

Sans Bois, I.T., March 13, 1903.

Honorable Tars Bixby, Chairman,
Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

I enclose letter from J.J. Wadkins, of Harris, I.T., the interpretation of which is also enclosed, asking when the land office will open at Atoka, which is respectfully referred to your office for appropriate reply.

PSI(W)
Encl.

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.W.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 13, 1903

Mr J.J. Watkins,

Harris, I.T.

Dear sir:

I received your letter of recent date, and have forwarded the same to the Dawes Commission, with an interpretation, for a reply. I hope that the Department will yet decide to establish a branch land office in your section of the country, for the convenience of the people. I have realized for some time that it was necessary, in order that the poorer classes might appear at the land office, in person, in order to allot their lands. It is not safe to give this authority to anyone, as there will be such opportunities for fraud, that the Indians must be careful. You will not doubt receive a response from the Dawes Commission at an early date. Advise your people down there not to give powers of attorney to anyone to act in their behalf.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 13, 1903.

Mr M.J. Brown,

Kullituklo, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter, enclosing a petition in which you ask for letters of administration upon the estate of J.M. Brown, deceased. I notice what you say in your letter with reference to giving bond for the amount of money and lands that may become the property of these heirs, under the Supplementary and Atoka Agreements. Judge Taylor's construction of the law is correct, and it is his duty, as County Judge, to see that the estate of these minor heirs is protected by a good and sufficient bond of the administrator and guardian. There can be no question as to the correctness of this view, and you would make a mistake to proceed otherwise. You can show this letter to Judge Taylor, if you feel so disposed. I enclose you a petition which complies with the law under the terms of present treaties. It is not necessary to set out in the petition what land you will take for minor heirs, as you do not know yet yourself. A guardian will have to act for these minor heirs in the selection of their land. The court can require additional bond, should the amount due them exceed the amount set out in the petition. ~~Personal notice on Gordon and Adolphus Brown is not re-~~ quired, as under the law they have failed to make application within the time prescribed by law for that purpose. See Durant Code, page 148, Section 9.

PS: (7)

Encl.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 13, 1903.

Mr Ben Thompson,

Bokoshe, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am jist in receipt of your letter of recent date, enclosing a letter from S.E. Lewis, and note the contents of both letters. As I understand the case, there is nothing left for you to do except to bring an ejectment proceeding in Clayton's court, against Rayburn, where you will be permitted to show the facts stated in your letter. I do not believe there is any remedy to be found in Judge Holson's court, for you at this stage of the proceedings. If you do not want to bring ejectment proceedings in Clayton's court, you can raise these questions at the land office at Atoka, and make your contest there. I think the latter plan would be the most satisfactory, as this land will doubtless be allotted before you could get a decision in Clayton's court.

PST (W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 14, 1903.

Miss Ora V. Eddleman,

Muskogee, I.T.

My dear Miss Eddleman:

Enclosed you will find a short reminiscence of long ago as related by Governor McCurtain. He is quite a famous raconteur in these parts, and has a vast fund of stories, delightful to hear, but impossible to transfer to paper for the reason that the humor of the thing lay in the manner of telling it. If the written is up to the standard, let me hear from you and I will take pleasure in furnishing the Twin Territories with a series of articles.

With great respect, I am,

Yours Truly,

Sans Bois, I.T., March 10

Reverend J. S. Murrow,

Atoka, P.T.

Mr Dear Brother Murrow:

I am just in receipt of the "Indian Orphan" and read with much pleasure. I certainly appreciate your motives in the labor of love that you are now engaged in. I believe that my people are thoroughly impressed with your sincerity and earnestness to promote the happiness and future welfare of the Indian, and feel sure that the Indian orphan's property, under your charge, is in safe hands. God knows the Indian needs such friends in his hour of peril. If I had it in my power I would give your home, under your supervision, the authority to represent every Indian child in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation.

Wishing you many long years of usefulness in this gracious undertaking, I am, sincerely,

DSJ(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.W.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 14, 1903.

Mr Peter J. Hudson,

Tushkahomwa, I.T.

Dear sir:

The following is the list of the regular lighthorsemen
to whom you will issue quarterly warrants for this last quarter:

Ed Bowman, Capt.
J.W. White,
Sam Stephens,
Joseph Wesley,
Paul Stephens,

Rus Vance
Sam Bohanon,
Isaac Impson,
Jesse Christie,

POL(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.

South McAlester Mar. 15/1903

Hon. Green McCurtain P.M., Gov.

I received your letter, and was glad to hear from you.

I got moved to this place yesterday. I had been down to Atoka waiting on the Dawes Commission, about 150 parties who failed to appear before and a few children born before Sept. 25th 1902, also were enrolled. Now Gov. I am satisfied that there are a great many children born before Sept. 25th of Sept. 1902, in 2nd Dist, who have not been enrolled, now I think

it would be advisable for
 you to instruct John
 Taylor to appoint a
 meeting in all but Wade
 County, say giving about
 2 days ^{in each county} at each place and
 make out birth Certificates
 for these children, also he
 had better get a lot of death
 Certificates. The Lawes Com. will
 furnish both birth & death
 Certificates, if he will write
 to them.

There was an appropri-
 ation of Three Hundred dollars
 the last appropriation which
 he used to pay notary
 A. L. Watkins has

already attended to all those matters in his List, and I told him to make out his notary fee, and I would allow them.

The Choctaws of the 1st Dist, are 20 years ahead of the 2nd & 3rd Dist, and are able to take care of themselves, so do not need any assistance.

Green I have joined the Church, and I am doing my best to quit drinking but you know from experience that it is a hard job, but I am going kept on trying, and if

In your last to me
Will you please
get your name -
Will Anne Taylor -
Will Caroline
your name
expressed you

I fall, I will get up and
try again.

My family which only
consists of myself and my
Baby girl Ruth, are well
The balance are grown
and looking after them-
selves.

Hoping this may
find yourself & family
well.

I remain as ever
Your Friend.

D. E. Lewis

my reason for exempting Wade Co.
is that they are able to take
care of themselves, I want to
my job will

Geo. M^cGurtain

or find to the end of 1904,
 if it will, I will make
 my arrangements to suit.
 This has been my
 life work and as long
 as the Choctaw Nation
 needs my services I will
 stay here but as soon as
 I am through I want to
 go home, and get ready to
 meet the summons that
 awaits - us all. I am
 well fixed here and can
 retain the place with
 very little expense, as I
 was retained as atty. by the
 the place. I
 will be the chance

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to get my next warrant
Cash'd by G. W. S. Can't do
anything for me I can tell
to J. E. Sanguier at 15¢,
discount. Advise me in the
matter yours as ever
S. G. Lewis

Sans Bois, I.T., March 16, 1903.

Mr Lee Falsor,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th in t you are advised
that you made your application for appointment as Interpreter to
the proper place. This is a matter with which I have nothing to
do.

Yours truly,

Yours truly,

THE SAVAGE DRUG COMPANY.

Hartshorne, I. T.,

3/16

1903

Hon. Green M. Curtin
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir: As it is only ten days until the Cool Lands are to be set aside and 30 days until the Land Office opens, I would ask you to be so kind as to use your official influence with the Secretary of the Interior to have the improvement of all citizens appraised as soon as possible as there is several thousand who are affected, and can not take up improvements of other places until paid for their present holding.

Very respectfully

Jno. P. Savage

Sans Bois, I.T., March 16, 1903.

Mr Peter Conser,

Conser, I.T.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 12th inst. in reference to Mary Karp and her children, whom you say have applied for a share of the fund appropriated by Congress for Indigent Cheateas, have to say that the information you furnish does not enable this office to locate such persons as having been registered to participate in such fund. If you will give the names of the children, and the time and place at which Mary Karp applied to the Commission distributing this fund, we will see further as to whether or not they have been enrolled.

With reference to the Notice received by Mary Karp to appear before the Dawes Commission at Atoka, have to say that it will now be necessary for her to prove her lawful marriage, and all the circumstances connected with same; this applies to both marriages. It will also be necessary for her to prove that she did not receive said notice to appear at Atoka until the time had expired in which she was to appear. It will be necessary for her to do this at once or she will be lost, in this respect.

CHC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 17, 1903.

Mr John P. Savage,

Hartshorn, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst and desire to thank you for the same. I have had this matter in mind all the time, but the nearness of the time of opening the land office had escaped me, and I had overlooked the matter of urging this appraisement at once. I will take steps to urge that the appraisement of these improvements be finished at the earliest possible moment.

OMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 17, 1903.

Mr W.H. McKinney,

Antlers, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your card wherein you state that the Locke family are proud, since Dukes is Chief. I think they will have to get proud again, as Dukes has not got the Chief's office, and there is no danger of his getting it. These salaried Howlers will have to wait until the next election and then work for the Chief's office, if they get it. The best thing to do is to keep still and let the talking, as their talk is not expensive to buy booze."

Wishing you

W.C.C(W)

Principal Chief, I.T.



HOTEL MAIN

Fort Smith, Ark., March 18 1903

Hon. Green M^cCurran,
Kiuta, I. T.

Dear Sir:

Will you please in-
form me about what day I can
find you at home. I wish to see
you in some business of im-
portance to me. Or will you
be in Fort Smith soon? Kindly
let me hear from you at your
convenience, and oblige,

Yours,

Geo. T. Williams

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Featherston, I. F., Mar. 18., 1903

Gov. Green McBurntain,

San Boise, I. T.

My Dear Sir:--If it will not inconvenience you to much I will be very glad if you will drive over to Kinta Saturday morning, that I might have a few minutes interview with you on some points of business that is of considerable importance to myself and I have an idea that you would be able to advise me as to whether it would be safe to proceed. As far as I have gone in the matter now, it will damage me considerably if I am not able to carry plans to completion. I have purchased my wire and have made contracts with a number of persons to use their allotments for grazing purposes, and as a good portion of our land south of here is 7 A. and 8 B. and only fit for grazing it is to their interest as well as ours that we utilize the grass. I would not ask you to drive out to meet me, but fear I would be unable to make the drive out to see you and catch the train back the same day.

Very truly your friend,

L. C. Featherston, L. C. F.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 18, 1903.

Mr W.H. McKinney,

Antlers, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst wherein you request me to secure you an appointment as interpreter for the Dawes Commission. In reply have to say that I have already recommended another person for this place. There is only one such appointment, as yet, and my recommendation has already gone in for that. I did not know that you wanted a place as interpreter. I have your application on file for appointment as Allotting Commissioner, and if the bill is approved I will take pleasure in giving your application serious consideration. This bill has not, as yet, been passed upon by the Department, and until that time I can not do anything in this matter.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 18, 1903.

Mr N.B.Crawford,

Atlanta, Miss.

Dear sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th inst, wherein you inquire with reference to the number of convicts, etc, have to say in reply that we have no penitentiary. Our mode of punishment is whipping for most crimes. When a person is convicted of murder he is shot.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly

Nov. 19. 63

Hon Green M^r Custer
San Bo's - Ind. Ter
Dear Sir:

Enclosed
you will find a
letter recd by
me last year
requesting me to
appear before
the Kansas Com.
I was sick at
the time and
could not appear
in person. But
on the 24th day
of last Nov. before
the Commission
was at Carwin,

I put in my application for citizenship through my mother Kizzie Butcher. She helped me and my sister Mandy Muchie. But sister that time, my sister has been admitted and I now desire recognition.

I am the woman referred to in the letter - Harriet Butcher, oldest daughter of Kizzie Butcher, sister to Mandy Muchie.
Please forward

this to the Cause. To the
the civilized tribes —
if you can not
furnish me even
the information —
Very Respect —
Harriet Butler

Parsons, Ind Ter —
Via Hugo —

I can swear to —
all I have written

Kosminsky & McFaddin.



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Mr Jno. Tullet,
Chief of Police,
Fort Smith Ark.

Dear Sir:-

The enclosed you herin find a permit of last season, which through your kindness we secured and if you can give us a permit for the coming spring it will be appreciated very much. We had a mo. permit last April and we are now on our way to this trip and expect to be back in a few days. Thanking you in advance and with many thanks for past favors- we are,

Yours very truly,

T. C. McFaddin

Sans Bois, I.T., March 20, 1903.

Mr L.C. Featherston,

Featherston, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst and in reply will say that I will meet you at Kintah, as requested, on Saturday, the 21st inst.

GMCCW

Yours truly,

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Fort Smith, Ark 3/20/03

Have been in certain
 I am Boas
 Dear Gov: Mr A G Williams, W J Echols,
 myself and others want to leave
 for an April 3rd for an
 outing in the Territory.

Will you kindly
 send me permission to
 do so.

Yours &c
 W. W. Webber

Sans Bois, I.T., March 21, 1903/

Mr George T. Williams,
Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date and in reply have to say that I do not know when I will be in Fort Smith. However I will be at home and if you will advise me I will come to Kintah and meet you, at any time convenient to yourself.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

TO THE PERSON RECEIVING THIS LETTER:—Do not come to visit prisoners on Sundays, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas or Saturday afternoon. **You will not be admitted.**

Parties corresponding with prisoners must observe carefully the following directions, Viz:—Write plainly in English. Confine yourself strictly to business or family matters. In directing letters, write prisoner's name and number plainly, **in ink**, on the envelope. In sending letters, newspapers, etc., use stamps enough to insure delivery. Write nothing on newspapers except prisoner's name and number. Daily and weekly papers of a respectable character, magazines, religious papers and books, family photographs, plain towels, comb, brush, tooth powder or soap, tooth brush, a small hand mirror, suspenders and **plain** white handkerchiefs are admitted during prisoner's good conduct. All letters and papers are closely examined. Money may be sent by draft or postal order. Money so sent will be kept in the office to the prisoner's credit and paid to him on his release, or it may be sent on his order, upon the approval of the Warden, to relatives or friends. **No eatables, liquids, tobacco or cigars, will be admitted, nor any articles except those mentioned above.** Chewing tobacco and toilet soap are furnished by the Government. No smoking permitted. Prisoners can write but once every two weeks, and see friends or relatives **not oftener** than **once** in four weeks, except on special written permission of the Warden, obtained before coming to the Penitentiary. All letters to prisoners should be addressed in care of **P. O. Box 7, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.**

TO THE PRISONER:—Write plainly in English. Do not interline. Put but one line of writing on each ruled line. Letters addressed to "General Delivery" in large cities will not be mailed.

PUT YOUR NAME AND REGISTER NUMBER HERE.

Name *Abel McElherry*
Register No. *2970*

Prisoners are permitted to write only on this style of paper and with pencil, except by a special order.

March 22nd 1903

PUT FULL ADDRESS OF YOUR LETTER HERE: GIVE TOWN, COUNTY AND STATE, Street and Number in Cities of Free Delivery.

Name *Gov Green M. Mountain*
No. _____ Street _____

Town *San Bois*

County _____ State *Ind. Terry.*

Dear Friend

I received your letter of the 12th. And I read it with the greatest of pleasure. And your good advice to me. I think my self that Conners is not trying to do any thing in towards of my case. I cant hear from him at all. I wish you would git Turner to see Conners. And see if he has taken the case to Supreme Court or not. I want to know for this is propoosition he made if he has not taken the case to Supreme at. why then, I want another Lawyer all on some thing in my case. And the matter. I will leave it with you. for you to git me another Lawyer. And for this Lawyer is to git ant petition for pardon for me. my own individual. Separate from those other boys. Separate petition is what we want. And those other boys will write to you in a few days. Isaac is writing to Conners today. Green. which ever you think is best. I am willing if you think Conners will ^{not} care for us to

employ another Lawyer, this I
would like to do, I no one thing, no lawyer
has paid him \$43.00 since we have been
convicted. Paid him this much to get to
come hear, and I had done paid him
82.00 before we went in for trial. &
for this reason, I don't think much he
would care for me to employ another
Lawyer, I want your advice on this.
I think my self, it is foolish
to give any more money to Mr. Czarnes
if I could only hear from him very once in
a while. I would be little satisfied
and to no that he is trying to do some
thing in this case I would be well satisfied
but not a thing. I can hear from him
or may be in the case.
you could write to Mr. Czarnes. And
found out your self for me what
ever he has done with the case.
if you could do so, I could only say
sincerely thanks to you.

So this is all, I want
to hear from you soon as possible.

Yr Friend
O. H. Kana Akula

Abel H. G. G. G.

COMMISSIONERS:
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THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,
W. E. STANLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Sans Bois, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 23, 1903, requesting the classification of certain lands in the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

You will find inclosed herewith a diagram of Township 7 N, Range 22 E., upon which has been stamped the classification of the lands described in your letter.

You will also find inclosed herewith a schedule of the classification of the lands of the Choctaws and Chickasaws and a table showing the number of acres of each class that will constitute an allotment, according to its classification and appraised value.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Sahs Bois, I.T., March 27, 1903.

Mr Amos Henry,

Walls, I.T.

Dear sir:

I herewith enclose plat showing the
lands, which you requested me to ask the Commission for. This
will enable you to finally decide about your allotment.

This leaves all well;

GMCC(W)
Encl.

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

W. O. B.

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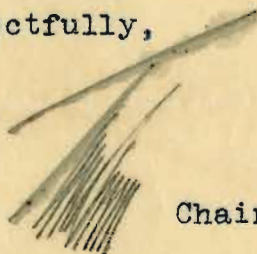
Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Sansbois, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 19, inclosing reports of Isaac J. Impson, National Light Horseman relative to the illegal sale of timber in the Choctaw Nation by Tobias Edwards and Walton James. This information has this day been transmitted to the United States Indian Inspector for Indian Territory, for such action by his office as may be deemed advisable in the premises.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

W. J. B.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Kintah, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 27 inclosing reports of Isaac J. Impson, National Light Horseman of the Choctaw Nation, relative to the illegal sales of timber in the Choctaw Nation by certain citizens of the Choctaw Nation named therein. This information has this day been transmitted to the United States Indian Inspector for Indian Territory for such action by his office as may be deemed advisable in the premises.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

W. O. B.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 24, 1903.


Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Kintah, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 12, inclosing letters written in Choctaw from William Garland, Ben Shoemaker and D. A. Colbert, and the same are herewith returned to you for the reason that the Commission has no interpreter to translate these letters from Choctaw into English.

If you will have translations made of these letters and return them to this office the inquiries contained therein will receive proper consideration.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

AB 1-24

E. W. Moore,

Mayor of Incorporated Town of
Heavener, I. T.

HEAVENER, I. T., 3/25 1903

Gov Green McCusker
Surrey Barr, N.

Dear Gov:-

Please give me
the law in regards to a
non citizen holding more
cattle in the Choctaw nation
than the law allows.

Please tell me how
much tax is per head
over his ten (10) head of
cattle.

Let me hear from
you soon & delight

Yours truly

E. W. Moore

Sans Bois, I.T., March 25, 1903.

Harriet Butler,

Parsons, I.T.

Madam:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst enclosing a letter from the Dawes Commission, and asking that I assist you in this matter. The question of your enrollment is entirely with the Dawes Commission, and I can not offer you any suggestions at this time that would be of advantage to you in the matter. I herewith return the letter of the Dawes Commission.

BSL(W)
Encl.

Yours truly

Principal Chief C.N.

Talibina, Ind. Ter. Mar. 25th 1903.

Now Green McCurtain P. C.
Kinta, Ind. Ter.

Dear Gov:- As I have not heard
from you in a long time, I thought
I would write you a few lines.
I am quite well at the present time,
hope you are the same.

All the Hunter ^{and} Dukes faction
in this County are splitting up very
badly. They are now saying that
they are in the wrong, and want
to be in the right. But I fear
Dukes ^{and} some of his followers
are still in the same fix as they
were last Council. But all
the Wood outfit are against
them, and we are now trying
to get a good man nominated
for Representative. I think we
will get them with a good
majority next August. I fear
we will have to get up and
move around to make our point.
We have petitioned to our National
Chairman H. P. Ward to appoint

County Chairman for our county, &c
Well I have not yet heard
from the "Dawson Com." Concerning
my position in the Land Office.
but I have not lost any hopes
whatever. I received a letter
from my friend Jeff Ward
of Spiro, the other day. He
seemed to be uneasy. And in
response to his letter I told
him to rest easy. That when
the Com. was ready for us they
would notify us, and not
before then.

How do you think
will likely to run for Treasurer
and Auditor? As for my self
I think Scott & Hudson
are good men for that position.
As they are acquainted with
that office. As I am in great
haste I must bring my letter
to a close, Hoping to hear from
you soon. Accept my best wishes
for your success.

I am Dear Sir,
Levi N. Prohman

Lehigh Ind Terry
March 25th 1903

Gov Green Mcburnain

Dear Gov

I received
your letter some time since and I
am glad to know that we are
of the ^{same} opinion as to trying to
gaurd our people in their rights
but I am sorry to know that
so many of them care so little
for themselves and are so easily fooled
and also I am sorry and vexed to know
that there are so called educated choctaws
and half breeds that are doing all
they can to help the whiteman
beat ^{them} and nine times out of ten these
fellows are the whole cause of it
this I can not prove but when I hear
wolves howling in the woods I know
what kills my pigge although I cant
prove it.

well Gov I saw ^{your} letter in the
Citizen in regard to a Constitutional
Convention and I am with ^{you} I think it
all right. the Indians should have
a voice in the matter and a big voice,
let the Governors of the several tribes
call a meeting of members of the
tribe let them formulate a plan
and call or better still authorize
the governors to appoint men to
a convention whose duty be to form
a constitution let these members be
about half noncitizens and half Indian
from each nation. the constitution thus
formed to be submitted to the whole
people of the Indian Territory for their
approval or rejection, and election be
called by the said convention or the
several Governors of the nation for
that purpose. and if approved by the
majority of the people submitted to Congress
amakoba yours sincerely
C. S. Vinson

Sans Bois, I.T., March 25, 1903.

Honorable Jos. A. Taff,
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I have just forwarded, in today's mail, to Senators Bates and Platt, a letter a copy of which I enclose. I was informed by Mr. Lester that you would call by to see me on your way to Washington and have held the letters hoping that I would get to see you. If there is anything that I can do further in this matter you must call on me, as I am exceedingly anxious that the lands selected as coal lands shall go for their full value when they are put up for sale. I feel that you are thoroughly capable of explaining to purchasers the exact situation of coal, its depth, thickness, etc., and I would be glad to see you named for the place.

PSL(W)
Encl.

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.

McAlester, Ind. Ter.

March 25 1903

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Govenor Choctaw Nation,

San Rois, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my report of expenses incurred while in the performance of my official duty, in removing intruders and other official acts:

Aug. 2 One trip to Cameron myself and one man

Aug. 12, Two trips to Crowder, myself and man ----- -\$50.00

Oct. One trip to Chance City, Cowlington and

Spiro, Myself and one man -- - - - - \$65.00

Nov. One trip to Globe myself and one man - - - - \$25.00

Dec. Two trips to Durant attending court -- -- - -\$40.00

Interest on money used. - - - - - \$25.00

Total expense incurred \$205.00

The American National Bank sold the One Thousand Dollar warrant for Eight Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars And they hold me for One Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars.

Respectfully submitted for ^{you} consideration and action,

W. M. May

U. S. Indian Police.

TUSHKAHOMMA, IND. TER., Mar. 26th 1903

Gov. Green M. Curtain,
Kinta, Ind. Ter.

Received your letter in reference
to Eagle County Sheriff -

Indian Police who were at Tushkahomma
last Oct are writing to this Office for their pay -

In reply I informed them to get certificates
from the Principal Chief - provided the appropriation
has been approved by the President.

At my request Natl Secretary furnished
Certified Copies of "Relief bills" of Mrs. J. S. M. Curtain,
Mother M. Virginia and Hon J. W. Everidge but
failed to give the dates of the approval of these
bills by the President - which delays the issuance
of warrants - It is necessary to give the
date of the approval by the President -

It is recommended -

Chi Kana

Peter J. Hudson

Indian Territory Cotton Products Co.
Plant at Spiro, I. T.

Spiro, I. T; Mar'-26'- 1903;

Honorable Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Sans-bois, Ind' Ter;

Dear Sir;

Yours of a few days since with inclosures, came to hand, and are herewith returned; I must say that I am sincerely grateful for the favor conferred, and will consider my self under many obligations to you for your kindness;with best respects, I am as ever yours

very respectfully

J. D. Ward

Chant. H.
3-27-03

Hon. Green M^c Curtain
Sang Bois.

It
Dear Sir & Friend -
Curtain parties are selling
lots too noncitizens, and
telling them if this
(Chant) is not given
a townsite, all set
aside for coal lands.
They will take ten
acres here and the people
who have bought of
them willnt have
to pay again for
their lots.

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Will you kindly
advise me on the
subject. As a great
many noncitizens
has asked me about
it. Will those parties
be compelled to take
their allotment there?
They have not made
affidavits to that effect.

Yours truly

Floyd Nevins

(McCurtain St)

J. W. GOSTILOW,

... Dealer In ...

General Merchandise

And Plantation Supplies.

Cotton and Live Stock Bought and Sold.

Lukfata, I. T.

March 27th 1903

Wm Greene McCurtain
Sams Barr. I.T.
Dear Sir Enclosed herewith
please find a letter from
the Dawes Commission which
will explain its self but does
not contain the information I
want and any information
or help you can give me in
this matter will certainly be
appreciated. So far as my
enrollment as a citizen of the
Chactaw Nation is concerned
I do not expect it but I
would very much like and think
I should be allowed to select
land and act in every way
for my children as I have
their interest more at heart than
any one else could possibly have

J. W. GOSTILOW,

... Dealer In ...

General Merchandise

And Plantation Supplies.

Cotton and Live Stock Bought and Sold.

Lufketa, I. T., 190.....

And Most of the Choctaws
living in this Part of the
Country will do well to look
after their own interest.
but if I must have a guardian
appointed for my children
I would like to know for sure
so that I could have someone
competent and worthy but
it certainly seems to me that I
could and should be allowed
to act for them
any help or information you
may be fit to give me in this
matter will be appreciated by
your friend
J. W. Castlow

Sans Bois, I.T., March 27, 1903.

Mr Abel McGilberry,

Box 7, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 22nd inst and I fully note contents. You boys let me know when you hear from Cravens, and tell me what he proposes to do in your case. I will in the mean time have Turner see Cravens personally.

We are all well except Lena, who has been ill for some time.

GMCC(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 27, 1903.

Mrs Norma E. Smiser,
Atoka, I.T.

Dear Mrs Smiser:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date. You stated therein that one Newman had written me with reference to some matter. The purpose of this letter is to tell you that I have not, as yet, received any such letter, and if it was a matter of any consequence it might be well to advise him.

This leaves us all well.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 28, 1903.

Mr E.W.Moore,

Heavener, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst wherein you inquire what the law is with reference to non-citizens holding cattle in the Choctaw Nation; and in reply have to say that there is no law authorizing the collection of tax on cattle Owned by Non-citizens, and the only law now in force in the Choctaw Nation allows only ten head of cattle to each non-citizen head of a family. who is required to have a permit.

GMCC(7)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.
ORVILLE H. PLATT, CHAIRMAN.
N.W. ALDRICH H.M. TELLER.
S.M. CULLOM H.D. MONEY.
JAS. H. MILLAN J.P. TALIATERRO.
JNO. C. SPOONER F.M. SIMMONS.
WM. J. DEBOE.
H.E. BURNHAM.
CHAS. G. PHELPS, CLERK.

SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH CUBA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

March 28, 1903.

Mr. Green McCurtain

Sans Bois, Indian Territory.

My dear Sir:-

I have just received your letter of March 19, and shall be glad to call the attention of the secretary of the interior to the appointment of the coal commissioner.

Very truly yours,

O. H. Platt

Sans Bois, I.T., March 28, 1903.

Honorable Tars Bixby, Chairman,

Muskogee, I.T.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 25th inst wherein you return letters of inquiry written in Choctaw from William Garland, et al, and stating that you have no interpreter to translate these letters from Choctaw to English. The translation of these letters was the very thing that I desired to avoid, and I, for that reason, sent them to your Commission, supposing that you had interpreters. Had I had the information in my office I would not have bothered you with them, but as I had not, I respectfully requested that you answer the inquiries.

CMC(W)

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.

Blanco J. F.
March 29, 193

Mrs. E. H. Rival

Dear friend, I will
answer you, now let you know
that I am well
well I feel very sorry where
now since I run off and
I am home, great then
I want go to school again
back there in
September I am staying at
Mr. Yapping now I am
to Blanco City
is any more boys run off home
since I run away from there
and I live in this country
I feel very sorry

and kept me in weariness
at South. M. Easter
about two weeks ago

and since then I have like
gone but me would them fallers
did trying to lead on me
for see in the and
the well but that what well.
one day hall want come that time
after that day and
ask them and the well but
and tell them and
after that
head in fail at South town
that's about all in this write
I haven't got nothing much to say

Is my
pastor

Blanc's

I will abide for this time
and yours friendship

M. E. Cornilins

W. A. Murray

Hugo Ind. Terr.
Mar. 29-1903.

Gov. Green McCurtain

Dear friends,

I will write to
you this morning to form that
I am well, but my lovely wife
died two weeks ago.

I hope you all are well.
Say these people down here
trying to run their blues over me
my wife's father are trying to
beat me out of my property
which my wife had, they
say when man's wife die and
had no child her property and
land goes to father, that is what
judge Cook told my father in law
so he wants her land and property
but I told him that would not
do at whatever. They just doing this
because they all are hunter men
and they know I am for you that
is why they are trying to cut me
down as low as they can, so I write
to you and get more advice from
you how is the best way to do.
It not ~~not~~ right for me to give

up my wife's property or anything
else is it.

You must write soon and tell
how is the best way to do.

Say haven't you any kind of place
you could give me I live in
Kiamishi County now.

I thought this we had little
choctaw law yet any if we go by it I can
beat him. yet but if that Ark. law is
right I don't know what to do so let
me hear from you soon.

Nothing more I will close.

Yours friend
H. E. Nowhays.

J. H. FOSTER
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
411 Garrison Avenue
Both Phones

Fort Smith, Ark., 2/29, 190

Gov. Green McClinton
High Chief Chotaw

My dear Sir,

On Apr 13, 1903 I wish
to take a friend & our family
to the mouth of Broken Lake
in your country for a ten
day fishing trip. Will
you kindly send me a
permit so that I may not
be troubled? Very Oblige
Yours Admiring
James H. Foster

Bokoshe 9 T 5 30 1903

Hon Green Mountain Sabois

Dear Sir yours at hand will you
Please write me just how to
proceed in making a contest at
Atoka and will you attend to it
for me If you will I will

Pay you well for your trouble
Let me hear from you By
Return Mail

B F Thompson

3/30/1903..

Krebs, Ind. Terry-
Mr. Green, McCurtain,
Princeple Chief of the
Choctaw Nation.

Kind Sir

I write you to know if they will
bea any Payment to the
Choctaws any ways soon. Some
of us havent money to Pay our
Expences to the Land Office
and I under stood that tha
was a Properration made to
be to those in need and to
help them so tha could go to
the Land Office and if thare

is any money going to be Paid
to us soon Please say so

By Return Mail and

Oblige yours Respt-
J. W. Matthews.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 20, 1903.

Peter J. Hudson, Auditor,

Tushkahoma, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst wherein you state that the Indian Police are writing you for their warrants, but that you are not advised when the President approved the bills providing for payment of the same, and that you can not issue warrants until you know. In reply have to say that it will be necessary for you to write the National Secretary for this information, as this office is not advised when such action was taken.

GM&C(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 30, 1903.

Honorable Tans Bixby, Chairman,
Muskegee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of the enclosed letter from Edson Jefferson, of Smithville, I.T., which is written in Choctaw, but the substance of which is that at the time your Commission was registering in that part of the Country he had a sick child and was unable to attend; and that on the 24th of December, 1902 he went before a Notary Public and made affidavit to this fact, and to the birth of the child and sent the same to your Commission. He also states that he has not heard from your Commission with reference to the matter, and wants to know whether or not the child is on the roll. I will be pleased to have you advise me whether or not action has been had in the premises, or whether or not you received the affidavit of which he speaks in order that I may advise him in the premises. I have sent a Commissioner in that part of the country with 'Birth' and 'Death' blanks, and have written this party to go before him and make the affidavit on the proper blank. I will be pleased to have any instructions with reference to such matters as your Commission has to give, for my own information.

GMCC(W)
Encl.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

*Looking over
this letter
I notice
the name of
the in writer
about is left
out.
L. J. Jefferson*

Sans Bois, I.T., March 30, 1903.

Honorable Tans Bixby, Chairman,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

I enclosed you letter this A.M. from Edson Jefferson, of
Smithville, I.T., with reference to the enrollment of his child, and
did not state the name of the Child, which is Levicie Jefferson.

GMCC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 31, 1903.

Mr Floyd Nevins,

McCurtain, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst, and in reply will say that it is my understanding that all the country around Chant will be segregated as coal land, and can not therefore be set aside as townsite.

GMcC(W)

Yours truly

Principal Chief G.M.

— Nic Nash,

(West of Spring.)

Ankers, Indian Territory. 3/31/1903

Governor Green McCurtain

Law Bois, A.T.

Dear Governor;

Mr. J. M. Emis of this place has an orphan girl now about 12 years old. She is a half breed girl. He has had her by her mother's request since she was 3 years old. Mother & father both dead.

Mr. Emis has well provided for the child and is improving her a fine home. The child is a distant relation of Shuk Locke's wife. Locke now proposes to take charge of the child and it places Emis helpless unless he (Emis) can act as guardian for the child.

Emis is a non citizen. I wrote to ask your advice. Can Emis act as guardian? Judge Farr will appoint him if you agree. Please advise me by return mail as it is necessary to take the matter up first Monday in April. The child will be much better cared for under Emis. Resp. H. C. Nash.