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Washington D.C.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1884.

Gen A. Price  
Commissioner.

Sir

The undersigned delegates of the  
Muscogee Nation would invite your attention to the fol-  
lowing facts, to wit: The negotiation of the treaty of  
1866 cost the Muscogee nation \$12118.70 which amount  
was furnished by the Government out of funds belong-  
ing to the Muscogee nation, because prior to the  
final ratification of the treaty then in process of  
negotiation, the Secretary of the Interior had no  
funds at his disposal ~~and~~ applicable to the pay-  
ment of the expenses necessarily incurred.

B. The 14<sup>th</sup> Art. of the Treaty of 1866, The United  
States engaged to pay the expenses incurred in

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negotiating the foregoing treaty, and in the same treaty named \$10000<sup>00</sup> as the amount the Government would pay for that purpose. Inasmuch as the Muscogee national funds had already been used in said expenses to an amount greater than that named in the treaty, this latter amount namely, \$10000<sup>00</sup> as a matter of justice became Muscogee national funds. A portion of the delegation were unexpectedly detained in their official capacity in this city until months after the treaty had been fully consummated, and used the additional amount of \$828<sup>00</sup> out of the \$10000<sup>00</sup> fixed in the treaty as expense money leaving to our credit a balance of \$9172<sup>00</sup>.

Subsequently the Indian Department paid out of this fund ~~out of this fund~~ the amount

of \$1482<sup>00</sup> to J. W. Dunn for services rendered in  
taking the census of the Muscogees, leaving \$7690<sup>00</sup> to  
the credit of the nation which amount was duly paid  
to the nation, T. Barnett being our treasurer. In  
Jan'y. or Feby. 1879 the Muscogee nation through  
their delegates filed a letter of reclamation against  
the United States for the \$1482<sup>00</sup> paid by the Govern-  
ment to Mr. Dunn, claiming it as Creek funds  
misapplied and wrongfully paid out which claim Commis-  
sary Hays admitted. The funds however were never restored to  
to the Creeks and as an item of justice long delayed, we  
ask that you take such action as will secure <sup>its</sup> res-  
toration of ~~this amount of \$1482<sup>00</sup>~~ to the Muscogee nation  
at as early a day as <sup>possible</sup> practicable.

Respectfully,  
G. W. Grayson } Clerk  
D. M. Hodge } delegate