

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 5, 1902.

C.L. Jackson, General Attorney M.K. & T.

Muskogee, I.T.

Dear sir:

I beg to herewith acknowledge receipt of transportation over your road for the year 1903, for which please accept my thanks

I would very highly appreciate the favor if you would issue pass for my private Secretary, P.S. Lester.

Yours truly,

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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Kintah, Ind. Ter., January 6, 1902.

J. W. McLoud, General Attorney

Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:-

Herewith enclosed find receipts, in triplicate, of Sectional map No. 6, and fractional map No. 7, of the definite location of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Railroad in the Indian Territory.

Also maps for additional right of way required by the C. O. & G. R. at Cairo and Krebs, for station grounds.

PSL(W)  
Encl.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C. N.



LAW DEPARTMENT.  
L. F. PARKER, GENERAL SOLICITOR.  
P. L. SOPER, SOLICITOR FOR INDIAN TER.

VINITA, I. T., November 2 1902.

Hon. Green McCurtain,  
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,  
Tuskahoma, I.T.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of the Madill News containing notice of condemnation and assessment of damages for the change in the right of way of the St. Louis, San Francisco & New Orleans Railroad Company, successor of the Arkansas & Choctaw Railway Company, which change of line was made at the request of the citizens of Madill so as not to cross their main street and this will give you the profits to be derived from the sale of lots on Main Street which our line formerly took.

Will you kindly sign the enclosed acknowledgment of service and return the same to me and greatly oblige,

Yours respectfully,

*P. L. Soper*  
Solicitor for Ind. Ter.

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# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Tushkahomma, I. T., Nov. 11, 1902. 190

Mr Clifford L. Jackson, Esq.,

General Attorney M.K. & T.

Muskogee, I. T.

Dear sir:

Allow me to ask, as a favor to this office, that your railway company, through its proper officers, issue to P.S. Lester, my private secretary, an annual pass over your line of road, if not contrary to the policy of its management.

PSL

Yours truly,

Principal Chief, C.N.

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Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

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Kintah, I.T., Nov. 11th, 1902.

Mr J.J. Mahoney, General Manager,  
Port Smith, Ark.

Dear sir:

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PSL

Yours truly,

Principal Chief, C.N.

LAW OFFICES OF  
MANSEFIELD, McMURRAY & CORNISH.

South McAlester, Indian Territory, November 11, 1902.

Honorable Green McCurtain,  
Sans Bois, Indian Territory,

Dear Governor:

Your favor of the 8th instant enclosing letter from P. L. Soper and a receipt from him for notice of condemnation proceedings Firsco Railroad at Madill duly received.

We <sup>will</sup> give the proper attention, and have forwarded to Mr. Soper the notice sent by you as it is proper to do so.

Your friends,

*Manfield McMurray Cornish*

Dictated.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway System.

Clifford L. Jackson,  
Genl. Attorney for Ind. Terr.

Law Department.

Muskogee, I. T.

November 13, 1902.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 7th instant enclosing me blue print of the first section of the Texas and Oklahoma Railroad northwesterly from Lehigh, I. T., To Stonewall, I. T., a distance of about twenty five miles, which was recently served upon you as Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of the Interior under which this map is filed.

You have heretofore acknowledged service of a copy of this map and I think this copy should be retained by you in accordance with the rules and regulations under which the same is filed. The original, therefore, returned to you.

Very respectfully,

*Clifford L. Jackson*  
General Attorney.

Choate, Ind, Lery

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1902

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Mcburnain, J. T

Dear Sir

I write you in regard  
to Lies used by the Fort  
Smith and Western R. R  
the R. R. is now at the  
Canadian River and  
and they are still cutting  
Lies when the road is com-  
plete to the line and  
it seems to me it is not  
right that the Choctaw  
Nation to furnish Lies  
faster than the line they  
have cut all the Postage



timber and are now cutting  
the red oak timber  
and I don't think its  
right to furnish timber  
through Clark and Lery  
and others. I write you  
to know if there is a  
remedy for us as they  
are destroying our best  
timber

Very Respectfully

G. W. Choate

FORT SMITH & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

J. J. MAHONEY  
GENERAL MANAGER

FORT SMITH, ARK., November 21st 1902,

:Appraisers to act re land for water purps;

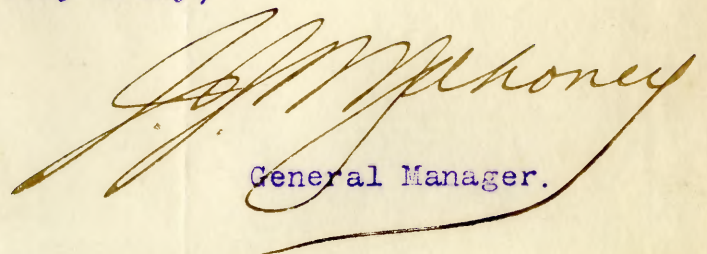
Hon. Green McCurtain,  
Prin. Chief, Choctaw Nation,  
Kintah, Ind. Ter.

Dear Sir,

In regard to condemning land for water purposes, or additional right of way, it is necessary for us to request the Court in that district to appoint appraisers to assess the value of the same. As yet we have not requested the Court to appoint the appraisers, and inasmuch as no one is interested but the Choctaw Nation and ~~themselves~~ <sup>ourselves</sup>, I would suggest that you write to Judge Raymond at Muskogee requesting him to appoint if consistent the following citizens of the Choctaw Nation as Appraisers: Mr. L. C. Featherston, of Featherston, I. T; John Wyers of McCurtain, I. T; and Charles Overstreet of Cowlington, I. T.

It is our desire to pay a reasonable amount for any land taken of this kind. We would, therefore, like people who would be fair and agree among themselves as to the value of this land. This Commission is merely a suggestion, and if you would rather recommend any others it would be satisfactory to us.

Yours very truly,

  
General Manager.

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Tushkahomma, I. T., \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Kintah, I. T., Nov. 25, 1902.

Judge C. W. Raymond,

Muskogee, I. T.,

Dear s r:

In regard to condemning land for water purposes, and for additional right of way along the line of the Fort Smith & Western railway, I desire to suggest that the following appraisers be appointed L. C. Featherston, Featherston, I. T., John Wyers, McCurtain, I. T. / and Charles Overstreet, Crowder, I. T. These gentlemen are perfectly familiar with the country through which this railway passes, and I believe will act impartially in all matters that may come before them as such appraisers. Hoping the above suggestion will meet your approbation, I am,

PSL

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C. M.

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Tushkahomma, I. T., \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Kintah, I. T., Nov. 25, 1902.

Mr J. J. Mahoney,

General Manager Rt. S & W

Fort Smith, Ark.,

Dear sir:

In reply to your communication of the 21st, in regard to concerning land for water purposes, and additional right of way, have to say that I will write Judge Rayman, as suggested, and request that he appoint the gentlemen suggested in your letter. I feel sure that your people are disposed to do the right thing in this matter, and I am perfectly willing to meet them half way.

PSL

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.H.

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

*Tushkahomma, I. T.,* \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Kintah, I. T., Nov. 26, 1902.

Mr J. J. Mahoney, General Manager,

Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear sir:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date enclosing blue print of your road indicating land needed for water purposes, and additional right of way through the Choctaw Nation.

Thanking you, I am,

PSL

Yours truly,

Principal Chief G.N.

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Tushkahomma, I. T., \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Kintah, I. T., Nov. 26, 1902.

Mr G.W. Cheate,

Indianola, I. T.

Dear sir:

In reply to your letter of recent date, in which you state that the Port Smith and Western is cutting timber in this nation, for the purposes of use in building its line through Oklahoma, will state that if citizens in your immediate section will sign a complaint to this office setting forth these facts, I will take such steps as are necessary to put a stop to this practice. Please attend to this matter at once, as it is my desire to protect the citizens there against any encroachments from this or any other source.

PSL

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.M.

Department of Justice.  
Office of Clerk, United States Court  
FOR THE  
Central District of Indian Territory.

Atoka I.T. December 2- 1902

Hon. Green McCurtain,

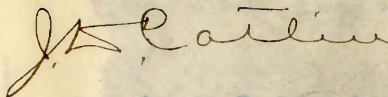
Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation,

Dear Sir:-

I send you herewith ~~the~~ Precedent for record entry in the United States District Court for the Indian Territory, Central District at Atoka. This record was made as you will see at the October 1902 Term of this Court. I particularly call your attention to the latter part of it where the Court made an order for the payment of the money deposited by the M.K. T. Ry. Co. to the Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation upon the order of the Principal Chief

Upon receipt of such order I will at once forward amount named in order to the Treasurer. Kindly return this Precedent that it may be filed away with the papers in this matter and oblige

Yours very respectfully



Deputy U.S. Clerk at Atoka, I.T.

Law Offices of  
Hill and Brizzolara,  
Fort Smith, Ark.

December 3, 1902.

Hon. Green McCurtain,  
Kintah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The act of Congress of February 28th, 1902, Statutes at Large, p. 43, entitled: "An Act To grant the right of way through the Oklahoma Territory and the Indian Territory to the Enid and Anadarko Railway Company, and for other purposes," provides that any railroad incorporated under the laws of a State or Territory may have a right of way through the Indian Territory by complying with the provisions of the act, and section 15 of said act provides that correct maps of the line of railway shall be filed with the Department of the Interior, with the Indian Agent, and with the Principal Chief or Governor of the Nation through which the line of railroad may be located, or in which the said lines are situated.

In pursuance of said act, we send you by mail to-day, to be filed with you as Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, a map of the Arkansas, Red River & Paris Railroad, and have sent similar maps to the Department of the Interior and to the Indian Agent. Kindly file the same in the records of your office, and please sign and return to us the enclosed duplicate certificate of the filing thereof.

Sec. 15 of said act further provides that a petition may be filed in the United States Court to condemn the right of way



Law Offices of  
Hill and Brizzolara,  
Fort Smith, Ark.

for said railroads, where agreements have not been made with the parties occupying the right of way. Pursuant to that section we will file in the United States <sup>Court</sup> at Antlers, on the 9th day of this month, a petition for right of way of said railroad from the Arkansas State line, between sections 9 and 16, township 7, range 27, to the crossing of the Arkansas & Choctaw Railroad, in Sec. 27, Tp 8, Range 26, a distance of about eight miles. We understand that there are only two occupants of any of this land, the remainder of it being Public Domain of the Choctaw Nation, and there is a contest in court over the ownership of one of the tracts occupied by one of the parties.

This act does not require any notice to be given at thistime to the Nation of the application for condemnation, but, as the Nation is the party having a greater interest in this condemnation than any one else, we thought it proper and right that you be notified of this proceeding, and we would be glad for you to be present in person or by representative at Antlers, and have a voice in the selection of referees to assess the compensation for the right of way.

Yours truly,

*Hill Brizzolara*

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, I. T., Dec. 5, 1902. 190

Mr J. D. Catlin, Dept. U. S. Clerk,

Atoka, I. T.

Dear sir:

In the matter of the application of the M. K. & T. Ry. for appointment of referees to appraise all compensation and damages to be paid for land, property and improvements to be appropriated and condemned near coalgate station, Choctaw Nation, I. T. it was ordered by the Court:

"In the United States Court for the Central District, at Atoka, I. T. <sup>court</sup> The ~~Clerk~~ ordered that the Clerk of this court shall upon order of the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, pay to the Treasurer of the said Nation, the sum of \$550.00, out of the \$740.00 deposited with the clerk of this court by the said M. K. & T. Ry.; and shall, upon the order of the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, pay to the Treasurer of said Nation the sum of \$185.00, out of said \$740.00 deposited as aforesaid, taking from each receipts for said amounts."

I, therefore, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, request that said amount be paid to George W. Scott, Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation, who will comply with said order by giving receipt for said amount.

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Yours truly,

Principal Chief C. N.

FORT SMITH & WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY

OFFICE OF GENERAL MANAGER

J. J. MAHONEY  
GENERAL MANAGER

FORT SMITH, ARK., December 10th, 1902,

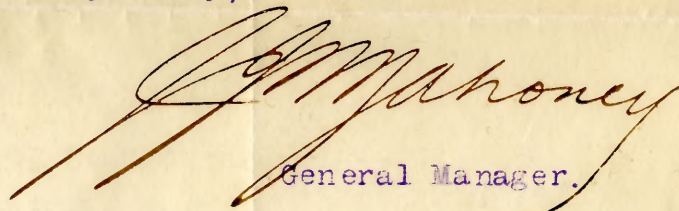
:Appointment of Appraisers:

Hon. Green McCurtain,  
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation,  
Sans Bois, I. T.

Dear Sir;

The plats sent you today for additional station grounds at several stations: I find that Coal Creek is located in the district of Judge Clayton of South McAlester. I would, therefore, thank you if you will kindly request of Judge Clayton to appoint the same Commissioners to appraise this damage as will act in the district of Judge Raymond. My idea is that the one set of Commissioners could appraise the damage on the entire line.

Yours very truly,

  
General Manager.

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Tushkahomma, I. T., Dec. 11, 1902. 190

Mr Frank Perry,

Stigler, I. T.

Dear sir:

Yours of the 6th to hand. It will only be necessary for you to appear before the Dawes Commission, in case you have had a death or birth in your family since the last enrollment

As to the survey through your land by the proposed railway company, you need not give yourself any uneasiness in that direction until they begin to build over your land; your land will then be appraised, and they will pay you the damages. You might write me in the event that they commence work, and I will do what I can to protect you. Everything is moving along smoothly here and everybody is in good spirits.

PSL

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

NOTICE to the Choctaw Nation, Saulpin McClure, Joseph Thompson, Rosa Thompson, and all persons having any interest in the right of way and depot grounds of the Arkansas, Red River & Paris Railroad Company.

You and each of you are hereby notified that the undersigned Referees, appointed by the United States Court for the Central District of the Indian Territory, at Antlers, on December 10th, 1902, will, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of ~~January~~ <sup>February</sup>, 1903, proceed with the assessment of damages for the right of way and depot grounds of said railroad, which begins at the

N. E. corner of Section 16, Township 8, Range 27, Choctaw Nation, runs thence due west along the north line of Sections 16, 17 and 18, Township 8, Range 27; thence through the N. E. 1/4, the N. W. 1/4 and the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 13, Tp 8, Range 26; thence through the S. E. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 14; thence through the N. E. 1/4 and the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 23, Tp 8, Range 26; thence through the N. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 26, Tp 8, Range 26; thence through the N. E. 1/4, the S. E. 1/4 and the S. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 27, Tp 8, Range 26; the depot grounds being the S. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 27, Tp 8, Range 26; and a tract 200 feet wide by 2000 feet long in said Sec. 27, Tp 8, Range 26, the said line running from the Arkansas State line to the crossing with the Arkansas & Choctaw Railroad.

The said Referees will meet at Allen's Siding, the same being the point where said proposed line connects with the Arkansas & Choctaw Railroad, in the South 1/2 of Section 27, Tp 8, Range 26, on said day, for the purpose of viewing the land, and will meet on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of ~~January~~ <sup>February</sup>, 1903, at Nugo, Indian Territory, for the purpose of hearing the parties in interest, and their testimony, as to their interest <sup>and</sup> the amount of compensation.

All persons having ~~xxx~~ any interest in said land are hereby to make known their interest, and be present at said time and place for the purpose of having a hearing before the Referees as to the damages to be assessed and to whom the same should be payable.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 12th day of December, 1902.

J. B. Spring  
J. H. Stewart  
Referees.

# *Executive Office Choctaw Nation*

*Green McCurtain, Principal Chief*

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*Kintah, I. T.,* Dec. 30, 1902. *190*

Clifford L. Jackson, Esq.,

General Attorney M.K. & T

Muskogee, I. T.

Dear sir:

Enclosed please find pass issued to me for the year 1902  
by your read. A renewal of the same will be appreciated.

PSL-W  
Encl.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

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Kintah, I. I., Dec. 31, 1902. 190

J. J. Mahoney, General Manager,

Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear sir:

Enclosed please find pass issued to me by your road for the year 1902; and also pass issued to my Private Secretary, P. S. Lester, for the same year. A renewal of the same would be highly appreciated.

PSL-W  
Encl.

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C. N.

# Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Kintah, P. I., Dec. 31, 1902. 190

J. W. McLoud, General Attorney C. O. & G.,  
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear sir:

Enclosed please find pass issued by your road to me for  
the year ending Dec. 31, 1902. Thanking you for this courtesy, I am,

PSL-W

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C. N.