

# Temporary Headquarters of Muskogee (Creek) Nation

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M. L. MOTT, NATIONAL ATTORNEY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3, 1907.

Dear Sir:

As you probably know, the Secretary of the Interior called on our Chief Moty Tiger to appear in this city much sooner than was expected, and he insisted on the delegation accompanying him, which arrangement brought us all here on Nov. 21st. We have certainly had a busy time since our arrival here I assure you. We have had a number of conferences with the Secretary and his attorney general and are still conferring with them. They are friendly to us and our interests, but at present there is a very strong feeling here among men who have come here from our territory in favor of the removal of restrictions, and I feel sure our council did for our people, a great deal, when it instructed its delegation to oppose the removal of restrictions from your homesteads. We are meeting with active opposition on this point, but your delegation is standing pat thus far on its instructions from the council. We met the President today who assured us that he will do everything in his power to help us when he can. He took occasion to engage our chief Tiger in an interesting short talk. I have to say here that the removal of restrictions, I think, will probably pass Congress in some shape, but who will be included, and what its provisions will be, we do not know. Whatever is done, we hope to exert such an influence as to prevent its provisions from swallowing up and rendering our citizens, freedmen as well as Indians, homeless.

Mr. Mott is doing faithful and effective work. Chitto Harjo, Silas Jefferson, Pompey Phillips, Robertson Starr and his wife, David Derrisaw, and a Seminole named Kun-char-to-chee arrived here some days since, but I am not informed of their mission. I presume they will push their claims for a restoration of our old laws under treaties now obsolete and dead, but of course there is no possible show for success in that direction.

We are all well. Write me when you can.

Very Respectfully,