

Against Henry Kendall College's claim for \$10000.<sup>00</sup>

19

Fon. Joseph T. Robinson,

Committee on Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C

12

Washington, D.C. January 26th, 1915.

Hon. Jos. T. Robinson,  
Committee on Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

We desire to protest against the proposed amendment appropriating ten thousand dollars of Creek funds for the benefit of Kendall College, for the reason that we do not believe it is in any proper sense a valid or just claim against the Creek Nation.

It is usual in the Creek Nation <sup>when</sup> any organization sought to establish educational institutions therein, for the representatives of such organizations to negotiate with the Creek National Council for land sufficient on which to locate such schools, as in the case of Bacone College, and Harrel Institute at Muscogee.

In the case now before you, we do not recall any time when such negotiations were had with the Henry Kendall College that gave it the rightful ownership of twenty acres of Creek lands. But if it be contended that it did have some sort of title to the land, it disposed of it to others under the terms of a compromise, which they effected with W. H. Sturdivant, representing Creek interests, by which they paid ten thousand dollars, and which compromise was duly approved by the Courts and the Secretary of the Interior.

Two years ago this claim for an appropriation of ten thousand dollars of Creek moneys for the benefit of Kendall College was preferred, but the Commissioner of Indian Affairs very justly declined to estimate for the amount and it went over. We therefore regard it as a closed incident. If the Committee, however, is desirous of acting on the subject at this time,

we suggest either that Mr. W. H. Sturdivant of St. Louis, Mo., who still represents Creek interests in <sup>S</sup>imilar cases, be called to explain to the Committee the status of this claim, or let the matter go over to some other session of Congress when a full hearing of our objections may be had.

We have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

*M. Tiger*

Chief of Creek Nation

*G. W. Grayson*

Executive Interpreter