

Washington D. C.

March 22nd 1884.

Hon A. Price

Commissioner.

Sir:

Your letter - © 4857-1884. - conveying the information that the application of Mess. Farmer and M^{rs}. Quarie for license to trade at Muscogee was in reality, an application to keep a hotel at that place "which had to be kept by some body," because it is a "public necessity," is received. Replying to the same we have to claim and insist that the authorities of the Muscogee nation alone possess the right to determine what particular trade is or is not a public necessity within her limits and jurisdiction. We protest against the classification by any other

authority as public necessities. Those conditions and exigencies which have arisen or may hereafter arise solely in consequence of the unsolicited and uninvited introduction into that country under the plea of license to trade of persons and communities of United States citizens who have no interest in common with us.

Under the aegis of a license "to trade with the Creek tribe of Indians," we have observed and regarded with apprehensive interest the growth of a community now forming at the town of Muscogee whose "public necessities," do not cease with the establishment of Grocery and Dry Goods stores but are rapidly including boot shops, barbershops, restaurants, millinery and other establishments which so far as the Muscogee people are concerned are in no sense public necessities. When any person is licensed

"to trade with the Creek tribe of Indians," a number of clerks and other attaches are usually included so that when a considerable number of licenses are granted at any given point, a community is soon formed whose necessities at once demand the introduction of many other minor trades and conveniences in which our people can feel no interest but which must be had under the name of a license "to trade with the Creek tribe of Indians," It is a fact pretty generally conceded that the Muscogee Indians have already suffered severely by the practices of some of this class, and it becomes our plain and imperative duty if we would be true to our people to urge our claim to your assistance in preventing the multiplication of this evil. While these representations are true yet in view of other circumstances attending this

particular case of Mess. Farmer & McQuarie we have
determined to interpose no objection to a license
being granted them to keep the "Mitchell Hotel,"
at the town of Muscogee in our nation

Very Respectfully

W. Grayson } Clerk
D. M. Hodge } Delegation