

PLATFORM
OF THE
TUSKAHOMA PARTY

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ENGLISH and CHOCTAW

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The delegates of the Tuskahoma party in national convention at Tuskahoma, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, June 16, 1903, declare as follows:

1. We pledge the Tuskahoma party to an economical administration of public affairs, and guarantee that its legislation will be for the best interests of all the people. We will at all times insist upon the United States government complying strictly with our treaties.

2. We re-affirm our approval of the Supplementary Agreement, and congratulate the Choctaw people upon its ratification. It insures to them a prompt and honorable settlement of all tribal affairs. Before its ratification, our rolls included the "court citizens," and the burden and expense of disproving their claims to citizenship rested upon the Choctaw Nation. The Supplementary Agreement gave us the Citizenship Court, without cost to the Choctaw people, and all good citizens now rejoice that the decision of that court on December 17, 1902, removed the "court citizens" from our rolls and placed the burden and expense of proving their claims upon the "court citizens."

3. We call attention to the recent petition of the attorneys of the "court citizens" filed in the Supreme Court of the United States, asking for an order restraining the Citizenship Court from further trial of citizenship cases. The Supreme Court on June 1, 1903, denied their petition, and the Citizenship Court is now daily trying the cases of "court citizens" at South McAlester, as provided in the Supplementary Agreement.

4. We endorse the action of Governor McCurtain in withdrawing our timber lands from allotment until all questions concerning them are settled. He was prompted to take this step by numerous complaints from citizens in the timber districts, and in doing so, has furnished

additional proof of his determination to safeguard the interests of the people at all times. Our timber lands are growing more valuable each year. The timber speculators, realizing this fact, were using questionable methods to get possession of our timber at prices far below its market value. A great wrong was about to be done the Choctaw people. Governor McCurtain prevented that wrong by having the Department of the Interior temporarily withdraw our timber lands from allotment. The timber lands will be allotted to our citizens, but not until all complaints of questionable transactions have been investigated and the conditions of allotting them have been made such that every allottee will be protected in his right to sell his timber for its market value.

5. We favor the early approval by the Secretary of the Interior of the rolls of intermarried citizens of the Choctaw Nation, as provided in the Supplementary Agreement; and if the said rolls are not approved by the time of assembling of our next General Council, we pledge ourselves to have our General Council next October memorialize the Secretary of the Interior to hasten the approval and return of such rolls.

6. We believe steps should be taken to assist our citizens in locating and platting their allotments. At a special session of the General Council in December, 1902, upon the recommendation of Governor McCurtain, an act was passed providing for the appointment of three allotting commissioners for each district of the Choctaw Nation. Many of our citizens are unacquainted with the methods of locating land according to the United States Government Survey, and the duty of these commissioners was to go into the several counties and assist citizens in locating their allotments. The act was disapproved by the President of the United States, because it was thought that the work of these commissioners would interfere with the work of the Dawes Commission. It is now well understood by the Department that such commissioners will render valuable assistance to our citizens and will hasten the work of the Dawes Commission. The President of the United States will now approve an act appointing the commissioners, and we pledge the passage of such an act by our next Council.

7. The efficient and patriotic administration of Governor McCurtain meets our warmest approval, and we take pleasure in publicly declaring our confidence in his purpose to fearlessly administer our laws and faithfully guard the interests of all our citizens.

8. Believing, as we do, that our policies are for the best interests of all the people, we invite all citizens to co-operate with us in carrying forward our policies.

TUSKAHOMA PARTY NAN ISHT IMAIALHPIESA.

TUSKAHOMA, I. T., Choctaw Nation.

June nitak 16, 1903, fehna Tuskahoma Party aiachufa delegates osh ittafamat chieya hosh illuppat nan isht imaiialhpiesa mak osh ottani hinchika yakohmishke:

1. Tuskahoma Party ut nana ilikahli kut okla poyutta nan isht imaiialhpiesa ho isht ahanta chi, micha nan ulhpisa putta ihikbi kut okla moyoma kakosh nan isht imaiialhpiesa he ako aiyahni hosh apihinsa hoke. Yohmi cha United States government atukmat chuleti nan ittim apesa poyutta ka micha nana mihiya ka aiahli cha he elaiahni hoke.

2. Nan ittim apesa himona tohoba tok a himak a aialhpiesa il ahni hosh, Chahta okla hat yammak atuka aiokpachit holitoblichika tok a aialhpiesa ilachika hoke. Yohmi ka yammak atuk pulla kako atushpa, micha aialhpiesa hosh okla nan ittiba hallalli atuk a apoksiachit ahlopolli cha chi ilahni hoke. Nan ittim apesa yammak ik holitopo kisha hokano, Chahta okla hohchifo atakali (roll) a "court citizen" okla hohchiffo yat apibafoyo^{ka}ah ma, okla yomi kut Chahta ibahulhti a hekeyu ahni hokma nation akosh iskalli yat i kanihiya chatuk oke; yohmi chatuk kia, nan ittim apesa himona yato Citizenship i Court a pim atablih ma, Chahta okla hat iskalli nana i kaniya keyu ho Citizenship Court atukmut December 17, 1902, ash Chahta okla hohchiffo atakali ya "court citizens" hohchiffo yat afoyokatuk a kochawihli tok o Chahta okla nayokpa hoke. Yohmi cha "court citizen" akinli hosh nana i kanihiyat isht ono oyola hoke.

3. Anoti achikosi kash "court citizens" i lawyer ahleha hat United States Supreme Court a nan asilhha (petition) ikbit i bohli kut Citizen-

ship i Court ut toksalit isht ik mahayo hokbano ahnit anompa atahlit bohli tuk a, yakohmi hash ahnashke. Yohmi tuk o June nitak 1, 1903, fehna Supreme Court ut petition atuk a ik imaiokpacho ketuk o, himak a nitak moyoma ho Citizenship i Court at toksalit isht mahaya tok at emoma hosh South McAlester ya chieya kat nan ittim apesa himona nana amibiya kak o iakaya hosh "court citizens" okla micha anumpa kaha poyutta ka atoksahalli hoke.

4. Miko McCurtain ut yohma he aiahni cha itti aiima illuppa okla yakni ik ittakashkowo ho nana ataklama asha kat ont alhpoksiyat tayaha hokmak ahe, ahni tuk a ulhpesa ilaiahni hoke. Iluppa yakmihchit anukfilli kut, okla poyutta nan isht imaiialhpiesa ya afowa, micha okla putta ka hallalli kat aiahli tuk at ottayani tuk oke. Ulhti anukaka itti aiasha nana ika kaniohmo kachi ka okla hat anompa atahlit (complaints) bohohli pulla kako, yakni itti aiasha illuppa okla ik ittakashkowo hokbano himonasi ya ahni tok oke. Yohmi ka itti aiima illuppat afami aiokalli ka ulhtobba achukma kat peh ishaht mahaya hoke. Yohmi kako okla iskalli ikbi banna ahleha hat aialhpiesa keyu ho anukfilli hosh itti yat ulhtobba he aialhpiesa keyu kia nan isht ittim apesat, itti micha yakni aiena ka okla imaieshi banna hosh aiasha tuk oke. Yohmi ho Chahta okla hat nana kat imokpolo kat aiahla chi kat atekonofat taha tuk oke. Yohmi ho Miko McCurtain ut nana kat ikokpolo hokbano ahni na, Interior Department atukmat yakni itti asha ka okla hat himonasi takla hokano ik ittakashkowo kachi ho apesa tuk oke. Yakni itti asha ka okla hat ittakashkowa chi hakinli, yohmi kia Chahta aiachuffa aiahli yat yakni yomi ka okla eshi hokmat, micha kancha chi hokmat ulhtoba aialhpiesa ulhtobba chatuk ako aiakaya hosh kancha hinla kat isht aialhpesa hinla kat ulhpoksiyat tayaha hokmak achi hoke.

5. Nan ittim apesa himona yat nana mia ka aiakaya hosh Secretary of the Interior yat ache-ki makinli ho, nahullo Chahta ohoyo ittihallalli, nan ulhpisa aiakayat ittihallalli ahlheha ha Chahta iba hotehnacha heya il aiahni hoke. Yohmi ho himak pilla nan apesa ittafama ka hattak yakomi kut hohchiffo atakali (rolls) a afoka keyu moma hokma, Secretary of the Interior yat ache-ki makinli ho hohchiffo yomi ka aialhpiesa hokma aiokpacha chi ka himak pilla October

minti ka nan apesa chieya kat anompa atahlit ayohmi hokbano achit Secretary of the Interior ya ima heya il aiahni hoke.

6. Okla putta kut ilap immi hachi hosh yakni ya apowachi ka apelachit yakni ya im apowacha he ak osh aialhpiesa hoke. Nan apesa ittafamat December, 1902, ash chieyah ma, miko McCurtain ut yohmi hokbano alnicha annmpa atahlit bohli tuk o, nan ulhpisayat toba kut yakni ittakashkoli commission tuchina hosh ulhti aiokalli ka aialhtoka cha. Chahta yakni anukaka iluppa, yakni ya okla isha chi ka apelachit im apowacha chi hosh ahlapolli tok oke. Chahta lawa kat United States yakni apesa yosh yakni ya apesa tok a okla ik akostinichi hatu o commission iluppat county aiokalli ka ittanowat okla yakni apowachi ka apelacha chi hatok oke. Yohmi tuk kia nan ulhpisa iluppa United States i miko chito yat ik ayukpacho ketok, yummat commission iluppat nan isht ai asha kat Dawes Commission nan isht aiasha ka ata lammicha hinla yimmi tok oke. Yohmi tok kia himakno Department at commission yakomi hosh alhtoka hokmat, Chahta okla hat yakni apowachi ka apilachi kat ai alhi hinla, micha Dawes Commission atosali kat atushpa hinla ka ithayana hoke. Yohmi ho United States i miko chito yat nan ulhpisa yat toba kat commission yat alhtoka hinla ho ahni hosh nan ulhpisa yat toba hokma, aiokpacha hinlashke. Yohmi ho himak pilla nan apesa ittafamak ma nan ulhpisa illapat alhopulla he il aiahni hoke.

7. Nana kat aialhpiesa kako aiahni micha nan isht ai ahanta kat okla poyutta ka i hollo achukma hosn toksahanli ka ipesa kat miko McCurtain ut nan ulhpisa micha okla putta nan isht im achukma chi micha isht im aialhpiesa aiena ka apesa hanchi achukma, micha peh nana ka anukwiya keyu hosh okla putta kat nan isht ik ataklamo kaho aiahnit achunachit toksahanli ka okla putta kut ulhpesa aiahnit ilayokpachi kat il ottanihinchishke.

8. Nan api yimmi kat okla poyutta kat nan isht im aialhpiesa he ako ilaiahni hosh nan il aiahni iluppa okla putta kat peh ittibanukfillit ittibaieshit, ittapelahanchi micha ittibatoksahala he akosh aialhpiesa il aiahni hosh okla putta ka il imotanihinchhi kat okla hatukmat pebatoksahanli na na pimi micha nan isht pim aialhpiesa aiena a illittihishashke ilahni hoke.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TUSHKAHOMA PARTY, CHOCTAW NATION

ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO THE COMMITTEE

SOUTH MCALESTER, IND. TER.

July 8, 1903.

Dear Sir,-

We take pleasure in handing you herewith a pamphlet containing the platform of the Tushkahoma Party, printed in Choctaw and English.

This platform was adopted by the Tushkahoma Party in its National Convention at Tushkahoma June 16, 1903, at which convention every county in the Choctaw Nation, except one, was represented by regularly elected delegates.

We call your particular attention to the position the Tushkahoma Party has taken on the question of assisting our citizens in locating and surveying their allotments.

We appreciate that many of our citizens are interested in the timber question. During the latter part of this week we will mail you a pamphlet explaining at length the timber question. Each week hereafter we will send you a letter or pamphlet, touching upon the questions that now concern the Choctaw people.

We cordially invite you to write us about any question you do not understand.

Very truly yours,

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W. H. ANSLEY,
W. A. SHONEY,
WILL HARRISON.