

C. A. HANCOCK  
General Merchandise

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Caddo, Ind. Ter. Jan 14 1903

Hon J Blair Shornfelt  
Muskegon P.T.  
Dear sir

Please inform me if  
after the Ratification of the sup-  
Treaty have the Choctaw authority  
got the right to collect pay  
Royalty on Land that a person  
intends to take as his allotment

Respect  
H. J. Faudree

No. **40814**  
**RECEIVED**  
**JAN 15 1903**  
**OFFICE OF U. S. INDIAN AGENT,**  
**MUSCOGEE, IND. TER.**

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H. S. Landree

McCulloch

J.S.

Cash of Choctaw  
authorities have  
right to collect pay.  
royalty on land  
J.S.



# Department of the Interior,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

UNION AGENCY,

*(Muskogee, Ind. T., January 15, 1903)*

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation,

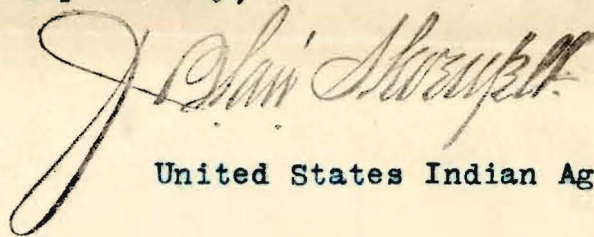
Kinta, I. T.

Sir:

Transmitted with this communication is a letter from H. T. Faudree, dated at Caddo, Indian Territory, January 14, 1903, asking to be advised whether or not the Choctaw authorities have a right to collect royalty on hay that has been cut from lands a person (presumably a Choctaw Indian) intends to take as an allotment.

I would be pleased to have you advise Mr. Foudree the Choctaw law on this subject, sending me a copy of the letter you write him for my information and future guidance.

Very respectfully,



United States Indian Agent.

J.F.W. (WAC)

Enclosure.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 17, 1903

Mr Jack Pusley,

Girtle, I.T.

Dear sir:

I received your letter of the 12th inst., in which you state that Albert Billy's leased District money is still due him.

You also say that Johnson Ott stated that he left the matter with me. I have no recollection of the same, or of Mr Ott leaving anything with me. If Albert Billy is entitled to anything he must identify himself in the proper way. This money, if any be due him, could be collected only by himself. He must make application to the County Judge for certificate of Identification, showing that he is the Albert Billy sent from that County to the orphan school. He must also prove that he is the identical Albert Billy. With this proof sent to me I will order warrant issued. He must also prove that he is of age. He is then entitled to any money that may be due from the leased district fund. It is absolutely necessary that this course be pursued in order for him to secure his money.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



Salina St.  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1903.  
Hon Green M. Curtis, P. C. N.  
Kintah  
Ind Terr.

Dear Sir:

Enclose in  
same cover you will please  
find a Letter of Marshallship  
of appointment which was  
tendered me by one of the  
Deputy Sheriff of said County.

Of which appointment  
I have neither applied for  
by a Petition to the Court  
nor neither did I execute  
any Bond after receiving said  
appointment.

And I am of the opinion  
that said appointment is illegal  
and, respectfully ~~ask~~ <sup>herby</sup> enclose the  
same and asking you for your  
kind information whether or  
not that the said County Court  
can't forcibly require me to  
perform under such appointment.  
I have carefully



That said appointment  
not altogether <sup>in accordance</sup>  
with the laws prescribed  
in the Durant Code of Law,  
and have thus declined to  
act, under the aforesaid  
appointment, for the reasons  
aforestated and for the reason  
also that, I did not want  
the position or would have  
applied for the same long  
since, further reasons than  
the two minor children have  
a living mother and that  
she is very much aggrieved  
now in the matter.

She the said appointed  
Kinie Waugh is a step mother  
of mine, and she being the mother of  
said children, I think that she would  
be the proper person to exercise  
the duties of Guardianship over  
her children, ~~for~~ on acct of being married  
by blood, <sup>according</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> law, I feel it my duty to say I  
would ever pray for you  
information concerning the  
said appointment,

I am Very Respectfully  
Wesley Wood

P.S. Kindly return the letter of appointment  
if necessary.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 17, 1903.

Honorable W.A. Jones,

Indian Commissioner,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

The Act of the Choctaw Council which provides for nine Allotting Commissioners, was forwarded, through your office, for the President's approval. The Act was designed as an aid to the Honorable Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in the allotment of the lands. It was not intended to interfere in any way with the work of the Commission, but was an effort to facilitate and expedite matters by inducing the fullblood and more ignorant class of our citizens to take their allotments in accordance with the plans of the United States Government. There are large communities of fullbloods in the Choctaw Nation that must be approached and dealt with by those who understand their character and disposition in order that the work may be speedily proceeded with. These are queer people, and unless this matter is handled prudently I fear that much trouble will be experienced in inducing them to allot their land. I commend and endorse the letter of January 7, 1903, addressed to the Department by Honorable D.C. McCurtain, Delegate of the Choctaws, as a correct statement of the attitude of the Choctaw Government in adopting this measure, and hope that this view will be accepted, and that the Department will recommend that the President approve the same.

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.



# D. THOMAS & COMPANY,

SUCCESSORS TO THOMAS BROTHERS,

DEALERS IN EVERYTHING.

TALIHINA, I. T.

January 17 1903  
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Hon Green McCurtain. P.C.C.N.

Kinta. Ind. Ty.

Dear Governor;-

I enclose you under this cover a note in favor of the American National Bank. Ft. Smith Ark, for \$500.00. This amount has been due a long time but I have so far been able to stand the matter off. However it is necessary that I do something so will ask that you or Mr. G. W. Scott indorse the note with me that I may obtain an extension on the amount I am due. Kindly ask Mr. Scott to make the payment of two hundred dollars on this paper in case the President has approved the bill providing for that amount in favor of the Tushkaloosa Academy.

After indorsement please forward the note to The Am. Natl Bank, and drop me a line to that effect that I may know the matter has received attention. Thanking you in advance for the favor, I remain

Very Respectfully

*Henry Willis*  
Mark



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 17 11 1903.

G.W. Ridgeway,

Lonegrove, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter congratulating me on my election. With reference to the Indigent fund, I desire to say that there is no provision for the further payment of any such fund to the Indians. There is some doubt as to whether or not the real indian can file on land held by the Court citizen. The matter is yet to be determined, and I am not in a position to give you definite information on this score. Your application for appointment as Alloting Commissioner has been placed on file and will have due consideration when it becomes my duty to make such appointments.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 17, 1903.

E.C. McBride,

Calloway, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of recent date, if you will send the full name of the white man running the store of which you complain, and his post office address, I will see what can be done to force him to comply with the law.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.W.



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Principal Chief G.N.



## WARD &amp; ROWLEY,

## GENERAL -:- MERCHANDISE,

KIOWA, Ind. Ter.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 1902

Hon Genl McClinton  
Savannah I. T.

Dear Sir I hope  
you are well and enjoying the  
New year. I don't think I  
am dictating to you but I would  
like to say this in regard to the Law  
passed at the last extra session of  
Council creating the office of  
Locating Agents (3) from each  
Dist. I have thought something like  
this perhaps may be some parties at  
the head of this matter may have  
an object in view. While I think  
it is a good Law carried out properly  
and I feel quite sure it will be  
great help to the Freedlombs to have  
some one to help them locate their  
homes. but what I thought and  
what I thought perhaps the danger  
is in this way there is parties



WARD &amp; ROWLEY,

GENERAL -:- MERCHANDISE,

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that have gone in to the best price  
 and Timber we have and had  
 the Lumber cut and sold and  
 the same parties have received a  
 good revenue from same and  
 the same parties may try to get  
 the apartment of Goetting claims  
 and in order to cover up the  
 Lumber and Timber sold they may  
 locate some Indians on the land  
 and in a way I would  
 suggest that this point be watched  
 and if you have not made  
 the apartments for 3rd but I  
 would like to mention the name  
 of our friend L. C. Zaffere of  
 Chaddo as I believe he would  
 endeavor to do the very best could be done  
 for each individual. And would  
 say if you should be aware  
 of material in this the 3rd but

WARD &amp; ROWLEY,

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 GENERAL :- MERCHANDISE,  
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I will send in the name of  
 H. P. Ward as one that would  
 serve you as best I could  
 yet if you have others who  
 you prefer I will not insist  
 yet I am always ready  
 to submit to our Superior  
 and humbly submit the matter  
 to you for your consideration  
 I send greetings to you  
 and am waiting for your  
 Secretary and wish you  
 A happy New Year  
 Very Res. Yours  
 H. P. Ward



Chula L. I.

Jan. 17-1903.

Hon. Green M. Curtin

Dear Sir

I have just made a little round in Valliant, collecting royalty- and had good success only on Clark Bros, who utterly refused to pay, they have been in business here about 2 years & have paid but very little royalty. If there is any way by which to force a collection I would like to see an example made of them as they have refused to pay and rather advise the others not to pay- I collected the royalty on one hotel that has a few groceries, such as can goods, cigars- molasses- candy, nuts & such stuff exposed for sale- - Should I also collect on the Groceries?

Yours Truly  
E. B. Herndon

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 17, 1903.

Mr Alex Fulson

Poteau, I.T.

Dear sir:

Your application for appointment as allotting Commissioner has been received and placed on file and will have due consideration when it becomes my duty to make such appointments.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 17, 1903.

Honorable Fams Bixby,

Acting Chairman Dawes Commission,

Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

The is an effort being made to induce your Honorable Commission to defer the opening of the land office at Atoka until a later date. This movement has some features that are commendable, but on the whole, in my judgment, they are not of sufficient merit to delay the allotment of the land. There are many who prefer that the matter be deferred in order that crops may be planted and garnered on land that they can not allot. Those who are holding land in excess of their prorata share entertain this idea, and those who have no rights in the premises, whatever, are zealous in their efforts to delay matters. It would be tedious to enter into details, but suffice to say that these champions of this movement are prompted to a desire to have conditions remain as they are as long as possible. On the other hand, the opening of the land office has been thoroughly advertised, and I know that there are many of the fullbloods who have their plats and are just waiting for the opening of the land office to appear there and make their filings. And change in the date of opening at this late day could not possibly reach them in time to prevent their going to Atoka for this purpose. The most of them live in remote parts of the Nation, and could not be reached in time to convey any information on this score. I therefore most respectfully protest against any change being made as to the date of the opening of the land office at Atoka, to-wit February 1, 1903, as I do not believe it would be to the best interests of the Choctaw people.

Very respectfully,

PSL(W)

Principal Chief C.H.



Antlers, D.T.

Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 03

Hon Green Mcburttin

Rentah, D.T.

Dear Sir & Friend

In making my application to be  
appointed Locating Commissioner  
I never stated that I had worked  
with surveyors. I worked with  
them about one year and  
have had considerable experience  
in that line. I think when  
you make this appointment  
my application should be  
given a consideration for this  
reason. If you will remember  
the ~~the~~ fact when I made the



race for Dist. atty I knew that  
I would get beat if I run on  
~~the~~ your ticket but in the face  
of that I staid with you  
for the betterment of the  
people and having the assurance  
~~at~~ from my friends that  
I would be taken care of  
by you.

If I had of run on  
the Hunter ticket I would have  
ben elected by a big majority  
but you was my choice first  
and last and I started out  
that way and still continued  
to work regardless of my self  
Respect  
O B Harris

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 17, 1903.

H<sup>o</sup>norable J. Blair Shoenfelt,  
U.S Indian Agent,  
Muskegee, I.T.

Sir:-

As requested in your letter of the 15th inst., I herewith enclose copy of letter written by me to H.T. Faudree, in reply to his, with reference to the payment of royalty on hay cut in the Choctaw Nation.

PSL(W)

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter/, Jan. 17, 1903.

Mr H.T. Faudree,

Caddo, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of a letter written by you to Hon. J. Blair Shoenfelt, U.S. Indian Agent, and by him referred to me, with reference to the collection of royalty on Hay cut in the Choctaw Nation. In answer thereto I advise that the royalty due on hay must be paid to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties in the Choctaw Nation, by all citizens, until the lands are actually filed on and allotted by the individual allottees.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. ter., Jan. 17, 1903.

Rev. J. S. Murrow,

Atoka, I. T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst., and by reason of having been away from home have failed to answer it sooner. I sincerely endorse your effort to build up the Murrow Indian Orphans home. I felt that you were actuated by the highest motives in this matter, and believe that you are sincerely in earnest in attempting to do this great work. Anything that I can do to aid you in your laudable efforts in that direction will be gladly done

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C. N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., Jan. 17, 1903.

Jerry Fulson,

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter and replying to same desire to say that after investigation I find that the name of J.L. Fulson appears on the roll of the Dawes Commission at an other different place than that in which your family is registered. His age is 14 years, and Post office Sans Bois. I think it wise that you should make affidavit of his enrollment, stating the time and place, and send the same to me and I will see what I can do. Your application for appointment as Alloting Commissioner has been filed and will receive due consideration when it becomes my duty to make such appointments.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



The  
January 18 1903

Dear sir and friend  
i will right you a  
few line for information  
i want to no if i hav slept  
over my rite i think i  
can prove to be one eight  
8 Chack tan my gran man  
on fother's side wir half  
Chack tan she wir a  
rogues and i under stand  
that tha wir a mr rogues  
that proved his right  
and he claimed to be a  
cousan to paw and if tha  
is aney chance for me  
plese let me no son  
i gess you no paw  
William anderson tha father  
of Walton patersons wife

i hope to hear from  
your son from James  
anderson to green  
meirden



Paoli Ind Ter  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

Gov W<sup>c</sup> Curtin

Sir I

I write you to know if  
the "Court Claimant" will  
be given another hearing  
or is this a final decision  
I am an Indian by blood  
and would like to get  
two more allotments  
please advise me what  
to do about it; all the  
land near is taken up  
except land owned by  
"Court Claimants"

Most Respectfully Mary E. Rogers

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 20, 1903

Honorable J. Blair Shoenfelt,

U S. Indian Agent,  
Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith complaint of I.S. Lowery, District Collector for the First District of the Choctaw Nation, against Townseld Wholesale Grocery Company; G.F. Walker & Son; The Grand Leader and R.V. Austin, all of South McAlester, Ind. Ter.,. These persons have positively refused to pay their tribal tax, and I have therefore to report them to you as intruders, under the laws of the United States regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian Tribes. These persons are leaders of those who refuse to pay this tax, and should be, in my opinion, dealt with to the end that others may be convinced that the tribal laws of the Choctaw Nation must be complied with. I therefore ask that immediate steps be taken to enforce the collection of these taxes.

PSL(W)  
Encl.

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 20, 1903

Mr H.P.Ward,

Kiowa, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst and note what you say, with great interest. I have had my eye on the parties you mention with reference to securing places as Alloting Commissioner, should the President approve the same, and I am more than certain that none of these parties will secure such appointment under me, for the purpose of carrying out their schemes in that direction. I discovered this trick some time ago, and am glad that you are fortifying my position by saying what you do. There are a large number of applications for alloting Commissioner. It looks like now that the President will not approve the Act. I know that you are perfectly capable of filling the place, but can not make you any promises just at this time.

I have referred the matter of J. Joseph, merchant at Krebbs and Coalgate, to our District Collector, I.S. Lowery, and will urge him to take active measures to see that this Jew complies with the law. I have had some trouble with him before, when I was Governor, and failed to bring him up to the mark, but I will try him again and see what can be done with him.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.



# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 20, 1903

Mr Paul Harris,

Antlers, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst and note its contents. I already have your application on file for a position as Allotting Commissioner, and it will receive due consideration when it becomes my duty to make such appointments.

PSL(7)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



Grant St.

Jan. 21 1903

Gov. Green McClellain  
Kintah I. T.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 17 inst  
to hand contents noted  
I am sorry that the President  
disapproved the Bill for Lighthouse  
man. Now Gov. will have  
try to secure me a place on  
the Police force. I need the  
position. I will consider  
it a personal favor.  
I do not know whether

7  
Township 22

Sec - 18 - 1 quarter

South west corner

Section 17 - 1 quarter

Section 17 - 1 quarter

South west

Sec - 21 -

1 quarter

Section

South west



Sure Stephens have been  
 appointed on mat. The President  
 disapproving the Bill leaves me  
 with out a job. I can get  
 up a petition and send to  
 the Indian agent if necessary  
 and will you try the Indian  
 agent at once and see what  
 about it. Let me hear from  
 you in regard to the matter.

Yours Truly

J. H. Everidge

P.S.

if I don't get something  
 the other side will run me  
 me a death

Township 22

Sec - 18 - 1 quarter

South west corner

Section 17 - 1 quarter  
South east

Sec - 2 - 1 quarter  
South west



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 21, 1903

Mr N.J. Holson,

Sumnerfield, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your kind letter of recent date in which you invite me to be present at the special term of Court to be held on February 3, 1903. It would afford me pleasure to be with you on that occasion, if possible. I am looking for advises every day calling me to Washington D.C., in the Chickasaw Freedmen suit, and it may be that I will be absent when court convenes; otherwise I shall take pleasure in being present and advising the people what I deem to be to their best interests in the winding up of the affairs here.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.



Department of Justice.

OFFICE OF

United States Marshal,

EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

January 21-1903

Gov. G. McCurtain

Dear Sir.

I do wish the President would approve the action of the late extra session of the Choctaw Council - for I see or heard that the cattlemen in Chickasaw County sent a man as agent to the Choctaw Country, and got nearly all of the full bloods to sign the papers Call, Power of Atty, with promise of money every month for rent or lease, and now the only salvation for full bloods is, the Inspector of deeds and allotting Agents, as passed and approved late extra Council - I am going to leave here this evening at 4 O'clock for Atlanta - Ga - I received the Power of Attorney you sent me and thank you for same, may God be with and bless you and yours - is my prayer - your friend, S. E. Hottel



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 29, 1903

Peter J. Hudson, Auditor,

Tushkahomra, I. T.

Dear sir:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Ed S. Bowran is entitled to a warrant for \$32.50, the same being in payment of services as Lighthorseman while taking care of the Capitol building. Please issue this warrant to him for this amount. (13 days at \$2.50 per day; \$32.50)

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kantah, Ind. Ter., January 21, 1903

Mr J.J.Lewellen,

Mount Pleasant, Texas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th in which you ask as to whether or not you could introduce cattle into the Choctaw Nation, and by renting a pasture from a citizen, hold the same. In reply I desire to say that the laws of the Choctaw Nation prohibit the introduction of cattle here for the purposes set forth in your letter at any time. There are a great many cattle shipped into this territory, however, by parties who smuggle them in contrary to the law.

PSLW

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



TISHOMINGO, I. T.,

Jan 21 1902

Hon Green McCurtain

San Boise I.T.

Dear Sir

I have for sale a good farm on the  
Washita river about 11 miles from Pauls Valley  
2000 acres under since 1600 under cultivation  
500 acres bottom land 1 1/2 miles from Depot  
R.R. runs through the place. all good land  
no rock on it. Will sell cheap. If you  
know of any <sup>parties</sup> ~~one~~ wanting a fine farm  
for settlement please refer them to me  
and oblige

Your old friend  
J. R. Pennie.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 22, 1903

Mr E.B. Hurndon,

Chula, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your communication of the 17th inst and am glad to hear that you are doing well in the collection of the royalties. In reference to Clark Bros, who refuse to pay, it would be well for you to make your charges directly against them on a separate sheet of paper, setting out that you have called on them and they have refused to pay said tax, and that you request their removal, as intruders, beyond the limits of the Choctaw Nation, as their continued residence here is considered detrimental to the welfare of the Choctaw people. When I receive this I will forward same to the Indian Agent at Muskogee, and ask him to take such steps as will enforce Clark Bros. to pay their tax or get out of the Nation.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.B.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 22, 1903

Mrs Mary E. Rogers,

Paola, I.T.

Dear Madam:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst in which you ask if the court claimants will be given another hearing. The court claimants have now until the 17th day of March, 1903 to file their suits in the citizenship court, claiming to be citizens either of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation. Those who fail to take advantage of the time between now and then to get into court will, as I understand it, forfeit all rights to lands in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation. Until that time I think it would be rather risky to file upon land held by court claimants.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 23, 1903

James Anderson,

Box, Oklahoma.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 13th, inst., and in reply to the same I desire to say that it is too late to think of making any contest for enrollment in the Choctaw Nation. The time has long since passed when even an application could be made for enrollment. My advise to you would be to save your money in this direction, and devote it to buying you a farm here from these Indians who will have lots of land to sell cheap. The Rogers you speak of in your letter was not a Choctaw but a Cherokee Indian, who had intermarried with a Choctaw.

P.L.(W)

Yours truly

Principal Chief G.M.



# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 23, 1903

Mr G.J. Stephens,

Bethel, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst and note what you say with reference to Smallwood Frazier's appearance on the 1st Monday in February. This is a matter with which the District Court will have to deal, and it seems to me that it is unnecessary ~~for him to~~ appear until the District Court convenes in next July, and the Grand Jury in that Court acts in the matter. The bond you enclose is herewith returned unsigned, as I do not feel, as an officer of the Nation, that it is appropriate for me to do so.

I will, see, so far as in my power, that he appears at the regular term of the District Court, which convenes in July next.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.M.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 23, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation,

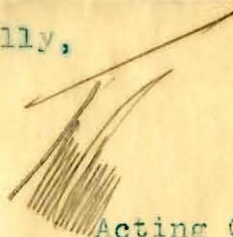
Kintah, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 5, introducing Mr. C. S. Vinson, a Choctaw by blood, who desires a position with this Commission as interpreter. You state that he is thoroughly reliable and competent, and you feel sure will give entire satisfaction.

In reply to your letter I have to advise that Mr. Vinson's application has been received, and will be given due consideration at the proper time.

Respectfully,



Acting Chairman.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, I.T., January 24, 1903

Mrs J.F. McCurtain,

Tushkahomma, I.T.

Dear madam:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Wm Rennie, of Tishomingo, Chickasaw Nation, stating that he had 3000 acres under fence and 1600 acres in cultivation, on the Washita river, in the Chickasaw County, 11 miles from Pauls Valley, for sale. I have written him today asking for definite location of same. The purpose of this letter is to inquire of you whether or not you would desire to buy a place in the Chickasaw Country. If this land is on the Washataw river it is unquestionably good land, however I can tell you more about the same when I hear again from this man. Please let me hear from you as to your wishes in this matter.

This leaves us all well, and trust will find you same.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 24, 1903

Mr Wm Rennie

Tishomingo, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 21st inst, and herewith request that You give me more definite location of the land mentioned in your letter. I am somewhat familiar with the lands in the Washita, and there are some lands there that I would not want and others that I would. Please give me the location of the place mentioned, giving township and range and section of same. Upon receipt of your reply I will advise you whether or not I desire to make purchase.

Yours truly,



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 24, 1903

Mr J. H. McClure,

Page, I. T.

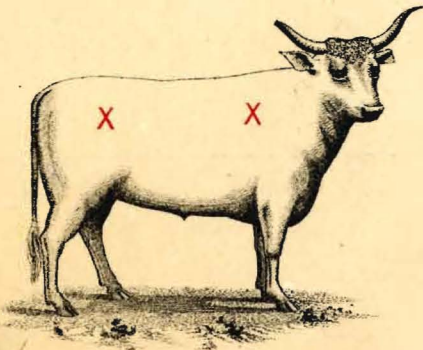
Dear sir:

I received the enclosed letter from some one and herewith enclose the same to you, thinking possibly you can inform me who the writer is so that I may answer the letter. If you can inform me who the author of this letter is I will endeavor to answer his letter.

Encl.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C. N.



**W. W. WILSON,**  
DEALER IN  
**LIVE STOCK.**

Oakville, I.T. January 26<sup>th</sup> 1903

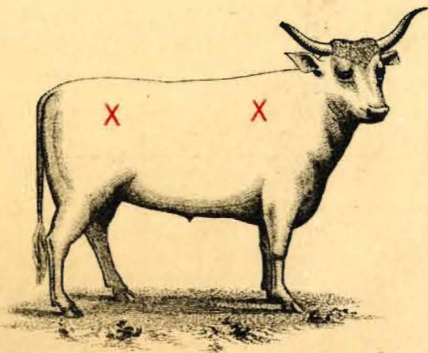
Hon. Green McBurnain  
Savo Bois  
I.T.

Dear Governor:

After thinking over the necessity and good of having a man to carefully examine all contract for leases of land, and being informed that our last council passed an act creating such office, I have decided to make application for this position in the event it is approved by the President, and provided the duties of this office will not cause me to be away from home too often, I think the salary is not enough, and could be increased by requiring the persons wishing to lease land to pay Ten dollars on making application.

Should I undertake to fill such a position I will endeavor to protect our poor ignorant class of people, Now





**W. W. WILSON,**  
DEALER IN  
**LIVE STOCK.**

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if you think the position will suit me and you will assist in having salary increased as mentioned on any other way I will except the same provided you see fit to thus honor me

Yours Very Truly  
W.W. Wilson

P.S.

I also take pleasure in recommending P.C. Horns of Antlers I.T. as a suitable and worthy person for one of the locating Commissioners. Any thing you can do for him will be very much appreciated by him and his many friends -  
W.W.W.



Page 15. Jan. 26, 1903  
Hon. Green M. Curtin  
Principal Chief C. N.

Dear Gov.

I am just in receipt  
of yours of 24 inst. inclosing a letter you  
had received from some one at Gilmore  
with no name signed to it, charging me  
with removing my improvements &c.  
I do not know the hand writing and can  
not imagine who it can be, but I do  
know he is a coward & a meddler.

I will take the liberty<sup>2</sup> of keeping the Gilmore  
letter for a while & try to locate the  
Gentleman, for I am anxious for you  
to answer him. Now as to the improvements  
I have been moving, I have simply been  
trying to comply with the law & shaping  
my premises up preparatory for allotment,  
all of which of course you understand.  
Many thanks for the courtesy in sending  
me the letter.

your friend  
J. H. McClure



McCurtain, I.T.

Jan. 26th 1903,

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Sans Bois, I.T.

Sir:

I will write you, now in regard to Tom Luce who is having some trouble getting a certain non-citizen off of his place, that he had bought of Mrs. McGilberry, and this man Lee Whitsen claims an account against the place, In the first place, it was E.B. Ward was the man that rented the place last year, and to pay \$1.00 per acre, and repair the fence and cover the house, and that he has not rented for this year, and I do not see how this man Whitsen could claim any thing against the place, I guess he is just there as an unlawful detainer, as I have interpreded for the old lady McGilberry, that this man Ward had been renting the place for \$2.00 before, Whitsen was not known as far as that is concern, and Luce wants him removed. do you suppose the U.S. authority could fix papers to have him put out. that is to get an order from U.S. Commissioner, probably, only through by Governor,

let me hear from you soon if you please, as I told Tom I would find out for him.

I remain,


Yours Respectfully,

Turner McGilberry

My 12.00 of 7-6-6 70  
planed 10.00 16 1000  
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J. S. MERRYMAN,

DEALER IN

General  Merchandise.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

Country Produce Bought and Sold.

SPIRO, I. T., 1-26 1903.

The Hon. Green M. Curtin

P. O. C. H.,

Sans Bois, I. T.

Honored Sir

I have been thinking of opening an Office here for the purpose of assisting the Citizens down here in locating and describing their preparatory to allotment. And have written The Kansas Commission on the subject. What would be your idea regarding such a thing -

Many of the People know nothing regarding land measures & they will necessarily have to have some help for from some one and seems to me that it would be a great deal better for them to have their lands properly described before they go to the land Office and



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SPIRO, I. T., \_\_\_\_\_ 1903.

Thus avoid a lot of trouble at the  
land Office and it would not be  
near so expensive - because would not  
have to wait so long at the Land Office  
to get their property located & described.

Please give me an expression  
of your ideas on the subject,

Yours truly

J. S. Merryman



Cattle Brand—Left side and hip.  
Marks—Crop, split right, and crop, under  
bit left; also some under-back left; and  
under-bit right ear; some B F R on side  
and hip, marked crop, split left ear,  
swallow fork upper-and-under-bit right.

# W. F. ROGERS, Notary Public.



Horse Brand—On left shoulder; some  
B F R shoulder.

Hog Mark—Crop, split right, crop under  
bit.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., Jan. 26 1903

Gov. Green M. C. C. C.  
S. Boise, Ind. Ter.

Dear Friend, - Would like to make a request  
of you, and that is the appointment of allotting  
agent, that is if the act creating that office  
last Council was approved and becomes a law  
Should you see fit to make the appointment my  
motto shall be as it <sup>always</sup> has been and is now. "Protect  
the interest of our people and more especially  
the full-bloods."

Hope to hear from you at an early date  
I am, as ever, your Friend.  
W. F. Rogers.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 26, 1903

Mr J.H.Everidge, Jr.,

Grant, I.T.

Dear sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst received, and in reply will say that I think the best thing you could do with reference to securing an appointment as Indian Police would be to petition the Indian Agent. You send this petition to the Agent and advise me when the same is forwarded and I will do all in my power to secure the place for you. I am very sorry that the President dis-approved the lighthouse bill, but I did all in my power to get the same approved. Attend to this matter right away, and let me hear from you. I do not know that anything can be done, but we will do the best we can.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



Ardmore I.T. 1/27/03

Hon. Green McFurtain  
Tuskahoma,

Dear Sir  
I take the liberty of calling  
your attention to the fact that  
several hundred Mississippi Choctaws  
have been brought to this town  
by a syndicate headed by  
one J.E. Arnold. There are something  
like 150 quartered here in one  
house. There has been a number  
of deaths among <sup>them</sup> and a great many  
sick <sup>now</sup>. The chances are that these  
poor full bloods will suffer if  
something is not done for  
them. There should be some  
one appointed to look after  
their interests and the Contracts



Roberts, Poland & Bruce,

Successors to

Roberts & Poland,

GENERAL INSURANCE.

Ardmore, Ind. Ter.

of these poor people. When they  
left Miss. their parties told  
them they were to go to the  
Choctaw Nation. They have  
brought them here & so far have  
given them no homes. Myself &  
one or two more, are the only  
Choctaws living here. I am  
willing to do all I can for  
these people without remuneration  
but want authority to act.

Yours truly  
W. P. Poland



C. A. HANCOCK

General Merchandise

No 10 No

Caddo, Ind. Ter Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1903.

Hon Egan McCurtain,  
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation  
Char. S. C.

I have to report that  
there are very many Choctaws  
in Jackson County who  
are unable among the  
ones deserving assistance.  
They are as follows:

- (1) Louisa Gibson, about 54  
years old and blind and  
without anything at all to live  
on.
- (2) Ellen Carnes, 70 years old,  
feeble and unable to work and  
with nothing to live on at all.
- (3) Mary Profitt, about 60 years or  
more old, feeble not able  
to work, without anything to  
live on.

I know all these people myself



C. A. HANCOCK

General Merchandise

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and know that they deserve aid,  
and that they should have been  
included on the list; but it  
may be that their old age & the  
poverty of them from seeing to the  
matter.

I hope you will notify Mr.  
C. A. Hancock to furnish them  
goods as he has the other  
Nudy Choctaws in Jackson  
County. They deserve aid as  
much, probably more than  
any other Choctaws in the whole  
Nation. You will be feeding  
the hungry when you order their  
names placed on the roll of  
Nudy Choctaws.

Hoping you will attend to this  
at once, I am with best wishes.

Yours Truly -  
C. H. Lawrence

Noting, H.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 27, 1903

Judge Turner McGilberry,

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th, have to say that the only remedy Tom Luce has is to bring suit against this man Whitson for unlawful entry and detainer, in the United States Court. The Indian Agent would not entertain any charge of this kind, and in fact would not have any jurisdiction. As you are interpreting in this matter I would suggest that you advise Luce to bring suit in the U.S. Court for the unlawful entry and detainer of this place.

GMCC

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



Parsons I. T.

Jan 28-'03.

Hon. Green McCurtain:

Dear sir:—

When the  
Dawes Commission  
was at Garvin, my  
citizenship was  
denied because my  
mother disowned  
me.

She gave as her  
reason, that if I got  
my land I would  
marry a Texas man.

Every one in this  
part of the country  
knows that she is

my mother and that  
she has always ack-  
nowledged me as her  
daughter.

My mother's  
name is Kizzie Butler  
and she is a citizen  
and I appeal to you  
to see that justice  
is done me.

I have one child  
a grown daughter.

Hoping to hear  
from you.

I remain  
Very respectfully  
Amanda Mutchers-  
Parsons  
Ind. Ter.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 28, 1903

Mr J.S.Merryman,

Spire, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th inst., with reference to your opening an office at Spire for the purpose of assisting Indians to select and describe their allotments, I beg to advise that at the last session of the Choctaw Council, in December, there was an Act passed providing for the appointment of allotment Commissioners, whose sole duty will be to select and describe the allotment of Indians who do not know about these things. This Bill has been sent to the President of the United States for his approval, and as yet has not been passed on by him. It occurs to me, therefore that there would be no need for such an office as you contemplate opening.

GMcC

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Received of Mr. Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 1903

John Green M. D.

London, 29.

My dear friend, Sir,

I have wrote you several weeks ago, in regard  
to getting for this year, how I want to know so that  
after the land of this open some time this spring can be  
put this matter off. I had my doubt whether Government  
will ever execute article as proposed but I am ready if they want  
I think the Government ought to take some time of making  
holding religious and more religious, how they must be free  
as to rent their land for this year, and published  
in the paper as let every body know what to do, but  
being right about, how we are right on the one side  
about, then making a little hole between 33 land and  
the rest - put them out, and I have begun it now to  
go with the land as same section will not get it, esp  
really, then you are these merchants refuse to pay  
what got and the positively will not raise matter  
first to, how would you or any other man, could  
land on the same case to be tried by them certainly go  
against no money line and I was in hopes that we could  
right them out of 33 cents for this year, but I see now that we  
will gain, I had a man on my wife's place and he is no  
good, and I give him a written notice to get off or vacate



the place by the first of year, but he never has offered  
to give <sup>up</sup>, and now begin<sup>to</sup> claim this morning and he  
never has paid his permit as we agreed to and  
first of the year & paid myself, & told the man where  
& sent the place to him last year all agreeable and satis-  
faction of both parties that he could have the place  
for another <sup>year</sup>, but he did not complied with this verbal  
Contract; that I did not know the man and J. W. Durant  
our present sheriff recommended him to me and said that  
I need not look to him for a permit that he would get  
that for me but he fails to do so, but I am confident that this  
man is great friend to Durant and R. L. Williams he is attor-  
ney for this man and he told him he would guarantee  
for him to hold <sup>the</sup> place for another for fifty dollars.  
and I <sup>was</sup> satisfied our sheriff or in collusion with him se-  
cretly inteknowen to me, he acted curious to me every  
since taking a serious fight against you and supporters.  
This man Williams he is the man <sup>made</sup> speeches in behalf of  
Hunter faction, and sent Telegram to red river County  
and positively denied our report, Now he had chance to get  
revenge on me and said he was going to make me paid  
for it, & know they will beat me in court, & thought might be  
other chance to make him get off, and I want you to give  
me advise what to do, Your Obedient servant J. J. Gordon

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 29, 1903

Mr John McCarthy,

317 North 18 st.,  
Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear sir:

Your letter of the 17th ult, to G.W.Scott, has been handed to me. I have to say in reply that the act creating Alloting Comrissioners has not yet, and I fear will not, become a law. However your application has been placed on file, and will have consideration

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 29, 1903

Mr C.H. Lowman,

Caddo, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 27th inst wherein you inquire whether or not there can be any names added to the list of indigents, I beg to advise that it is now too late for any additions as the fund set aside for that purpose has been exhausted, or will be when all who are on the list have received their share.

As a member of the Commission who registered these indigent Choctaws, I was present at the appointed place in Jackson County, for the purpose of registering all those found to be in need, to participate in this fund. I have since learned, that a great many people who were really in need, were, on account of political differences, hindered from appearing for registration. I regret that I am unable to do anything in this respect, to help these old people.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.



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At CHANT CITY, I. T.

MCCURTAIN P. O.

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

1903

G. W. Scott

San Francisco I. T.

Dear Sir

I inclose herewith diagram showing  
the lands I located for myself and family to  
allot - if not segregated for Coal lands, and I ask  
the Governor McCurtain the other day, who I would  
have to apply to, to find out, and <sup>he</sup> told me, but - he  
could not give me his name, but - he said if I  
send you the papers you can forward it, - so please  
forward this at once and instruct him to send them  
to me at McCurtain P. O., I. T.

Yours Respectfully

Jerry Folsom