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Mr. Fred Barde,  
Guthrie, Oklahoma.

My dear Fred:

After this long delay I have secured a picture of Chief Moty Tiger, which I wish you would return as soon as it has served its purpose to Jesse McDermott, Metropolitan Bldg., Muskogee, who is the National Interpreter for the Creek Nation.

The Chief is about 72 years old, served four years in the confederate army and has been a democrat all his life and one of the original Wilson men.

The Chief was elected Second Chief at the last election of the Creeks held in 1899 and became Principal Chief on the death of Pleasant Porter by right of succession. In view of the early closing of the affairs of the Creek people there will not be another election;

consequently, Moty Tiger will if he lives be the last Chief of the Creek people. The Chief is a full blood Creek, speaks practically no English and while progressive, he represents the restricted or full blood element of the Tribe and those over whom the Department of the Interior for the United States stands in the relation of guardian. It might be of further interest to say that the Chief is a pastor in the Honey Creek Methodist Church South and when his official duties will permit, preaches there.

One of the most solemn occasions was the burial of the late Chief Pleasant Porter at his home near Wealaka which occurred just as the sun was sinking and was conducted by the new Chief, Moty Tiger, in the Indian tongue.

In the early days the Chief was a captain of the light horse of the Creek Nation, which was the police power, and was noted as a scout and for his ability to trail men by the slight evidences made in traveling across the country. Later the Chief took up the law and was prosecuting attorney for the Okmulgee District of the Tribe and held such position until he was elected Second Chief in '99.

The Chief is a devoted husband and kind father, having given to his only son, Johnson Tiger, the advantages of the best schools of the time. He is a home loving man and his beautiful place near Sharp, Oklahoma is modern and his farm well stocked with blooded animals. When not at his office in Muskogee he will be found on his farm in overalls looking after the place and in receiving his people who flock there in the most hospitable manner.

The Chief is noted for his blunt and frank expressions, which was clearly demonstrated in the recent conference at Washington of the Chiefs and attorneys with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in which, when called upon for a statement, said in effect that he did not think that the conference would bear good fruit; that the Indians had always gotten the worst of it and that he expected nothing else. He has vigorously attacked the probate practices in Oklahoma and has freely gone on record concerning them and it is to the efforts of himself and his attorney, Mr. M. L. Mott, that the recent activities of the Department in establishing a large legal force in Eastern Oklahoma is due. In the present controversy as to the approval

of his contract with Mr. M. L. Motte the Chief says in substance, that this is a contract purely and simply between attorney and client; that if he names a man who is capable and loyal to his people and to the trust which devolves upon an attorney, the approval by the President must as a matter of right be given; that he does not believe that the persons who have consistently sought to provide means for the plundering of the Indians should have a voice in naming the attorney he is seeking to employ to protect them; that Mr. Motte has ably and loyally represented the Creek Tribe and that he insists upon the approval of the new contract with him.

The Chief is a member of Tuckabatchee town, which for times immorial has been the strongest and most influential town in the Creek nation, both in Alabama and in this country.

You understand that I am not writing this for publication but just to give you facts that you might want to use in any of your endeavors.

Very truly yours,

D. H. BYNUM.