

Okmulgee, I. T. Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1883

Honorable members  
of the National Council,

Gentlemen

Being now advised by your action <sup>in</sup> reference to the late general Election that the same is illegal and should not stand, it now becomes highly important that immediate steps should be taken to make legal provision for an Executive head into whose hands the reins of Government must be transferred on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, proximo. For that contingency your attention is respectfully called to the latter portion of the 15<sup>th</sup> article on page 132 of the printed laws, which reads as follows; - "But if it is for a longer period than eight months, <sup>\*</sup> he shall then issue an order for the filling <sup>\*</sup> of the vacancy by the popular vote, as provided for by the Constitution." - he, referring to the President of the house of Kings. This provision of our

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law would unquestionably invest the President of the House of Kings, of the new Council, that convenes on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, proximo, with the authority of an Ex officio Principal Chief, in the absence of any other remedy. I therefore recommend the passage of a resolution requiring our Chief Justice, in administering the oath of Office to the President of the House of Kings of the New Council, to ~~shall~~ also qualify that officer as Ex Officio Principal Chief of the Muskogee Nation, By this means alone can we correct legally the error we have made, and amicably allay the dissatisfaction existing in regard to our late general election.

Very respectfully  
your obt Servt  
Saml Checote  
Prin Chief

M. N.

S. M. Callahan.

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Consideration indefinitely postponed, and  
message Tabled

P. Potter  
Presot H Kings

Saw Grayson  
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Relative to  
General election

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