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EDITORIAL ON ADDRESS BY MOTY TIGER

Chief Tiger in his annual address delivered Thursday, the second day's session of the Creek National Council, at Okmulgee, urges his people to face the new conditions that confront them, to participate in elections and take up the white man's burdens that they might secure a creditable place in the present day affairs of the country and in history, to retain their lands and keep their homes.

Following is the introductory to his message:

"The affairs of the Creek people as a tribe are so nearly closed up, insofar as any action of the tribal authorities will affect the same, that there is but little I can call to your attention or recommend for your consideration.

However much a large number of our citizens may regret and oppose the abandonment of our old tribal form

of government, and however much they may resist the present conditions, and however much they may appeal to the government at Washington to alter its purpose to wipe out all tribal government among the five civilized tribes, I say to you in candor, truth and sincerity that it all will be to no purpose.

"Many of our people have believed and no doubt, may still hold to the belief that there is some means and some way by which our old tribal government and the holding of our lands in common can be reclaimed. I feel that I would fail in my duty to myself, as well as to our people did I not say that such a hope or belief if utterly impossible of realization, and I wish to say further that any contributions for any such purpose is just that much money thrown away, and further all attorneys at Washington or elsewhere who encourage and receive any part of such contributions do it knowing that they can give no return or service for same and that they take such money fraudulently and dishonestly."

Chief Tiger advised his people to hold to their lands and homes, to cultivate and improve them, send their children to school, familiarize themselves with state and national affairs, participate in the elections, vote their convictions and permit no undue or improper in-

fluence. Such a course he assured them would insure to the Creeks a respectable and creditable place in the present day affairs of the country and history.

Ellis Childers was formerly elected speaker of the House of Warriors to succeed Alexander Davis, deceased.

There were about 100 members of both houses in attendance. It is believed the council will remain in session for thrity days.