

Telling, N.Y. 4/1 - 1907.

For Henry McCuttain Esq.
Telling, N.Y. 27.

As Mr. Deane has just finished a letter to you, I thought I would write you a few lines.

Obviously requires that you are that Mr. Deane gets the land desired. This is a place that has been improved for his wife's number of years. Secured the Com. (claim)

it to be prime timber land. That it is not enough prime on this land to build two good houses, as down only 1 mile from this place I think I heard as much about the land as any body.

I hope that Mr. Deane will have no trouble any more in getting this land for his wife. ~~He~~ Nothing more

Yours truly
Geo. Deane

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Donatich 2. N. Range 22. E. Sec. 10.

N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 10
Atto No N $\frac{1}{2}$ of W. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 10.

I herewith enclose a plat more than
(X) this more designates the
land desired to file out by
Emilia Beard.

I further state to you that we are
at present living on the land as
described in this letter. It is our
home. Therefore we earnestly request
that you see that we get what
we ask. I am anxiously
awaiting your reply. We shall
go to land office -

Yours truly
Hallea Beard

P.S.
This is for my wife

Barwell J. T.

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Hon. Green M^c Curtain
P. C. C. N.

Dear Friend

I will write
you in regards to
the approval of my
Name again as I
have never heard
any thing as yet what
they are doing about
it, as I am anxious
to know, so I can
select my land if
my name is approved
of for the Mississippi
Choctaws are filing
on adjoining quarter
to the land I have

fenced for my
allotment Why
is it that two of
my Brothers are
admitted and the
rest of us are not
It would be a favor
to me if you would
obtain the reason
for this delay from
the interior department
at an early date,
and notify me of
same as you promised
to see me placed
back on the rolls

I am depending
on you for support
Hoping you will
favor my interest
and let me hear
from you as early
as convenient—
Yours Respect.

Robt. Crowder

Boswell

J. T.

Kinta, I.T., April 4, 1904.

Honorable Tams Bixby, Chairman,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

I am just in receipt of a letter from Robert Crowder, of
Roswell, I.T., inquiring as to the reason of the failure of the Com-
mission to enroll him as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.
Crowder's wife is a duly enrolled Choctaw by blood, and so far as I
know his rights as a citizen of the Nation have been determined by
the Choctaw Council. I wish you would please inform me as to the
status of his case, and greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Kinta, I.T., April 4, 1904.

Honorable Tams Bixby, Chairman,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

I have been requested, by Robert Cooper, a duly enrolled Choctaw by blood, to address the Commission with reference to the enrollment of his infant son Henry, E. Cooper. He states that he appeared at the land office for the purpose of selecting allotments for his said son, and that he was informed that he would have to wait for about thirty days before making the final selection. I wish you would please advise me as to the reason for this delay in order that I may give him the information he seeks.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.B.

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF CHOCTAW TOWNSITE COMMISSION,

South McAlester, Indian Ty., April 4, 1904.
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Hon. Green McGurtain,

Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, Indian Ty.,

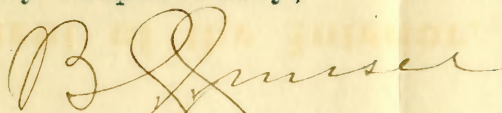
Dear Sir:-

Mr. Charles O. Shepard of New York has been appointed chairman of this commission and arrived in South McAlester on Saturday the second inst., to take charge of the work of the commission. Of course I have not had time to find out much about him as yet but I rather think he is a good man for the position, considering that he knows nothing of the work, which of course would be true of any one not having had actual experience in the work. I take him to be a man about fifty five years of age.

We are now working on the schedules and appraisements of the towns of Hugo, Hartshorne and Coalgate, and will take up other towns as soon as these are finished. I presume that we will be able to finish the bulk of the appraisements in the nation during the remainder of this calendar year, and perhaps the entire work of selling lots and trying contests by the end of the fiscal year 1905.

Should you visit South McAlester at any time when we are in the town, I wish you would let me know and I will bring Mr. Shepard and introduce him to you.

Very respectfully,



Choctaw Townsite Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
UNION AGENCY.

Muskogee, Ind. Ter. April 6, 1904.

Hon. Green McCurtin,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Sir:

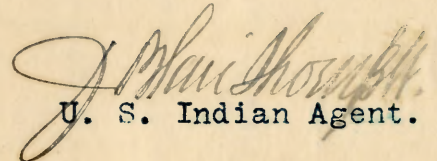
I presume you are aware of the fact that the Honorable Secretary of the Interior has approved the Act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation with reference to twenty cents per head tax on all cattle introduced and held in the Choctaw Nation by non-citizens. I requested the Revenue Inspector to call on you which I understand he has done in order to arrange for the prompt collection of the taxes as soon as the regulations are issued by the Department. I would suggest that the nation be divided into three or four districts and that a District Revenue Inspector be placed in charge of each district and I will detail a sufficient number of policemen to assist the District Revenue Inspector in the collection of these taxes. It may possibly be that I will require the assistance of a few of your best light horsemen. I am very anxious that this tax should be collected on all the cattle within the Nation and will appreciate it very much if you will keep the matter in mind and co-operate with the office in forcing the collection. I should be very much pleased if you would write me giving your best judgment as to the number of cattle upon which tax should be

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collected and in what sections of the Nation the cattle are mostly located and whether or not the cattle are now being introduced from Texas or bordering states.

The district men selected should be reliable and responsible men; not afraid to work. If you have any ones in mind, I would be pleased to have you suggest their names. Also advise me whether the permit taxes are being paid and what action if any is necessary to be taken by this office in order to facilitate the enforcement of the same.

Very respectfully,


U. S. Indian Agent.

TOWNSHIP PLAT.

For

William Johnson

Choctaw

NATION

TOWNSHIP

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RANGE

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18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
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N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 10. 160. a

N. 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 ^{Sec 10.} 80 "
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For Emiline Beames.

Kinta, I.T., April 5, 1904.

Mr L.W. Bohanon,

Talihina, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter in behalf of Mr Beam and have written him in todays mail to the effect that my Private Secretary would meet him at the land office on any Wednesday to aid him in filing application to be permitted to allot the pine lands for hi wife. I think it more than likely that I will be down there on the 13th inst. I hope you boys will go to work in your county and get everything in good shape and that I will see you at Tushkahoma on May 9, 1904, when the convention meets. I feel sure that the townsite money will be paid to the Indians on or about May 1, 1904, and that the pine timber lands will be turned loos for allotment purposes, with certain restrictions, and that the Dukes, hunter people will not have a peg to hang a hope on in this campaign. If there are any lukewarm fellows in your county, you want to jolly them and get their enthusiasm. Stir the boys up and let them know that we are going to wind up tribal affairs in a way that will be satisfactory to every one.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Kinta, I.T., April 5, 1904.

Mr Wallace Beams,

Talihina, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and note what you say with reference to filing on pine land. I have directed my Private Secretary, Mr Lester, to go to the land office on Wednesday of each week, in order to assist citizens in making application to file on pine lands. If you will meet him there on any Wednesday he will take pleasure in aiding you to file on the land referred to in your letter. Recent ~~ad~~ advises from Washington convince me that in a very short time the pine lands will be subject to allotment under certain restrictions.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
UNION AGENCY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 5, 1904.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation,
Kintah, Indian Territory.

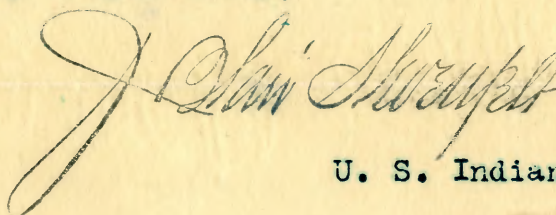
Dear Sir:

I return herewith correspondence in reference to
one Al Barling holding cattle in the Choctaw Nation, with request
that you make definite recommendation in the premises.

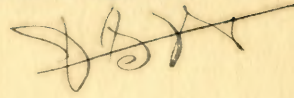
It would appear from the Deputy Sheriff's report that he
never actually gets them out of the Nation.

Please return all papers with your reply.

Very respectfully,



U. S. Indian Agent.



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Talilimal, Ind. Ter. April. 6, '07

Hon. Green McCurtain P.C.

Kinta, Ind Ter.

Dear Sir - I am the undersigned
and makes the following application
to you, who desires to select
in Allotment the lands described
as follows, which is considered
Pine timber land - to wit :-

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The applicant further shows to you
that this place has been improved

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
UNION AGENCY.

Muskogee, Ind. Ter. April 6, 1904.

Curtin,
pal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Indian Territory.

I enclose you statement rendered by Alf McKay amount-
80 being for services rendered, as he claims, in the
e Bounds, Hale and Crosby cattle. It seems he has
hers for nearly all of the expenses incurred by him.
ouchers rendered are just and true I am unable to say.
st that you carefully examine these vouchers and ad-
rning same. When you have examined these accounts
all papers together with your report thereon.

Respectfully,

J. W. H. Shouket
U. S. Indian Agent.

Jas. H. Chambers,
Attorney-at-Law,
Atoka, I. T.

Practices in all the Courts in the
Indian Territory. Special atten-
tion given to Land Office Contests.
Notary Public in Office.

April, 7th., 1904.

Mr. Jonas Taylor,

Valliant, I. T.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 4th., instant will say that I have been having some hot correspondence with the Secretary of the Interior, relative to the pine lands. It seems from his letters that he thinks Congress will take some action looking to the segregating of the pine timber land. The last letter March 24th., he says "Dawes Commission in a report in the matter, recommends that pending the consideration by Congress of the proposed legislation, no further action be taken on petitions to select pine timber land in the Choctaw Nation. The Department concurs in the views of the Commission and you are advised in accordance therewith". There is one way we can force this matter and that is by Mandamus suit to compell them to allow you and other parties to file as you are entitled to under the treaty. I am needing my fees and you will oblige me, by seeing these parties and having them to remit me the amount due as they promised. I will continue to look after this matter.

Yours Truly, Jas. H. Chambers

Tuskahoma A.T.

April 7, 1904

Gov. Green McBurnie
Dear sir: Let me know
when or whether there will
be permitting filings on
pine land. I have this
day ^{two} (2) houses & one (1) field
about twenty (20) acres on pine
land. If there can be per-
mission given I want
be permitted to file on
about 60 acres on the
such pine land, for my
wife Phoebe Wade who
is a Choctaw by blood.

If minor child can
be permitted to file on
pine land I would like
to file on the pine land
for my minor child but
if application cannot
be made for minor
child I want the pine
land to be filed on for
my wife. All the im-
provements mentioned
above are in T3 N.R. 19
E.S. 35. Inform me at
once about the pine
question.
Remain —

Kinta, I.T., April 8, 1904.

Honorable J. Blair Shoeneft,

United States Indian Agent,

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

Sir:--

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst, wherein you enclose correspondence in reference to Al Barling holding cattle in the Choctaw Nation, I have to respectfully advise that as I now see the matter it is not necessary for this office to make any recommendation with reference to this matter, since the Act of Council imposing a tax on cattle in the Choctaw Nation, has, by the President, been approved. I herewith return all correspondence.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.M.

Cooper says W P

Wm O. B.

COMMISSIONERS

TAMM BIXBY.
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

7-5398

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1904.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 4th inst., relative to the enrollment of Henry E. Cooper, infant son of Robert Cooper, as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and you request to be advised relative to the delay in the approval of the application for enrollment of said child.

You are advised it appears from our records that two sets of affidavits in the matter of the application for enrollment of an infant child of Frances and Henry Cooper, born April 19, 1900, have been filed in this office from which there appears to be a question as to the sex of said child, as well as its given name. In order to remedy the defect in the application heretofore filed, a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child was forwarded March 30, 1904, to George Scott, National Auditor, Choctaw Nation, Kinta, Indian Territory, with a request that he assist the parties in having the same correctly executed and returned to this office as early as possible.

We are this day in receipt of a letter from Mr. Scott, from which it appears that he is unable to locate the parents of

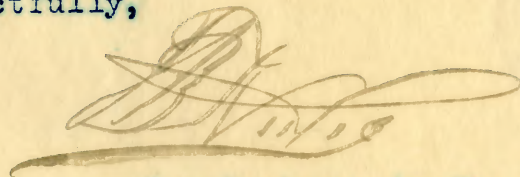
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said child.

A blank application for the enrollment of an infant child, together with an envelope for return of the same is therefore forwarded you, and you are requested to advise Henry Cooper that it will be necessary for him to furnish correct affidavits signed by the mother of the child and the attending mid-wife, care being taken as to the full given name, sex and date of birth of said child.

This matter should receive immediate attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D. H. C.", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Commissioner in Charge.

Env. BC.

W.O.B.

COMMISSIONERS
TAMS BIXBY,
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
Choctaw 1459

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1904.


Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 4,
asking the status of Robert Crowder and why he has not been enrolled
as a citizen by ~~blood~~ ^{marriage} of the Choctaw nation. You state that his wife
is a duly enrolled Choctaw by blood, and so far as you know, his
rights as a citizen of the ~~Choctaw~~ ^{never} nation have been ~~determined~~ ^{disputed} by the
Choctaw Council.

In reply to your letter you are advised that there is no
evidence on file with the application of Robert Crowder for enroll-
ment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation to show that he was
admitted by an act of the Choctaw council and if this is correct it
would be well for him to forward a certified copy of the act of the
Choctaw Council admitting him to citizenship for consideration in
connection with his case.

Respectfully,



Commissioner in charge.

Wilmington S.T.

April 9-1904.

Gov. Green McCutcheon

Wilmington S.T.

Dear Sir

I will drop you a few lines
as I want some information as
to whether people that have filed
on their allotments, are going to
be required to pay Royalty on
Grain Pay cut from their allotments.
Please let me hear from you
on this.

Yours Truly
Wm McCutcheon

Kinta, I.T., April 11, 1904.

Mr A.S.Williams,

Kullituklo, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of april 7, 1904, and in reply to your inquiries, concerning the control of your minor children's property, you are advised that under the present law the parent has the right to control the property of his children in the protection of their best interests. I do not think that it is necessary that you go into court for this purpose. Ofcourse you can not sell it without an order of court, but you would be permitted to rent or lease the same, for a reasonable consideration.

As to my candidacy for Chief, I do not know as yet what the convention may do, on the 9th day of May, at Tushkahoma. If my party thinks that I am the man for the place, I shall make the race, if the party deems it best. Hoping this will find you well, I am

Yours truly,

Kinta, I.T., April 11, 1904.

Mr Tandy Wall,

Tushkahoma, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your communication of April 7, in which you state that you desire to file on certain pine lands in your section, in behalf of your wife, and ask if a minor child will be permitted to file on pine land. You are advised that I have directed Mr Private Secretary, Mr Lester, to go to the land office at Atoka on Wednesday of each week for the purpose of assisting choctaws who desire to file on pine lands. If you will meet him there on any Wednesday he will take pleasure in aiding you to file your application for the purposes outlined in your letter.

Your friend,

Kinta, I.T., April 11, 1904.

Levicy Anderson,

Talihina, I.T.

Dear madam:

I am just in receipt of your letter of April 6, 1904, in which you make application to me to be permitted to file on pine land. You are advised that the land office at Atoka is the proper place to make this application? I have directed my Private Secretary Mr P.S. Lester, to go to Atoka on Wednesday of each week for the purpose of assisting all choctaws in the preparation of their application to file on pine lands. If you will meet him there on any Wednesday for that purpose, he will take pleasure in aiding you to file an application for this purpose. I think the pine lands will be turned loose at an early day, for allotment purposes.

I have been advised to this effect from Washington.

Yours truly,

Kinta, I.T., April 11, 1904.

Honorable J. Blair Shoenfelt,
United States Indian Agent,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

I desire to acknowledge receipt of a statement sent me by your office, of Alf McCay's account for services rendered in the removal of cattle from the Choctaw Nation. After a careful examination of the same I will return them as requested.

Very respectfully,

Prm. Chief C.M.

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as submitted to him for any objections which he might desire to make for the following reasons:

"First--There is no provision of law or treaty for the approval of these patents by the Secretary of the Interior and I ask that so much of the forms submitted as contemplates approval by him be eliminated.

Second--I ask that the conveyances be designated 'patents' instead of 'deeds,' for the reason that the term 'patent' is made use of in our treaties providing for the issuance thereof.

Third--I object to the use of the term in the fourth paragraph, wherein a supposed interest which they possess in the allotment to citizens is conveyed, for the reason that they do not possess such an interest and are not interested to any extent in land which are allotted to citizens."

On April 6, 1904, the homestead and allotment deeds for use in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and the deeds for Freedmen were again submitted to the Department with your approval and the objections of the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in brown ink, likely belonging to the Commissioner in Charge, is written over the printed title.

Commissioner in Charge.

Kinta, I.T., April 14, 1904.

Honorable T.B Needles, Commissioner in Charge,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:--

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst, just received,
I have to advise that in the matter of my inquiry as to the status
of the case of Robert Crowder, Choctaw 1459; I beg to advise that
there was a mistake in the writing of this letter, in this.

I desired to ask the status of the case of Robert Crowder
a citizen of the Choctaw nation by intermarriage. His citizenship
in the Choctaw Nation has never been disputed, and I desired to know
the status of his case, as to approximately when his enrollment would
be approved.

Very respectfully,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Kinta, I.T., April 15, 1904.

Mr Unie McCurtain,

Wilburton, I.T.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst, you are advised that the Department holds that royalty must be paid on allhay cut for the market from land unless the allottee is in possession of his certificate of allotment. If he has certificate, then he need not pay royalty.

Yours truly,

Kinta, I.T., April 19, 1904.

Mr Jonus Taylor,

Valient, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and note what you say with reference to filing on pine land. I have been recently advised from Washington that the pine lands are now turned loose and are now subject to allotment. You made a mistake in employing an attorney to file your petition at Atoka, as I had directed my Private Secretary to look after the interest of the Choctaws in that direction there without cost to them. Tell all the citizens down in that country that you meet that they will be permitted to file on the pine lands by a recent order to that effect by the Secretary of the Interior.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Kinta, I.T., April 25, 1904.

Mr Henry Alexander,

America, I.T.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date enquiring as to whether or not you would be permitted to file on pine lands. I was advised on the 13th inst, that the pine lands would be released and would be subject to allotment under certain restrictions. I directed the attorneys, last Wednesday, to confer with the secretary at once and have the order issued, in order that the filing on pine lands might proceed. I was advised by Mr McMurray, last Friday, to the effect that the Secretary had assured him that instructions would be forwarded at once to the land office, and would reach there not later than today, which would permit the citizens of the Choctaw nation to file on their allotments in the pine region. It may require a day or two to copy the instruction at Muskogee, and it might be that they would not reach you until about Wednesday. Please inform the citizens in your section that this order has been made, and that they can carry out their original purpose and file on their lands.

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Kinta, Indian Territory, April 26, 1904.

Yantis & McCurtain,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith enclosed please find copy of lease also bond. Please advise me what you think about the validity of either or both. If you have any suggestions to offer I shall be pleased to have them.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

W. Scott

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

UNION AGENCY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 27, 1904.

Hon. Green McCurtain,

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

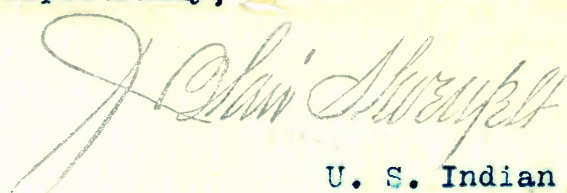
Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, enclosing a letter from A. J. Arnote, of Antlers, in reference to the closing of certain tribal roads in the Choctaw Nation.

I enclose herewith, for your information, a copy of my reply thereto.

Very respectfully,



U. S. Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

UNION AGENCY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 27, 1904.

A. J. Arnote,

Attorney at Law,

Antlers, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant has been referred to me by Hon. Green McCurtain, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, for appropriate reply.

I regret to say that there is no provision in the Choctaw agreement whereby I am authorized to take any action in reference to the opening of roads in that Nation along the section lines.

The Courts of the Northern District have held it to be a criminal offense to close or obstruct any old established tribal roads--one in use for seven years or more, without first providing another to take its place.

I think if the matter was presented to the United States District Attorney for your District he would take up the matter and provide a remedy for the abuses complained of.

If I can serve you in any way in the matter please advise me.

Very respectfully,

EPC(RRE)

U. S. Indian Agent.

Kinta, Indian Territory, April 28, 1904.

Yantis & McCurtain,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Herewith enclosed please find some literature advertising a certain book of forms. I think I could use something like this to a good advantage; if you have something better to recommend please do so.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

G W Scott