

National Hotel,
Washington, D. C.
February 7, 1916.

Mr. W. L. Sturdevant,
Attorney at Law,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Sturdevant:

In this letter I ^{ur} propose calling attention to a claim made against the Creek Nation at the last session of Congress by the authorities of Kendall College, of \$10,000.00 balance due as is claimed, on a settlement effected with them some years ago when they disposed of their interests at Muskogee and removed to Tulsa.

Senator Owen presented the claim to the Senate Indian Committee last year, making a plausible plea for an appropriation of Creek monies to meet it. While I have always understood our settlement with Kensall College a closed incident, nevertheless, I have no specific knowledge of the details of those closing transactions, but made the best fight against it that I could, under the circumstances, which resulted, on Senator Owen's suggestion, in its postponement to some future time when the Commissioner, having gathered all the facts in the case would be able to present them for the consideration of the Committee. Believing this claim may come up for action during this session of Congress, and as you were one of the principals, or attorneys representing our people in this settlement, I ask that you furnish the Indian Commissioner, Mr. Sells, a clear statement of the whole matter, your opportunities for knowing the facts, etc., for use in the Committee should the matter again be presented.

This presentation of the case may be made either to the Commissioner or myself. If made to the Commissioner, please furnish me with a copy.

Thanking you Judge in advance for your action in this matter, I am,

~~Yours sincerely,~~

Principal Chief of the Creek
Nation.