

The United States, we submit, cannot in honor, do less than accede to one or the other, of these propositions; especially since a part of the interest on the stipulated price of thirty cents per acre, has not yet been paid.

The Creek Nation has observed, with fidelity, its treaty obligations: May we not expect the same good faith on the part of the United States.

To declare the lands mentioned, public lands and subject to entry under the homestead laws of the United States, as proposed in the Bills now pending would be not only a violation of the treaty, as already stated but an infraction of all treaties with other Tribes or Nations in the Indian Territory.

The manifest object of the legislation proposed, is to open the Indian Territory to settlement; and that in the opinion of the undersigned means the total annihilation of Indian rights, laws, customs, institutions and governments, and finally the extermination of the Indians themselves.

Against all such legislation, therefore we beg to offer our earnest and most solemn protest.

More than half a century ago the Creek people, at the instance of the government of the United States, abandoned their homes and country east of the Mississippi river, where they and their ancestors had lived from time immemorial, and emigrated to the country they now own and occupy.

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