

June 15, 1916.

Hon. Gabe E. Parker,
Supt. of the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muscogee, Okla.

My dear Mr. Parker:-

Your letter of recent date in which is suggested the possible employment of an oculist to do professional work among the members of the Creek and Seminole nations at an annual salary of \$3,000.00 and expenses, the Creeks paying one half and the Seminoles the other half, has been received.

The funds of the Creek nation, as I understand, can be paid out only for certain specific purposes mentioned in the Indian Appropriation Bill, as passed by the Congress of each year, it being understood that the residue of the funds are to be used for equalization of the allotments of all the members of the tribe. I, therefore, do not see how the funds can be legitimately diverted from the purposes for which they were set apart, and as much as I sympathize with those individual sufferers, I decline to favor the payment of Creek funds for the purposes mentioned.

I am

Yours sincerely,

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Principal Chief of the
Creek Nation.