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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 2, 1908.

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Very respectfully,

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Thos Ryan
Acting Commissioner.

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J.M.

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

Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 4, 1908.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
 Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation,
 Kinta, Oklahoma.

Sir:

There are enclosed you herewith Choctaw-Chickasaw Homestead Patent No. 23530 and Choctaw-Chickasaw Allotment Patent No. 25348, issued in the name of Lola Bullock, Choctaw Roll by Blood No. 15339, covering her allotment selection in the Chickasaw Nation.

You are requested to execute the above patents, affixing the Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation thereto and return the patents to this office.

It is desired that the delivery of these patents be made at the earliest practicable date, and you are requested to give this matter your prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Thos Ryan
 Acting Commissioner.

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 Register.



CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

J. E. LOVE, CHAIRMAN
J. J. McALESTER
A. P. WATSON
COMMISSIONERS
W. L. CHAPMAN
SECRETARY

GUTHRIE April 6, 1908.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, Okla.

My Dear Sir:--

There are several Choctaws that desire to sell the contracts they have with the Lumbermen and I do not know any thing about them and I will appreciate the same very much if you will tell me all you know about these contracts and wether I would be safe in advancing them some money on the same or taking an assignement of them. Please give me all the information in regard to the same that you can and I assure you that I apreciate the same very much. I beg to remain.

Very truly yours,

J. J. McAlester

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

April 6th 1908.

Honorable Thos. Ryan,
Acting Commissioner,
Muskogee Oklahoma.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant wherein you refer to the Act of April 26, 1906 and the Indian Appropriation Act of June 21, 1906, in connection with the matter of leasing the Atoka County Court house to W. W. Wilson.

In reply have to state that I have never noticed to the section you quoted but based my actions on the Curtis Act of April 26, 1906, which of course changes my position and I shall be glad to carry out your instructions in this matter.

Very respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Kinta Oklahoma April 7th 1908.

Honorable A. J. Harkins,
Atoka Oklahoma.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find copy of letter of Acting Commissioner Ryan dated the second instant, which explains itself and I have to respectfully request that you see Mr. Wilson and enter into a contract with him the contract to be signed by me when it will have been executed by him and if it is in compliance with the instructions of the Interior Department. If you will just have him to execute a contract for the rent of the county court house subject to my approval and the approval of the Acting Commissioner send the same to me for my signature and I will send it to the Acting Commissioner.

Respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 8, 1908.

Gov. Green McCurtain,
Kinta, Oklahoma.

Honorable Sir:

In taking up the segregated and unallotted lands in the Choctaw Nation, I ascertain that there are some buildings like school buildings, court houses, etc., belonging to the Choctaw Nation existing in many communities, and many persons have come to me with different purposes relative to these improvements. Therefore, in order that I may know what course to pursue will ask you to please inform me by return mail what the Choctaw Nation is doing with reference to these improvements; that is, are you having these improvements looked after for the benefit of the Choctaw Nation or are you expecting the Department to look after them and care for them.

I recall a particular instance at Red Oak, Oklahoma. Capt. W. W. Ish, a citizen of that place, came to me when I was there collecting rents on segregated land and reported that a non-citizen was using the old court house there and was not paying any rents for same, and Capt. Ish desired to get permission to control it, rent it out, collect rents and report the matter, but not knowing what you had done regarding these

matters deemed it advisable to wait until I could hear from you so that these matters could be properly cared for by the proper person, and as I visit various sections of the country on Departmental matters, would like to know whether you are having these matters looked after or whether it is expected that the Department look after them.

Capt. Ish says that one Mr. Madden who lives in Red Oak claims to have authority to control said court house and the school house near there. I wish to know from you whether or not you have given him any authority in this matter?

Please address me at Muskogee, Oklahoma, Box 574, at your earliest possible convenience, and oblige.

Yours truly,

E. J. Johnson
Revenue Inspector.

ETJ (LBA)

Wenta Okla, April 10th 1903

Hon. E. J. Johnson Box 574
Revenue Inspector,
Muskogee Okla,
Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 5th inst, and what I have to say in reply, I would be pleased to see that the Department take full control of all the public buildings of the Choctaw Nation. Especially the public buildings located on segregated coal lands, with the exception of the Capitol building at Tushkahossee, as the Federal government are in position to enforce any contracts with parties who rents these public buildings and the tribal government are not.

Mr Madden who lives in Red Oak has no authority from me to occupy the court house, and therefore should pay the full amount for the time he has occupied it.

yours Respectfully
Green McCurtain

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN MCCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Kinta Oklahoma April 10, 1908.

Honorable E. T. Johnson,
Muskogee Oklahoma.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th instant and in reply have to say I would be pleased to have the Department take full control of all the public buildings of the Choctaw Nation, especially the public buildings located on segregated coal lands, with the exception of the Capitol at Tushkahoma, as the Federal Government are in position to enforce any contract with parties who rent these public buildings, and the tribal government is not.

Mr. Madden of Red Oak to whom you refer, has no authority from me to occupy the court house and therefore should pay the full amount from the time he has occupied it.

Very respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION
GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Kinta Oklahoma April 10, 1908.

Honorable J. J. McAlester,
Guthrie Oklahoma.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the sixth instant permit me to say that I am not in position to advise you concerning the matter about which you inquire.

There has been a great many complaints made through this office to the Interior Department, but I have not been advised as to what protection can be afforded these people.

If at any time I can accommodate you I shall be glad to do so.

Most Respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

PURCHASE BY

Statement of Expenses
 of taking people to Muskogee
 by Turner W. Gilberry.

4/11/06.

4/11/06	By cash	50.00
	4 days time 10th, 11th, 12 th , 13 th	20.00
		<u>30.00</u>
4/11/06	To 6 round trip tickets Crowder to Muskogee	15.60
" " "	" 6 dinner at Crowder	1.50
" " "	" 5 Supper " Muskogee	1.25
" " "	" 1 " " "	.30
" " "	" 5 Beds " "	1.25
" " "	" 1 " " "	.50
4/12/06	" 5 breakfast " "	1.25
" " "	" 1 " " "	.30
" " "	" 5 dinner " "	1.25
" " "	" 2 Supper " "	.50
" " "	" 4 " " "	1.20
4/13/06	" 6 breakfast " Crowder	1.50
" " "	" 6 beds " "	1.50
		<u>27.90</u>

McCurtain, J.F.

Apr - 27 - 1906.

Mr. Geo Scott,

Kiuta, I.T.

Dear Sir -

Enclose you
herewith you will find
warrants for Bun, Chas,
Ed, Frank, Herberts, and
mine, which you will please
gave me credit for mine.
Give Herbert his, and the rest
you might gave to Bun
for me. And Oblige

Your friend
Turner M. Gilberry

Also enclosed statement,

T.M.

Couser Oklu

4 13 1908

Gov Green M. Lortain

Kinta Oklu

This is getting near time for our District Conference, which to be held at Leflon, in this County, some time Lest of June or in July this year, and we need you assistance to Run the Conference. By donation \$70.00 Dollars or Less what ever you desire to help us. We are Poor folks Down here, and we need you assistance in money to Buy Beef, you know it take not Less 12 or 13 head of Beef, the People at Leflon have no choice to Collect of Donation of your Good Peopl. So I am Begin^{to} Buyed of my Friend, a Hoping to Haer from ^{you} soon
Lord may Bless you and your family.
Is my Prayer.

yours In Christ
S. C. Marshall

wmc

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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

Muskogee, Oklahoma, May 12, 1908.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
 Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,
 Kinta, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I respectfully invite your attention to the following provision contained in the Indian Appropriation Act, approved April 30, 1908:

"The Secretary of the Interior shall take possession of all buildings on lands belonging to the Five Civilized Tribes, now or heretofore used for governmental, school, or other tribal purposes, together with the furniture therein and the land appertaining thereto, and appraise and sell the same at such time and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe and deposit the proceeds, less expenses incident to the appraisement and sale, in the Treasury of the United States, to the credit of the tribes respectively owning the said land and improvements, and immediately after any such sale patents for the realty thus sold shall be made and delivered in the same manner as now provided by law for other tribal property: Provided, That when practicable preference right shall be given to the State, counties and municipalities of Oklahoma to purchase said lands and improvements at the appraised value: And provided, That pending such appraisement and sale the Secretary of the Interior may temporarily lease said buildings and lands for the benefit of the tribes respectively to which they belong."

I would thank you to advise me whether, in your opinion, there is any tribal property coming within the purview of said provision which should be disposed of at this time and, if so, advise fully as to the loca-

Hon. Green McCurtain:

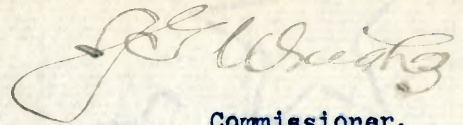
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If, at any future time, you deem it expedient for any of this property to be sold, or leased, please advise me.

Very respectfully,

VMC - GGC



Commissioner.

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Commissioner.

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Letter from J. George
Wright, wishing to be
informed as to the
description and location
of tribal property.

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LION, VICE PRES.
EONARD, CASHIER.

Keota, Oklahoma,

May 13th, 1908.

Hon. Governor Green McCurtain,

Kinta, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I have been requested by Jackson Moore to write you, advising that one [redacted] Keota, Okla., has entered the race for the County [redacted] Keel County. Mr. Moore wishes to remind you of a conversation he had with you about a year ago on the County Seat question, at which time you expressed yourself in favor of Keota in case she went into the race.

Mr. Moore has been unwell for sometime and this has delayed his coming to see you in regard to the matter. He wishes however to visit you as soon as he is able.

I trust that you will consider the matter, and we appreciate your support in locating the County Seat at Keota. We would be very glad to have the pleasure of hearing from you on this matter. I beg to remain,

Respectfully,

A. S. Leo

*a for County seat, while I am
as I have heard enough to believe
but ^{people} around Kinta are going to
field.*

McIntosh & Reinhelt
Attorneys-at-Law

Chicotah, I. T. June, 20, 1908

W. E. McCurtin,

Okla.

Dear Sir:-

I have decided to become a candidate before Democrat primary election, for the nomination as Senator, for the Senatorial District, composed of the Counties, Haskell, McIntosh and Muskogee.

Any assistance you may feel able to give me in my candidacy, will be highly appreciated.

Your friend,

Chas. McIntosh

do what I can for you to get
for the senate at the next
election. - Am in with

Okla
KINTA, T.T., May 15th 1908

Mr M. H. LeFlore
LeFlore, Okla.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date

regarding that it is a matter of some difficulty to
you as to the proper course to pursue. There is considerable difference of
opinion in the ^{new} state as to what character of property is subject to taxation.
I have been advised by Messrs McCurtain & Hill, the attorneys for the Choctaw
Nation, that in their judgment it is very doubtful if any of the allotments
can be taxed so long as the same remain in the hands of the allottee. They
base their judgment upon the supplemental agreement which provided that
such lands shall not be taxed. However, in 1906 Congress passed an act providing
that when the restrictions were removed off of any ~~part~~ allotment that the lands on which
the restrictions were so removed would be subject to taxation. This provision

is in direct conflict with the supplemental agreement and as to which would control the courts
has not yet decided. However, you will be absolutely safe in following this suggestion, viz: Consider
the Curtis Bill of 1906 as valid, which I doubt. Even then only the surplus allotment of your
wife would be taxable and this is only taxable for the reason that she is an intermarried
citizen and the restrictions have been removed from her surplus. Her homestead
is not subject to taxation, none of your land or that of your children would be
subject to taxation until the restriction have been removed therefrom.

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to taxation of the improvements on your land, that presents another difficulty. The Attorney General of the state holds that such improvements are taxable and has instructed the assessors throughout the country to assess the improvements of any allotments for taxation. The nation's attorney does not believe that these improve-

ments than resist payment of the same in a lawsuit. If you refuse to pay the taxes on your improvements, the tax collector would be obliged to present their sale you would have to bring suit in court.

The Court Costs and lawyer fees would amount to more than the taxes and, looking at it from that point, it might be better to pay the taxes on your improvements than to resist payments in the Courts. Sooner or later, however, the matter is going to be settled in the Courts and the status of the Indians' property in reference to taxation will be determined.

We begin to realize now the difficulties that confront you and you may be sure that I and the people of the Choctaw Nation and will do all that I can to protect them in the enjoyment of their property rights.

Very truly yours,

McCurtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South McAlester, I. T.

McAlester, Okla., May 15, 1908.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Governor of the Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Oklahoma.

My Dear Governor:-

Enclosed I hand you letters to McGilberry and LeFlore as you requested.

I have investigated this matter of taxation very carefully and while I do not believe that the state has a right to collect the taxes as proposed in this particular case, at the same time I do not think it advisable to advise Mr. LeFlore to go to the expense of a law-suit to resist the payment. D.C. and I have talked this matter over before and we are hopeful that before very long we will have an opportunity to test this question in the courts and have it settled though I am not so hopeful of success, if we have to test it in the State courts.

I received advices yesterday that the restriction passed the Senate on the day before and would go to a conference to the House Committee without delay. The bill as passed gives the Secretary six months to investigate the rolls of the Five Tribes to ascertain if any names were left off by him that should have been put on. As I understood the Secretary in my talk with him before I left Washington, he does not construe this to mean that any new applications can be filed whatever, but only that applications which did not receive due consideration before the time expired, might be reconsidered. I neglected to tell you that we secured an amend-

Governor McCurtain, #2.

ment to this which provided that the Secretary should, also, have authority to strike from the rolls all persons who have been placed thereon by fraud.

I, also, learned yesterday that the amendment which we discussed giving the Coal Companies the right to change their leases was defeated in the Senate and is not a part of the bill as it passed that body. However, this may be taken up in the conference and they may succeed in having it put back. I expect to be in Washington Monday, which will give me time to look after the matter before it is reported out of the conference. As soon as I get back there and learn what the situation is, I will write you fully, though I expect you will hear from Peter in the meantime. I will hurry forward just as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. P. White", with a decorative flourish underneath.

EPH:MG.
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DIRECTORS:

WM. M. DUNN
S. W. LANE
J. H. MITCHELL
JAS. P. ADDISON
S. J. TONKIN
MORRIS MILSTEIN
JOHNSON HALE

THE COALGATE NATIONAL BANK

Clney June 1st 1908

COALGATE, OKLA.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Kinta Okla.

My Dear Sir:

It is reported here that the
Governors of the Choctaw and Chickasaws will
endeavor through the Courts to protect their
people from enforced taxation of their lands
which yet belong to the Original Allottees.
If there is any possible chance to secure for us
the exemptions we were entitled to under the 1866
Agreement I am in favor of "fighting the cause to
the last ditch"

You know that one of the principal considerations
for the Surrender of our Tribal Govt. and accepting
the Government's proposition was the pledge of exemption
of our lands from taxation while remaining in the
hands of the original allottee for a period of years
and now for allotment is actually complete the white
people tantalizing us with expressions of rejoicing
over the fact that "another Indian Treaty is broken"
and that the D M Indian just as well pay tax on lands as a
white man
I hope that you will exercise your best efforts in

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THE COALGATE NATIONAL BANK

COALGATE, OKLA.

Confusion with Gov Johnston to
obtain for us protection from this
outrage and sacrifice of white man's honor.
I have been very doubtful of this provision
of the Treaty ever being lived up to from the
time I first heard the promise made by
the U. S. Commission. But yet we hoped
that the last Treaty might be respected
by the Federal Government under all circumstances
considered.

Will you be kind enough to reply and give me your
opinion as to whether I should give in the lands
of my family to the assessor of Taxes or not.

Sincerely yours

Wm M Dunn

P. S.

all my family are Choctaws by blood and no
restrictions were ever requested to be removed

Dunn

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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Muskogee, Oklahoma, June 1, 1908.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Oklahoma.

Sir:

I now have ready for execution by you 2,423 patents to allotment selections in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and, if agreeable to you, I will forward the same to you by special messenger for execution Monday, June 8, 1908.

Please advise me by return mail whether the above patents can be executed by you at that time.

Respectfully,

WPC(VR)

J. B. Wright
Commissioner.

George Scott

Sir:

This letter has been written every since June 1st and just reached me this evening and if he can wait until I return from Tuskahoma, as I would like to meet him and Mr Woodruff & Wilson at Tuskahoma.

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because can be executed by you at that time.

Please advise me of return with respect to above

subject whenever you execute them. Yours, 1908.

and if possible to you I will forward the same to you

to appropriate selections in the program and discussion notes.

I now have ready for execution by you 2 sets because

etc:

Yours, October.

Blindfold Chief of the program notes.

Honorable Glenn Woodruff.

Wagoner, Oklahoma, June 1, 1908.

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
SERIALS SECTION OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Nordach Ranch,
Colorado Springs, Colo.
June 9, 1908.

Dear Father:

I wish you would please advise me what rate of royalty the Nation receives from coal under the Choctaw law, that is, prior to the passage and adoption of the Alaska Agreement.

As I understand ^{and} remember, without having a law book at hand, each individual discoverer of coal (a citizen) received a royalty in addition to the amount received by the Nation.

I haven't heard from you since I came to Colorado. Should be glad to hear from you. I am getting along tolerably well, I suppose, I am within 14 pounds of my top weight.

Your son,
D. C. Curtiss

Kinta Oklahoma June 13th 1908.

Honorable J. Geo. Wright,
Commissioner,
Muskogee Oklahoma.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your communication of the 10th instant in which you call my attention to section thirteen of the Act of Congress approved May 27, 1908 and wherein also you letters to George W. Scott, Peter J. Hudson and E. H. Wilson with the request that I forward to them. In reply your instructions have been complied with in this connection and in the next few days I will forward you a statement of the property in my possession which you require.

Very respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

GEN. P. PORTER, PRINCIPAL CHIEF
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY
W. C. ROGERS, PRINCIPAL CHIEF
SKIATOOK, INDIAN TERRITORY
JOHN F. BROWN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF
SASAKWA, INDIAN TERRITORY
GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF
KINTA, INDIAN TERRITORY
GEORGE W. SCOTT, SECY CONFERENCE
KINTA, INDIAN TERRITORY

OFFICE OF SECRETARY
Separate Statehood Call



Kinta, Ind. Ter.,

Kinta Oklahoma June 13, 1908.

Honorable J. Geo. Wright,
Commissioner,
Muskogee Oklahoma.

Sir:

I respectfully recommend at your solicitation, for the position of Townsite Appraiser, Mr. L. C. Le Flore of Atoka Oklahoma.

Mr. Le Flore is competent and indutrious. He was formerly office deputy marshal under U. S. Marshal George K. Pritchard, stationed at Atoka. Prior to that he has filled some important positions with the Choctaw Tribal Government and gave entire satisfaction in all the positions he has filled. I will appreciate very much if you will kindly let him have this position.

Respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

Kinta Oklahoma June 13, 1908.

Honorable J. Geo. Wright,
Commissioner,
Muskogee Oklahoma.

Sir:

Replying to your letter some time ago inquiring about Choctaw Tribal Buildings, their location and description, have to say: that there are school buildings, county and district court houses located as follows:

Sans Bois County Court House located in the town of Kinta unoccupied.

Kiomichi County court house located I think in the town of Hugo. If occupied dont know it.

Sugarloaf County Court House located near Summerfield Post Office. Dont know whether or not it is occupied.

Jacksfork County Court House with some little furniture such as writing desk and chairs located near Redding Post Office. I have some time ago instructed Isaac Billy to look after this property.

Third District Court House located at Mayhaw, if occupied not known to me.

Blue County Court House at Caddo, which I understand has been used for a school room.

Tobusksy County Court House in the town of McAlester (North located on valuable town lot.

Atoka County Court House located in the town of Atoka, valuable lot, now being rented through the Indian Agents office to Weeten & Wilson..

First District Court House located in the town of Red Oak which I understand is occupied but dont know by whom. Fair location.

Second District Court House located at Alikchi.

The School buildings are as follows: Wheelock Female Orphan Home near Garvin. Armstrong Academy, home for orphan boys. Jones Academy for boys near Hartshorne. Tushkahoma Female

Hon. J. G. W. (2).

Institute five miles north-west of the Rail Road Station of Tushkahoma

There is the capitol building near Tushkahoma station and there is likely some other buildings that I dont think of just at this time.

Very respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

KINTA, ~~Okla.~~ ^{Okla.} June 13 1908

Hon J. George Wright
Commissioner. Muskogee. Okla.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 10th inst in which you call my attention to section 13 of the act of Congress approved May 27th 1908 and you also enclosed a letter's one to George W. Scott, Peter J. Hudson, and E. H. Wilson and requested me to forward the same to them and see to it that appropriate action is taken by them, which your request has been fully complied with, and in few days I will make statement, telling you what is in my possession.

Very respectfully
Green McCurtain

George Scott

Send in L. C. LeFlore name for Townsite
Appraiser, and give him good send off, and
you can also ^{tell} George Wright that LeFlore has been
one of George R. Pritchard's Office Deputy at Atoka,
write one of the Best recommendations

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Sugarloaf County Court House, small house near Summerfield post office, if occupied not known to me.

Jacks Fork County Court House with little furniture such ^{as} writing desk and few chairs, located near Redding post office I had Isaac Billy to look after it. Small House.

3rd District Court House at Mahaw good size House, if occupied not known to me, near Boswell

Blue County Court House at Caddo, good House and on valuable lot in town, have been using it for school room.

Tobucksy County Court House in ^{the town} McAlister located on valuable town lot.

Atoka County Court House in the heart of the town of atoka valuable lot.

First District Court House in the town of Paul ~~is~~ pretty fair House, the house is occupied by some

Sans Bois County Court House in the Town of Kinta
Small House but fairly good now occupied by C. W.
Miller Depot agent at this and he will pay to the Indian
Agent five dollars at the end of the month if he has
not already send it in

Kiamonochia County Court House while I am not certain
I think it is located in the Town of Hugo.

Whelock Female orphan Home

Aronstrong academy orphan Home for the Boys

Jones academy near Hartsboro

Tuskahoma Female school 5 miles north west
of Tuskahoma Depot

Kinta Oklahoma June 15th 1908.

Susan E. McClellan,
Sugden Oklahoma.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant, have to say that the reason your children did not draw shares in the "Leased District" payment in 1893, is that their names did not appear upon the rolls prepared for that purpose.

As to how you will proceed to get the shares in question I am not prepared to say, unless you lay your claim before the Choctaw Council if it meets again in October.

Respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Kinta Oklahoma June 16th 1908.

Honorable J. Geo. Wright,
Commissioner,
Muskogee Oklahoma.

Sir:

I have your letter of the first instant, which has just reached me this evening, advising that you have prepared and ready for execution 2,423 patents to allotment selections in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and suggesting that you would forward same by special messenger for execution monday June 8, 1908.

In reply, your letter having been delayed, I would like now to wait or postpone the execution of these patents until after the date set for the meeting of your self, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Woodruff at Tushkahoma, as I am very desirous of attending this meeting. I can thereafter execute them at any date thereafter, upon a short notice from you of the date, and would also be very glad to have them sent here by special messenger, for execution, as I am not in very good health at this time.

Very respectfully.

Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
FIRST LEGISLATURE

GUTHRIE, June 16, 1908.

On the 1st day of August in the City of

Guthrie will be held a reunion of the

Legislative Convention and its friends;

Members of the Oklahoma Constitutional

Legislature; and the great rank

Members of these different organizations

"The Rifles," and we desire to have

Members and Ex-Members of the Five

Regiments. Some of them have promised to be

present. We desire to have a letter from you

confirming that you will be present.

Very best regards,

Very sincerely,

Wm. H. Murray

Guthrie,

Oklahoma.

*If it can be possible for me to
be on hand. But there will be certainty
until the day comes.*

S. E. COLE,

DEALER IN

General Merchandise,

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Hon. Green Mc.Curtain :

Sirm, Can you tell me if I can

buy or rent ,the Chocktaw Court House at this place?

It is not being used at present, and I would

Respectfully,

S. E. Cole

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June 17, 1908.

Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation,
Kinta Oklahoma.

Dear sir and friend:

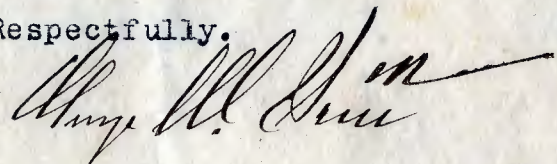
In reply to your note handed me by Sidney Bond requesting that I look up the average amount of royalty on coal paid into the Choctaw Treasury under the Choctaw law, I have approximated the amounts as follows:

Coal royalty paid to Nations Treasurer	1888	\$21,902.45
	1889	50,841.02
	1890	28,743.78
	1891	21,664.83
	1892	78,902.79
	1893	79,088.28
	1894	59,119.15
	1895	86,437.56
	1896	78,778.77
	1897	82,130.47
	1898	35,306.14
	Total	\$622,915.24

I made a statement of this, itemized, once before when D. C. McCurtain wanted it as a basis for a settlement, btween the Chickasaws, when he was designated to do or to make this settle ment. I suppose he did not return you the statement.

Some of the dates and entries are not specific and for that reason, the above statement cant not be said to be absolutely accurate, but it is correct so far as I am able to decipher the entries of the former Choctaw Treasurers.

Respectfully,



**M^c Curtain & Hill,
Lawyers,
South M^c Alester, I. C.**

McAlester, Okla., June 26, 1908.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Governor of the Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Oklahoma.

My Dear Governor:-

Enclosed I hand you letters and copies as requested by you. I would have written them sooner but have just returned from my trip with the Secretary.

I presume you saw in the paper about the suit filed here against the Secretary of the Interior, the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations and Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish. In addition to that they, also, sue both you and Governor Johnston personally. I am going to Quinton Monday or Tuesday and will come down and see you and tell you all about this suit.

Hope you are still improving.

Respectfully yours,

E.P. Hill

EPH:MG.

McAlester, Okla., June 26, 1908.

Dr. E.N. Fright,
Olney, Okla.

My Dear Sir:--

I am in receipt of yours of recent date regarding the taxation of the lands of the Choctaw people by the authorities of the State of Oklahoma and note your suggestions with reference to a resistance by the Choctaw Government of this effort.

In reply I beg to state that I am heartily in sympathy with any efforts that will protect our people against the payment of taxes upon their property which is in plain violation of our Agreements with the Federal Government. The Nation's Attorneys, Messers. McCurtain & Hill, have advised me that in their judgment the lands of the Choctaw citizens, so long as they remain in the hands of the original allottees, are not subject to taxation and in this judgment I concur. As you will understand, the Nation cannot officially make any appropriation of money to have this proposition tested in the courts but I am willing to contribute of my private means towards that end and will join with the citizens in both the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations to resist any effort that may be made upon the part of anybody to subject the property of our people to unjust and unlawful taxation. I approve of the suggestion to raise by private subscription funds in order that special counsel may be employed and, in addition thereto, I will have Messers. McCurtain & Hill, the Choctaw Attorneys, to co-operate with them and will use whatever other efforts that lie within my power for that purpose. I will be glad to have you keep me advised in this

Dr. Wright, #2.

matter and wherever I can be of any assistance to let me know.

Your letter would have had a prompt reply but for the fact that I have been quite ill for sometime but I am now greatly improved.

Very truly yours,

Prin. Chief, of the Choctaw Nation

Dunn, #2.

and Chickasaws to employ special counsel to resist the taxation of these lands and, while as I suggested to you above, the Choctaw Government could not appropriate any fund for that purpose, at the same time, I will contribute of my private means towards that end and will have the Nation's Attorneys to give their assistance and aid in the matter.

With reference to the taxation of the members of your family you state as follows: "All my family are Choctaws by blood and no restrictions were ever requested to be removed". In reply to this, you are advised that under no circumstances can the lands of any citizen from which the restrictions have not been removed be taxed, nor can the improvements on such lands be taxed and I am advised that the State authorities will not attempt to assess such property for taxation and if anything of this sort is attempted with reference to your property or the property of any other citizen that you may know of who are similarly situated, I will thank you very much to please advise me of that fact, or notify the Nation's Attorneys at McAlester, Messers. McCurtain & Hill, and I will see that prompt steps are taken to afford proper protection.

Very truly yours,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.