show that this amount has been paid to the said S. W. Peel, thereby showing that the matter has already been adjusted,

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the claim of the said S. W. Peel, for services claimed to have been rendered by him in the Court of Claims at Washington, D. C., in the suit of the Pike heirs vs. Choctaw Nation, be, and the same is hereby denied.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Com.

Approved Dec. 18, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 22.

AN ACT granting to Robt. Morris a ferry on Poteau River.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That Robt. Morris, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, is hereby authorized and permitted to establish a ferry boat on Poteau River at the mouth of Caston creek, known as Clear Lake Crossing; he being the owner of the premises thereat. And this privilege shall continue for the

period of three years from the passage of this Act. And his right herein granted shall extend up and down the said river for a distance of one mile each way. The said Robt. Morris shall keep the banks and approaches to said ferry boat in good condition, and the Choctaw Nation shall in nowise be responsible or liable to any person for loss or damages by reason of said ferry.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That Robt. Morris shall have the right to charge for vehicles drawn by more than two horses, mules or cattle, seventy-five cents; for vehicles drawn by two horses, mules, or cattle, fifty cents; for vehicles drawn by single animal, thirty cents; for each animal, horse, mule, or cattle, ten cents; for each person on horse back, twenty-five cents; for each person on foot, ten cents; for each hog, sheep or goat, five cents.

Sec. 3. And all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by PETER CONSER.

Approved Dec. 18, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,

Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 23, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 23.

AN ACT changing and removing the election

precinct in Kiamichi County, Choctaw Nation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the election precinct in Kiamichi County, heretofore known as the Goodland Election Precinct, is hereby changed and removed to Hugo, Indian Territory, in said County, about three miles south of the present site; and shall be known and called Hugo Election Precinct.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That the voters of said County shall vote at said Hugo Election Precinct on the first Wednesday in August, 1903, and all future elections thereafter.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by JEFF FULTON.

Approved Dec. 18, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 24.

A RESOLUTION accepting the report of Geo. W. Scott, Treasurer, on Contingent Fund for fiscal year ending October, 1902.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred

the report of Geo. W. Scott, on his Contingent Fund for the fiscal year ending October, 1902, find the same to be true and correct, and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the report of Treasurer Geo. W. Scott, on his Contingent Fund for the year ending October, 1902, be, and the same is hereby accepted as true and correct. And that this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Committee.

Approved Dec. 19, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 25.

AN ACT amending an act changing the court ground in Jackson County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the act relating to changing of the court ground in Jackson County be amended so as to read, "At the town of Boswell City," in-

and in the drawing of the money that may be due them as Choctaw Indians.

Sec. 2. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by WM. H. HARRISON.

Approved Dec. 19, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

Approved, Feb. 21, 1903. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 27.

Whereas, The body of Hon. Jack McCurtain, the most celebrated Chief in the history of the Choctaw people, lies in a neglected grave near the Capitol building; and

Whereas, The great and noble character, by reason of his courage, integrity and statesmanship, accomplished wonderful work in behalf of his people, by securing the adoption of the present Constitution and laws of the Choctaw Nation; and,

Whereas, The vast influence he exercised over his people by the living example of wisdom in council, courage in battle, and integrity of purpose, was such as to command the respect of all mankind. That the Council should take appropriate action to keep afresh in the minds of our youths the work of this great chief, statesman, soldier, philanthropist and friend,

Now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL

stead of "One-half mile northeast of the town of Boswell City."

Sec. 2. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by LEVI WECHUBBEE.

Approved Dec. 19, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 26.

Whereas, There are many Indians of Choctaw blood in the United States prisons in Leavenworth, Kansas, Columbus, Ohio, Atlanta, Georgia, and elsewhere, who are entitled to share allotment of the lands and division of the money due the Choctaws; and,

Whereas, These unfortunates have no trustworthy and competent person to act in their behalf in the protection of their interests:

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the Principal Chief be authorized to communicate with said prisoners, in the various United States prisons, to the end that said prisoners may select suitable persons to represent them in the selection of their allotments,

OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to build an iron fence around the grave of Ex-Chief Jack McCurtain.

Sec. 2. And the National Auditor shall issue, to Mrs. J. F. McCurtain, his warrant for said amount, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved Dec. 19, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1903.  
Approved. T. ROOSEVELT.

BILL NO. 28.

AN ACT changing the County Court ground in Kiamichi County, Choctaw Nation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the County Court Ground of Kiamichi County be, and the same is hereby changed and removed from its present site, at Goodland, Choctaw Nation, to Hugo, Choctaw Nation, about three miles south; and the County

Judge shall select a suitable and convenient house in said town for the place of holding Court, and the said Court ground shall be known in future as Hugo Court Ground, and the first term of County Court shall be held at said Court ground the first Monday in February, 1903, and all terms of said Court thereafter.

Sec. 2. And all acts coming in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed; and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by JEFF FULTON.

Approved Dec. 19, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 29.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the itemized reports of Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, of expenses incurred and legal services rendered, under the direction of the Principal Chief, on behalf of the Choctaw Nation, which reports were rendered in pursuance of the act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, passed at its regular 1901 session, requiring the same, have had them under consideration, and, after careful investigation, find them to be true and correct.

We, therefore, respectfully recommend the passage of the following bill.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Com.

AN ACT to provide for the payment of regular expenses necessary to protect the interest of the Choctaw Nation.

Whereas, Regular and necessary expenses have been incurred and legal services have been rendered, under the direction of the Principal Chief, by Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, in protecting the interests of the Choctaw Nation in the various matters that have arisen from April 1, 1900, to August 1, 1901, and also from August 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902; and,

Whereas, It is deemed right and proper that provision be made for the payment thereof; and also for the protection of the interests of the Nation in various like matters that may hereafter arise. Therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

That the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation be, and he is hereby authorized to direct the payment of such expenses as have been incurred and such expenses as have been rendered by Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish, under the direction of the Principal Chief, in protecting the interests of the Choctaw Nation, from April 1, 1900, to August 1, 1901, not to exceed the sum of seventy-five hundred and ninety-six dollars and forty cents (\$7,596.40); and from August 1, 1901, to October 1, 1902, not to exceed the sum of eighty-four hundred and eighty-two dollars and three cents (\$8,482.03), in the following manner:

Itemized accounts of such expenses as have

been so incurred and such legal services as have been so rendered shall be presented to the Principal Chief, and, upon his approval thereof, the National Auditor shall issue his warrants therefor, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same. And the Principal Chief is further authorized to direct the payment of such expenses as shall be incurred and such legal services as shall be rendered necessary to protect the interests of the Choctaw Nation in such matters as have arisen or may arise from October 1, 1902, and from time to time. Itemized accounts therefor shall be presented to the next regular session of the Council, and, if found correct, the same shall be paid.

Provided, That in the meantime, duplicates of such accounts may be filed with the Principal Chief, and, upon his approval thereof, they shall be paid as above provided, to the extent only of two thousand dollars (\$2,000); and such amount, or so much thereof as may have been so received, shall be credited upon the accounts so filed with the Council.

The Contingent Fund of the Principal Chief, in addition to that now provided by law, is hereby sufficiently increased to carry into effect the purpose of this Act. And an appropriation therefor is hereby made out of any monies in the Treasury of the Choctaw Nation not otherwise appropriated. And this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

And all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Com.

Approved Dec. 19, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 30.

AN ACT authorizing the County Judge of Kiamichi County to dispose of the building formerly used as a court house at Goodland, Indian Territory.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the County Judge of Kiamichi County, Choctaw Nation is hereby authorized and empowered to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, after giving thirty days' notice in one newspaper published in the county and notices posted in three public places in said county, the building formerly used for a court house, and the proceeds of such sale shall be used and expended in purchasing a building located in a convenient place in the town of Hugo, at the junction of the Arkansas & Choctaw Railroad and the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, in Kiamichi County, Choctaw Nation.

Sec. 2. And all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed; and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.  
Proposed by JEFF FULTON.

Approved Dec. 19, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
Attest: W. W. COOPER, P. C. C. N.  
Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 31 (a).

AN ACT for the relief of S. B. Spring.

We, your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of S. B. Spring, find that there is due him the sum of eleven dollars (\$11.00), for service as Representative, and recommend the passage of the following act:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That the sum of eleven dollars (\$11.00) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay S. B. Spring a balance due him for services as Representative to the General Council in 1901; and the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for the amount, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

JACKSON JAMES,  
Chairman Finance Com.

Approved Dec. 19, 1902.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.



BILL NO. 31

A RESOLUTION memorializing the Honorable Secretary of the Interior to make a per capita payment of the Townsite Funds to the Choctaw citizens.

Whereas, there is now in the Sub-Treasury of the United States at Saint Louis, Mo., about five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the credit of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations from the sale of townsites in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations; and,

Whereas, Many of the Choctaw people are greatly in need of funds with which to purchase the necessaries of life and to assist them in going to and from the Land Office to make their filing on their allotments.

Whereas, It would be a convenience to them as well as economy to the Government to receive this money.

Therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRA SESSION ASSEMBLED:

That the Honorable Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby memorialized to have the said Townsite money paid out per capita to the Choctaw people, or their proportionate share of the same, under the provisions of the Atoka Agreement, Section 34. Said payments to be made in each district in the Choctaw Nation (Freedman excepted).

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved: That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Hon. Secretary

of the Interior by the National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation; and one copy to the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Sec. 3. And this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by C. A. WILSON.

In effect by Statute of Limitation.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,

Recording Secretary.

BILL NO. 33.

AN ACT taxing non-citizens residing in the Choctaw Nation and holding more live stock than is allowed them by law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Sec. 1. That non-citizens residing in the Choctaw Nation, holding more stock than is allowed them by law, shall pay the following taxes upon each head of live stock: Cattle of every kind, fifty cents; horses and mules of every kind, twenty-five cents per head; hogs of every kind, twenty cents per head; Sheep and goats of every kind, fifteen cents per head.

Sec. 2. That such taxes shall be collected by such person or persons, and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. After deducting the ex-

penses of collecting, the balance shall be paid into the Sub-Treasury of the United States at St. Louis, Mo., to the credit of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes of Indians, to be paid out per capita as other funds of the Tribes.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That such taxes shall be due and payable annually on demand. And the persons so refusing, together with the live stock so held, owned or introduced, shall be deemed to be within the limits of the Choctaw Nation without its consent and in violation of its laws, and liable to removal therefrom under the intercourse laws of the United States.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted: That all acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed; and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Proposed by D. S. NOAH.

Approved.

GREEN McCURTAIN,  
P. C. C. N.

Attest: W. W. COOPER,  
Recording Secretary.

White House, Washington D. C., Feb. 21, 1903.  
Disapproved. T. ROOSEVELT.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original Acts and Resolutions of the Choctaw General Council, passed at its Regular Session for the year 1902, and at a Special Session thereof in December, 1902, the Originals whereof are now on

file in the office of the National Secretary of said Nation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Edward H. Wilson, National Secretary of said Nation, have hereunto affixed my official signature and the seal of the Choctaw Nation. Done this the 21st day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and three.

EDWARD H. WILSON,  
[SEAL.] National Secretary, Choctaw Nation.

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