

Nov. 9th, 1905.

Hon. J. George Wright,  
U. S. Indian Inspector,  
Muskogee, I. T.

Sir:-

I herewith transmit to you an Act authorizing a delegation to Washington. In view of the early dissolution of the tribal government, March, 4th, 1903, the Creek Council reposing implicit trust in the general government, but seeing the necessity of constituting some legal authority to agree with the government upon a plan that will give a legal basis to all landed interests conveyed through the Creek Nation after March, 4th, 1906, and arrange with the government for the final payment of all the assets due the Nation from the United States, have appointed a delegation with authority to represent the Creek Nation in the premises.

The delegation as appointed by the Council has full power, and whatever they may do in the premises will bind the Creek Nation.

The personnel is the Hon. Roley McIntosh and the Hon. G. W. Grayson, together with the Principal Chief, Pleasant Porter.

I have included in the presentation of the matter all papers relating to the final settlement of the Creek affairs, and the delegation will hand to the United States government their instructions and authority in the premises, together with a letter in part, from the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, (LAND-87392-1904, 89234-1904, dated January, 9th, 1905, as follows:-

"It is undoubtedly due the Creek Nation that its wishes be given due consideration on the closing up of the affairs of the tribal government; more than that, the United States Government would undoubtedly solicit an expression as to the wishes of its people as to all matters of unfinished business

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when the time is ripe for a determination of such questions, if those desires were not voluntarily tendered, but I do not believe the opportune time for a conference on these matters has arrived. It could hardly be definitely stated at this time what all the unsettled questions will be. A year from now, or possibly in a less time, matters will have chrystallized to such an extent as to render important the appointment of such a commission as is proposed by this Act, but for the reason given, I concur in the recommendation of the Inspector that the Act now submitted be laid before the President with a request that it be disapproved.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) F.E.LEUPP,

Commissioner, CFT. "

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which has been kept in view in all Acts and Resolutions made by the Creek Council.

It will be noticed that the enclosed Act provides for the representatives of the Muskogee Nation to appear before the Committees on Indian affairs of both the Senate and the House and represent and urge for passage such legislation as is most conducive to the interests of the Muskogee Nation.

The Act further provides that each member shall be allowed \$7.00 per day to begin upon their departure for Washington and to continue as long as in their judgment the best interests of the Nation demand their presence and services.

While as stated, the Act provides that this delegation shall appear before the Committees of Congress, it was the understanding of Council and the delegation is instructed and proposes to first confer fully with the Commissioner of Indian affairs and the Secretary of the Interior with reference to legislation effecting the Creek people and to work in harmony so far as possible, with the recommendations of the Department with reference thereto.

The compensation allowed these delegates as provided in this Act

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is the same as that allowed in previous Acts, which have met with the approval of the Department, and while the time for which they shall serve is not limited, it will be noticed that another Act making appropriations for the services and expenses of this delegation, provides that same shall begin December, 1, 1905 and end February, 20, 1906.

As this is therefore, the last opportunity the Creek Nation will have to send representatives to confer with the Department and Congress relative to the final winding up of their affairs, and as the amount appropriated is reasonable and the time for which the delegation can serve is limited, I earnestly ask on behalf of the Creek people, that this Act be given favorable consideration by the Department and receive Executive approval.

Very respectfully,

Enclosures-2.

Prin. Chief.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

Muskogee Nation.

Muskogee, I. T. Nov. 7th, 1905

I, P. Porter, Principal Chief of the Muskogee Nation, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is an Act of the National Council of said Nation, passed at its regular session held in October, 1905, and approved by me in my official character on the 3rd Day of November, 1905; and I do hereby certify and submit the same for the approval of the President of the United States under the provisions of ~~an~~ Section 42 of an Act of Congress approved March, 1, 1901, (31 Stats. 861) entitled, "An Act to ratify and confirm an agreement with the Muskogee or Creek Tribe of Indians, and for other purposes."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name as Principal Chief of the Muskogee Nation, this 7th day of November, 1905, and caused the great seal of the Nation to be affixed.



Principal Chief of Muskogee Nation.

Attest:-

Private Secretary.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE MUSKOGEE NATION:

that there be and is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of the Nation the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty-Two (\$2,522.00) Dollars, being for per diem and expenses of the three delegates provided for in the Act approved October 31, 1905, the same being for the time beginning December 1, 1905, and ending February 20, 1906, or so much of said amount as may be necessary, the same to be paid out under such Rules and Regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior for the disbursement of Creek funds.

Adopted. *Nov. 3. 1905.*

..... *A. M. Crayson* .....  
*Clk*

..... *J. M. Smith* .....  
*Pres of House of Kings*

Concurred in.....*Nov. 3. 1905*

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*26th Nov 1905*

Approved. *Nov. 3. 1905*

..... *P. Porter* .....  
Principal Chief.

BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation,  
that the two houses of Council shall proceed to the election for conforma-  
tion of the Principal Chief's nomination as a delegate to Washington, D.  
C., on Tuesday October 31, 1905, 2:00 p.m.

Adopted October 27, 1905.

Walter H. Johnson  
C l e r k.

Walter H. Johnson  
Speaker House of Warriors.

Concurred in after amending the same to read Novem-  
ber 2, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.  
Nov. 1, 1905.

Walter H. Johnson  
Clerk.

James Smith  
President House of Kings.

Votes of House of Kings on nomination for confirmation as delegate to Washington: Nov. 3, 1905:

G. W. GRAYSON,	Pro. 33	Con. 2
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*Sam Grayson*  
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Clerk.

*James Smith*  
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Pres. House of Kings.

Votes in House of Warriors:

G. W. GRAYSON,	Pro. 27	Con. 50
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*Michael S. ...*  
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Clerk.

*Alfred ...*  
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Sp. House of Warriors.

Approved *Nov. 4, 1905*

*H. Porter*  
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Principal Chief.

Nominations for Delegates, votes cast by the House of Kings on November 2, 1905:

ROLEY McINTOSH,	22	36
TONEY E. PROCTOR,	33	15

*Sam Grayson*  
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Clerk.

*James Smith*  
.....  
Pres. House of Kings,

Votes in the House of Warriors Nov. 2, 1905:

ROLEY McINTOSH,	Pro. 41	Con. 36
TONEY PROCTOR,	11	53

*Michael S. ...*  
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Clerk.

*Alfred ...*  
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Sp. House of Warriors.

Approved Nov. 4, 1905.

*H. Porter*  
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Principal Chief.

WHEREAS; The Tribal Government of the Muskogee Nation is, after March 4th, 1906, by treaty agreement between the Muskogee Nation and the Congress of the United States, finally dissolved and terminated; and,

WHEREAS; There will have remained much of the Nations affairs in a state unadjusted and unsettled, in that the execution and distribution of thousands of deeds, the final roll for citizenship, a great number of contests between allottees, a large sum of money to be paid for improvements on allotments and to what extent payment is to be made by the Muskogee Nation, final disposition of surplus lands, numbers of fraudulent leases, disposition and sale of the school property of the Nation, payment of money for equalization of the value of allotments, the collection of a large sum of money from the sale of Townsites lots and other sources, percapita distribution to the citizens of the Nation of all surplus money, and the disposition of the Capitol lot and building; all of which will remain for adjustment and final settlement when the Tribal Government will have come to a close; and,

WHEREAS; After March 4, 1906, new and additional legislation by the Congress of the United States is required for a continuation and final settlement of the affairs of the Muskogee Nation; and,

WHEREAS ; It is but just and right that the Muskogee Nation have proper and accredited representatives appear before the Committees of Congress and give voice and expression to the wishes of the Muskogee Nation in the framing and passing of the legislation by the next Congress of the United States necessary for the final adjustment of the Nations' affairs; Therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE MUSKOGEE NATION:

That there be and is hereby nominated and duly elected a delegation of four members, to wit: Whose duty it shall be to proceed to Washington, upon the assembling of the coming session of Congress and as the duly accredited representatives of the Muskogee Nation, appear before the Committees on Indian Affairs of both the Senate and House, and represent and urge for passage such legislation as is most conducive to the interests of the Muskogee Nation, and to the Nation's best advantage and interest in the final settlement and closing up of the Nations affairs,



and to do any and all other legal acts as will best further the purpose of their mission;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED;

That P. Porter, Principal Chief, is hereby declared and elected a member of said delegation, and by virtue of his position as Principal Chief, Ex-Officio Chairman of the same;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:

That each member of said above delegation be allowed the sum of Seven Dollars per day, said per diem payment to begin upon their departure for Wasginton, and to continue as long as in their judgment the best interests of the Nation may demand their presence and services;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:

That each delegate be and is hereby allowed the sum of Two-Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) as traveling expenses to and from the city of Wasginton and that the delagation be allowed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) incidental expenses, by way of purchasing stationery, hire of stenographers, etc.,

Adopted with the following amendment: Where the word "four" occurs, erase same and insert the word "Two", Oct. 26, 1905.

Sam. Emmons  
C l e r k,

James Smith  
Pres. House of Kings.

Concurred in Oct. 27, 1905.

Wm. H. H. H.  
C l e r k.

Alfred Davis  
Sp. House of Warriors.

Approved Oct. 31, 1905.

P. Porter  
Principal Chief