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LETTER OF ISPARHECHER

Tiger, I. T.,
July 20th, 1891

Hon. Conchinty Micco
Chairman National Party
Okmulgee; I. T.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, informing me of the action of the convention held by the National Party on the 7th inst at Okmulgee composed of a large representation from the different towns, and districts, of the Muskogee Nation, of the action of the convention in formulating a platform of principles for the government of the National Party and its choice of myself as its candidate for Principal Chief.

In reply, I will state, it would seem that we should look only to the good of the Muskogee people and to the helpless generation who are coming up after us, and in order that we may give the people full protection, and that they may enjoy peace and quiet under our power from the government it is very essential that our laws should be fully executed, and carried out -- so that we may enjoy peace and quiet under our laws, and protection for life and property should be our aim. It seems that there are a large portion of our people who have banded together to help one another in a one -- sided and partisan course and by such course and action our laws lie powerless before us.

And I see from your platform that you have declared your determination to oppose all such one-sided courses and oppose the great pastures in our country and all monopolies no matter from what source they come and that you are out spoken in opposition to the sectionization of our land, and whatever is not best for the good of the Muskogee people.

These principles set forth in your platform are fully in accord with my feelings, and after careful consideration I accept the nomination given me by the National Party, as its candidate for Principal Chief,

and should I be elected, standing upon the principles enunciated in the platform and the constitution of our Nation and by the help of God I will recognize all people as equals whether white, red or black. Feeling that our treaties with the United States government hold us on an equality, holding us alike before the law and holding that justice may be done to the humblest of our citizens -- and in order that justice may be meted out to all alike I feel it very important to have good and faithful officers to enforce the law, and as there are officers of the law who neglect their duty, when they are such, they should be removed and those who will enforce put in their place.

I will say that in accepting this nomination I have carefully considered the great responsibility in so doing, and that I have carefully examined your platform and by the help of an all wise Creator I will stand by it and by it direct my course.

Your friend,

ISPARHECHER