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FOR THE YEAR 1888.



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# CHOCTAW COUNCIL.

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NO. 1.

WHEREAS, At the request of United States Indian Agent, R. L. Owen, Hagin Belvin, Sheriff of Sans Bois county, was ordered by Edmond McCurtain, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, to co-operate with Indian Police John West, in arresting some lawless non-citizens, and whereas, said Hagin Belvin did summons James King, et. al. to assist him in carrying out the orders of the chief; and during the performance of this duty they followed these law-breakers into the Creek Nation, and in attempting to arrest them, one John Moody, a citizen of the United States, was killed, and subsequently James King was arrested by a U. S. Deputy Marshal on the charge of murdering said John Moody,

And whereas, It has always been the custom of the Choctaw Nation to defray the expenses of the trial of any of its officers who were arraigned before the U. S. District Court for some act committed while in the discharge of their duty, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of (\$500.00) five hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated out of any sum not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of reimbursing James King for the expenses incurred by him in paying lawyer's fees while arraigned before the U. S. District Court on the charge of killing John Moody.

Be it further enacted, That the National Auditor be, and he is hereby instructed to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for the above sum in favor of James King.

Approved Oct. 13th, 1888.

NO. 2.

An act amendatory of an act of November 6, 1880, in reference to the time coal contracts shall run.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That on page 85 of the late compilation of the Choctaw laws in the eighth line and immediately after the words, "mining coal," there shall be inserted the words, "and quarrying stone;" so that when amended the law shall read: All contracts made hereunto shall expire on the 31st day of December of each year, except contracts for mining coal and quarrying stone, which shall cover a period of six years; and all royalty accruing under the same shall be due and payable monthly, and this act so amended shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 15, 1888.

NO. 3.

An act amendatory of an act to provide for the security of the National Treasury.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That Section 2 of an act to provide for the security of the National Treasury, approved Nov. 9, 1887, is hereby amended so that the two Lighthorsemen to be subject to the order of the Treasurer shall be in addition to the nine Lighthorsemen formerly provided for, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 16, 1888.

## NO. 4.

A resolution for the relief of Joseph W. Everidge.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of Fifty-three Dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay Joseph W. Everidge, United States Indian Policeman, for removing intruders, Jack Beaver and Nelson Brown and their families from the Choctaw Nation under the order of the United States Indian Agent, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 17, 1888.

## NO. 5.

TUSHKA HOMMA, C. N. }  
Oct. 17th, 1888. }

To the General Council :

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Louis Hill for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, have examined the same, and find the testimony is all "exparte," indefinite, without the personal knowledge of the witnesses, and therefore incompetent, hence report the following bill, and ask its passage.

Respectfully,

A. B. JAMES,  
Chairman Committee on Citizenship.

An act rejecting the application of Lewis Hill for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation :

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the claim of Lewis Hill for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation has no legal foundation, and is therefore rejected, and this act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 19th, 1888.

## NO. 6.

A resolution making appropriation to pay A. R. Durant a balance due him for building a Court House.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-five

(\$325.00) dollars is hereby appropriated to pay A. R. Durant a balance due him for building a court house for the 2d Judicial District of the Choctaw Nation.

Be it further enacted, That the National Auditor is hereby instructed to issue his warrant in favor of A. R. Durant for the above amount on the National Treasurer, and this resolution to take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 19th, 1888.

NO. 7.

TUSHKA HOMMA, C. N. )  
Oct. 18th, 1888. )

To the General Council:

Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of S. E. Milton for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, finding no evidence in support of said petition, deny the same, and ask the passage of the following bill.

Respectfully  
A. B. JAMES,  
Chairman Committee on Citizenship.

An act denying the application of S. E. Milton for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the application of S. E. Milton for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation is hereby rejected for want of evidence, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 20th. 1888.

NO. 8.

TUSHKA HOMMA, C. N., )  
Oct. 17, 1888. )

To the General Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the case of G. R. Perce claiming citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, finding no evidence on which to base an application have refused the same and ask that the following bill be passed.

Respectfully,  
A. B. JAMES,  
Chairman, Committee on Citizenship.

An act refusing and denying citizenship in the Choctaw Nation to G. R. Perce.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That G. R. Perce not being legally entitled to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, his petition is hereby denied and this act is and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 20, 1888.

NO. 9.

TUSHKA HOMMA, C. N.,  
Oct. 17, 1888.

To the General Council:

Your committee on citizenship to whom was referred the application of N. C. Berryman, find after examination that the testimony in support of the claim is "exparte" and indefinite and that the claim should not be allowed and report the following bill thereon.

Respectfully,

A. B. JAMES,  
Chairman, Committee on Citizenship.

An act rejecting the claim of N. C. Berryman to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the application of N. C. Berryman, for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, is hereby denied and rejected, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 20, 1888.

NO. 10.

TUSHKA HOMMA, C. N. }  
Oct. 29th, 1888. }

To the General Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the petition of Simon McCoy, asking pay for assisting to arrest a fugitive from justice in Texas, in pursuance of orders from the Principal Chief in 1887, under a requisition from the governor of Texas, would report the following bill thereon, and ask its passage.

Respectfully,

ISAAC GARLAND,  
Chairman Committee on Petitions.



## An act for the relief of Simon McCoy.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the sum of Ten Dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay Simon McCoy for assisting to arrest a fugitive from justice, and deliver him to the authorities of the State of Texas, on a requisition from the governor thereof, this amount payable on the certificate of the Principal Chief, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct 22d. 1888.

## NO. 11.

An act appropriating money to pay balance due for building court house in 3rd district.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, payable on the certificate of the Principal Chief to pay Samuel B. Scratch a balance due him on the court house of the 3rd District, Choctaw Nation, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 22, 1888.

## NO. 12.

TUSKKA HOMMA, I. T., }  
Oct. 19, 1888. }

To the General Council.

Your committee to whom was referred a petition of citizens of Atoka county, requesting the establishment of an election precinct in said county, would report the following bill and recommend its passage.

ISAAC GARLAND,  
Chairman Committee on Petitions,

An act establishing an election precinct in Atoka county.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That an election precinct is established in Atoka county, at a point about forty miles from the town of Atoka, a little west of

north, and about one mile south of Austin Weaver's; which shall be called and known as Red Oak Hill precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 22d. 1888.

NO. 13.

TUSIKA HOMMA, C. N. }  
Oct. 18. 1888. }

To the General Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of W. H. McKinney, District Trustee 2d district Choctaw Nation, beg to report the following resolution, and ask its passage.

Respectfully,

CHAS. WINSTON,

Chairman Committee on Schools.

A resolution accepting the report of W. H. McKinney, District Trustee 2d district, C. N.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled. That the report of W. H. McKinney, District Trustee 2d district, Choctaw Nation, for the last scholastic year, showing a balance of money on hand to the amount of one and forty one-hundredth dollars, and certificates outstanding and unpaid, to the amount of Four Hundred and Eighty-seven, and sixty one-hundredth dollars, is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 23d; 1888.

NO. 14.

A resolution accepting the report of J. H. Bryant, District Trustee, 3rd District, Choctaw Nation.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled. That the report of J. H. Bryant, District Trustee 3rd District, Choctaw Nation, for the last scholastic year, showing a balance on hand of Two Thousand One Hundred and Forty-one dollars and eighty-one cents is hereby accepted as true and correct; provided however, that there is a balance of Seventy-two Dollars and eighty cents due said J. H. Bryant on account of his having taken up school certificates to that amount and neglected to credit

himself with the amount, therefore the Auditor is directed to issue a warrant in favor of said J. H. Bryant for the sum of Seventy-two Dollars and eighty cents, which the Treasurer shall pay, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 23, 1888.

NO. 15.

An act establishing the citizenship of Mrs. Maria F. Berry and family.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That Mrs. Maria F. Berry, her husband, I. N. Berry, their children, Isaac Stewart Berry, Arthur Olin Berry and Edgar Fanning Berry, are hereby admitted to all of the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 23, 1888.

NO. 16.

An act denying the application of Lucinda Walker, alias Napoleon, and Philip Vann.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the application of Lucinda Walker alias Napoleon, and Philip Vann, persons of African descent, for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, is hereby denied, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 23d, 1888.

NO. 17.

An act rejecting the application of Mrs. E. Webb for citizenship.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, that the application of Mrs. E. Webb for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation is hereby denied, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 24th, 1888.

NO. 18.

A resolution making appropriations to pay witnesses for the

fiscal year ending July 31, 1888.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of Fifteen Thousand (15,000) Dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay witnesses for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1888, and the National Auditor is hereby instructed to issue his warrants for same and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 24, 1888.

NO. 19.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of Dr. A. Griffith, superintendent of New Hope Seminary is hereby accepted as true and correct, showing a balance on hand of Seven Hundred and Three Dollars and thirty-three cents, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 24, 1888.

NO. 20.

An act appropriating pay to the District Trustee, 3rd District, for extra services.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of Thirty Dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay J. H. Bryant for extra services while District Trustee, 3rd District, Choctaw Nation, spending six days investigating the books and papers of the superintendent of Armstrong Academy, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 24, 1888.

NO. 21.

An act establishing the citizenship of Z. T. Davis and family.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That Z. T. Davis and family, consisting of his wife, Fanny Davis, their daughter Rose Ella, and her husband, F. M. Willis, their children, Sherwood, Anis, Carrie and Buford Davis,

are hereby admitted to all of the rights and privileges of citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 24, 1888.

NO. 22.

A resolution accepting the annual report of the Superintendent of the Public Schools of the Choctaw Nation.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the annual report of J. P. Turnbull, Superintendent of Public Schools, is hereby accepted as true and correct, showing a balance of school fund on hand of two thousand, three hundred and seventy-two, and thirty-five one-hundredth dollars, and a balance of contingent fund on hand of thirty-seven and sixteen one-hundredth dollars, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 25th, 1888.

NO. 23.

An act establishing an election precinct in Atoka county, Choctaw Nation.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That an election precinct is hereby established in Atoka county, Choctaw Nation, about twenty-seven miles north-east of Atoka, at a school house about five miles west of Kiowa, known as Little Boggy school house, and about one hundred yards from Geo. Lowry's residence, and said precinct shall be called and known as Little Boggy precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 26th, 1888.

NO. 24.

An act to amend the law of Nov. 1, 1882, in reference to coal weighers.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That in line three, 1st paragraph of the law in reference to coal weighers on page 89 of the late compilation and revision

of Choctaw laws the word "point" shall be stricken out, and the words, "mine," "shaft or opening," substituted instead; and in line four (4) of same paragraph and same page after the word "there," shall be inserted the following: "And they shall be compelled to be at their place of weighing from 7 o'clock a. m. until 5 o'clock p. m., or during the time that the company weighman and check weighman are on duty," and it shall be the duty of the National Agent to report all failures herein to the Principal Chief, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 26th. 1888.

NO. 25.

An act denying the petition of Martha Jones and J. M. Boone for citizenship.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the petition of Martha Jones and J. M. Boone for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, is hereby denied for lack of competent testimony, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 26th, 1888.

NO. 26.

An act to provide for Interpreters for both houses of the General Council.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the Senate and House of Representatives shall each be entitled to an Interpreter, to be elected by their respective houses, the same as the doorkeeper and other officers, who shall take an oath of office, which shall be administered by the presiding officer of the house to which he is elected, and who shall receive the same per diem as the members of their respective houses.

It shall be the duty of said Interpreters to be on hand at all sessions or meetings of their respective houses, and do all interpreting required by any member thereof, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 26th. 1888.

## NO. 37.

An act for the relief of Jo. J. Hodges, sheriff of Atoka county, for taking census.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay Joseph J. Hodges, sheriff of Atoka county, for taking census of said county in the early part of the year 1888, in pursuance of an act of the General Council, approved Nov. 10, 1887, the above amount to be payable on the certificate of the Principal Chief, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 26th. 1888.

## NO. 28.

An act to prohibit the leasing or renting of pastures.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled.

SECTION 1. That it shall not be lawful for any person to rent or lease a pasture to any other person for the purpose of grazing or pasturing stock of any kind.

SEC. 2. Any person violating this act shall on conviction be fined in any sum not less than Two Hundred and Fifty nor more than Five Hundred Dollars, to be paid into the National Treasury for general purposes, and the pasture so rented or leased shall be sold to satisfy said fine and cost, if the person be unable otherwise to satisfy the same.

SEC. 3. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 26. 1888.

## NO. 29.

An act amendatory of the election law.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That to paragraph 16 of the election law, on page 151 of the late compilation of the Choctaw laws, shall be added the

following words, "on the certificates of the county clerks," and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 26th, 1888.

NO. 30.

An act declaring the late compilation, translation and publication of the Choctaw laws to be the laws of the Choctaw Nation, in force at the time of their publication.

Whereas, By an act of the General Council, approved Nov. 3, 1885, provision was made for the publication of the laws of the Choctaw Nation, and a committee was constituted, and consisted of the Principal Chief, National Secretary and National Attorney, to award contracts for the compilation, translation and publication, and require bonds for the faithful performance of the work to be done under those contracts, and

Whereas, Said committee did award said contracts, receive the work done under them, issue certificates to the various parties for their pay; and the work has all been paid for; therefore the following shall be the enacting clause of said publication.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, that the said publication is hereby declared to contain the laws of the Choctaw Nation in force at the time of said publication, and they shall be obeyed and respected accordingly, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 30th, 1888.

NO. 31.

A resolution accepting the annual report of W. J. B. Lloyd, Superintendent of Armstrong Academy.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the annual report of W. J. B. Lloyd, Superintendent of Armstrong Academy, is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 31, 1888.

NO. 32.

Resolution to adjourn.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation



assembled. That the present session of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation adjourn on Wednesday, the 7th day of Nov. 1888, at 4 o'clock p. m., and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Oct. 31, 1888.

NO. 33.

An act to prohibit introducing steer cattle in the Choctaw Nation, except in the months of November and December.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, citizens of this Nation to introduce steer cattle except in the months of November and December; and when so introduced shall not be turned loose on the public range. Any person or persons charged with a violation of this act shall upon conviction in the Circuit Court having jurisdiction be fined in a sum not less than Five Hundred nor more than One Thousand Dollars. One-half of all such fines shall go to the National Treasury for National purposes and the other half to the County Treasury where the offense was committed.

Be it further enacted, That the Sheriff of the county where the offense was committed shall be allowed ten per cent. for collecting fines arising under this act, and shall turn over the balance to the respective Treasurers, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Became a law by its own limitation. Oct. 30, 1888.

NO. 34.

An act to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the new building at New Hope Seminary.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the sum of Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay a balance due on a building erected in pursuance of an act of the General Council, Approved Dec. 7, 1887; the above sum of money to be payable on the certificate of Superintendent of Public Schools, to the Superintendent of New

Hope Seminary, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 1st, 1888.

NO. 35.

An act appropriating money to pay S. W. Hampton for services as teacher in 1883.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the District Trustee of the 3rd District, is hereby instructed to investigate the account of S. W. Hampton of fifteen dollars for teaching a neighborhood school in Sandy Creek neighborhood in Jack's Fork county, the month of September, 1883, and if the account is just and unpaid, pay the same out of any money in his hands for neighborhood school purposes for the current year, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 1, 1888.

NO. 36.

An act providing for three more students to be sent to school in the States.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That paragraph 6 of the law in reference to students to be sent to the States to school on page 61 of the late compilation and revision of Choctaw laws, is hereby stricken out and the following substituted in its stead: "The Superintendent of Public Schools is hereby authorized and instructed to select fifteen boys and twelve girls to be sent to school in the States; the same to be divided according to sex, equally among the several Districts of the Nation, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

Approved Nov. 1, 1888.

NO. 37.

A resolution accepting the annual report of the District Trustee, 1st District.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation

assembled, That the annual report of Mitchell Harrison, District Trustee, 1st District, Choctaw Nation, is hereby accepted as true and correct, the same showing a balance, to be turned over to his successor of one and ten one-hundredth dollars, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 1, 1888.

NO. 38.

An act to reimburse the Superintendent of Armstrong Academy

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirteen and forty-six one-hundredth dollars, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, payable on the certificate of the Superintendent of Public Schools, to pay W. J. B. Lloyd, and to reimburse him for money of his own spent for the benefit of said Armstrong Academy, during the scholastic year of 1884 and 1885, and recommended by the committee appointed to investigate his accounts, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 1, 1888.

NO. 39.

An act establishing an election precinct in Tobucksey county.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That an election precinct is hereby established in Tobucksey county, C. N., at High Hill church, or High Hill meeting ground, near James Anacher's house, and about eight miles from McAlester, in a southeasterly direction, which shall be called and known as High Hill precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 1st. 1888.

NO. 40.

A resolution appropriating Fifty dollars to pay Jesse Yota.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled. That the sum of Fifty dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to pay

Jesse Yota for taking care of the Capitol building, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 2d, 1888.

NO. 41.

A memorial of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation to Receivers Cross and Eddy, of the M. K. & T. R'y.

Whereas, The local passenger fare of the M. K. & T. R'y., in the Choctaw Nation is five cents per mile, and in excess of the other two railroads, (The St. Louis & San Francisco and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe,) traversing the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, by two cents; and

Whereas, a rate of three cents per mile was established by congress for the other two, said St. Louis and San Francisco and Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroads; and whereas, The said rate of three cents per mile is not exceeded by any other long line of railroad; Therefore,

1. Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the said Receivers are hereby requested to reduce the local passenger fare of the M. K. & T. R'y., in the Choctaw Nation, to three cents per mile.

2. The National Secretary is hereby instructed to make and send a certified copy of this memorial to the said Receivers, Cross and Eddy, at their office in Sedalia, Mo., and this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 2d, 1888.

NO. 42.

An act to prevent hunting, gathering or running cattle on Sunday.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the law in reference to hunting on Sunday found on page 170, section 36 of the new compilation and revision of Choctaw laws, is hereby amended by adding the following language to line 2, "or to hunt, gather or run cattle on Sunday," provided, however, this act shall not be so construed as to prevent watching and caring for stock already under herd, when overtaken by a Sun-

day, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 2d, 1888.

NO. 43.

An act to grant a right of way to Henry L. Gooding for a tramway switch, or branch railroad.

1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That a right of way, one hundred feet in width and not longer than three miles, is hereby granted Henry L. Gooding, to build a tramway, railroad switch, or branch, from some point on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, between Antlers and Talihina, to be selected by the said Henry L. Gooding, to a stone quarry, the object of said tramway railroad, switch or branch being to transport stone from said quarry out to the main line of said St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, and from thence to market, that the resources of the Nation may be developed, and revenue obtained therefrom.

2. This grant shall not be construed to authorize said Henry L. Gooding to enter or intrude upon any citizen's claim without his or her consent, and this grant shall not be transferred to a non-citizen, or transferrable, and any attempt to sell or transfer, the same shall be null and void, and shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 3d, 1888.

NO. 44.

An act making an appropriation for the relief of James M. Coleman.

Be it enacted by the general Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars is hereby appropriated out of the National Treasury to reimburse James M. Coleman for money paid by him to the Nation for confiscated places, and which places the Nation failed to deliver, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 5, 1888.

Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, a majority of the members concurring, that Section "18," Article VII of the Constitution, in reference to mines or mineral waters, be stricken out and the following inserted: "Sec. 18." All mines or mineral, or mineral waters within the limits of the Choctaw Nation, are the common property of the Choctaw and Chickasaw people and are subject to the control of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation.

SEC. 2. That the National Secretary is hereby directed to carry out his duty herein as required by Section 1st, Article IX of the Constitution.

SEC. 3. That this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Referred to National Secretary, Nov. 5, 1888.

NO. 46.

An act to establish the citizenship of W. F. Foster and others.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That W. F. Foster 31 years of age, his wife, Mary Foster, 25 years of age, their children, John A. Foster, 8 years of age, Robert E. Foster, 5 years of age, Maude Foster, aged 5 months; also John Abram Foster 29 years of age, his wife Minnie Foster 25 years of age, their son William Foster 5 years of age; also Caledonia Paul, nee Foster 33 years of age, her husband W. A. Paul 35 years of age, their children, Wade Mardis Paul, aged 12 years, Belle Paul, 8 years of age, Ludia Paul 5 years of age, Delia Paul, 3 years of age, and Claude Paul, aged 7 months; also Mollie Williams nee Foster, 22 years of age, her husband W. F. Williams 26 years of age, their children Lula Williams 3 years of age, and Allie Williams 1 year old; also Alice Thomas, nee Foster, 19 years of age, her husband, John Thomas, 26 years of age, their son Jesse Thomas, aged 1 year, also Lula Foster, aged 3 years, orphan daughter of James M. Foster, deceased; also Samuel Foster, aged 13 years, and William F. Foster, Jr., aged 11 years, orphan child-

ren of Samuel D. Foster, deceased; also Ephriam Foster, about 58 years of age, his wife Amanda Foster, 53 years of age, their unmarried children Edna Foster, 19 years of age, Ida Foster, 15 years of age, and R. A. Foster, 13 years of age, the said Ephriam Foster being the father and grandfather of the Fosters above named; also James M. Campbell 38 years of age, his wife S. F. Campbell, 39 years of age, their children J. L. Campbell, 14 years of age. C. R. Campbell, 12 years of age. T. A. Campbell, aged 10 years, Molly Campbell, 8 years, Maggie Campbell aged 6 years, S. S. Campbell aged 4 years, Minnie Campbell aged 3 months, their married daughter Anna Jones nee Campbell, aged 18 years, her husband William Jones, aged 25 years, their daughter Maude Jones, aged 2 years; also their married daughter, Ella White nee Campbell, aged 16 years, and her husband J. E. White, 30 years of age; also Ephriam F. Campbell, aged 36 years, his daughter Ella Campbell, aged 13 years, and his son William Campbell, aged 6 years; also Eliza C. Paddock nee Campbell, aged 34 years, her husband Reuben Paddock, aged 38 years, their children Nancy J. Paddock aged 17 years, James L. Paddock, aged 15 years, William A. Paddock, aged 12 years, Reuben W. Paddock, aged 10 years, Eliza Ellen Paddock, aged 3 years, John S. Paddock, aged 3 years; also Jane Kuykendall nee Campbell, aged 30 years, her husband Joseph Kuykendall, 37 years of age, their son aged about 6 years, (name not now remembered,) the above named Campbells being the children and grandchildren of Ellen Campbell nee Foster, now deceased, who was the sister of Ephriam Foster, aforesaid, are hereby admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, with all of its rights, privileges, and immunities, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 5th, 1888.

NO. 47.

An act authorizing the Treasurer to call upon the U. S. Indian Agent for the balance of Freedmen money.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the National Treasurer is authorized to apply to and receive from the U. S. Indian Agent, whatever balance of money there may be left in his hands, which was to have been used

by him to make per capita payments to such of the Choctaw freedmen as registered to leave the Nation; but declined to receive the money, said money when received by the Treasurer, to be applied to general purposes, and to be reported upon by him to the next session of the General Council, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 5th, 1888.

no. 48.

A resolution accepting the annual report of W. B. Robe, Superintendent of Wheelock Seminary.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the report of W. B. Robe, Superintendent of Wheelock Seminary, showing a balance on hand of one thousand, seventy-three and eighty-four one-hundredth dollars, is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 5th, 1888.

no. 49.

A resolution accepting the report of H. R. Schermerhorn, late Superintendent of Spencer Academy.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the annual report of H. R. Schermerhorn, Superintendent of Spencer Academy, is hereby accepted as true and correct, showing a balance on hand of two thousand, six hundred and eighty and one one-hundredth dollars, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 5. 1888.

no. 50.

An act in reference to permits.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That no permits shall be issued to any one keeping of saloons, billiard halls or tables. Pool rooms or tables, or any kind of gambling in the Choctaw Nation, is hereby prohibited, and that no non-citizen shall have the right to take out a permit for another non-citizen, and all laws, or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force



from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th. 1888.

NO. 51.

A resolution accepting the report of John G. Farr, District Collector 2d District.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the report of John G. Farr, District Collector 2d District, C. N., is hereby accepted as true and correct, but showing a balance due him from the Nation, or that he paid the amount of one hundred and fourteen and fifteen one-hundredth dollars too much into the National Treasury, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

NO. 52.

A resolution accepting the report of E. N. Wright, coal weigher at Lehigh.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the report of E. N. Wright, coal weigher at Lehigh, is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th. 1888,

NO. 53.

A resolution accepting the report of G. W. Walker, coal weigher.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled. That the report of G. W. Walker coal weigher at No. 8 mine near Krebs, is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

NO. 54.

A resolution accepting the report of J. W. Everidge, District Collector 3d District. C. N.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the report of J. W. Everidge, District Collector 3d District, C. N., is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this

resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

NO. 55.

An act declaring the time when officers shall qualify.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That all district and county officers who receive their certificates of election from the Supreme Judges, shall take the oath of office, and enter upon the discharge of their duties on the 1st day of October, next, succeeding the election at which they are chosen, and shall hold for two years unless removed for cause.

Be it further enacted, That all officers who are elected by the joint ballot of the Senate and House of Representatives, together with all officers appointed by the Chief, by and with the advice of the Senate, shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of their duties on the 1st day of November succeeding the election or appointment.

Be it further enacted. That all officers now holding, shall continue in office, if elected by the people, until October 1st, 1890, and those elected by Council, or appointed by the Chief, until November 1st, 1890.

Be it further enacted, That this act shall not apply to a Senator, Representative, Principal Chief, or any member of his Cabinet, Circuit and Supreme Judges.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

NO. 56.

A resolution accepting the annual report of H. C. Harris, Inspector on the South Division on the Frisco Railway.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the report of H. C. Harris, Inspector on the south division of the Frisco Railway, from Tushka Homma to Red River, is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

NO. 57.

A resolution accepting the annual report of Ben Hampton, Inspector on M. K. & T. Railway.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the report of Ben Hampton, Inspector on the M. K. & T. Railway is accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th. 1888.

NO. 58.

A resolution accepting the report of John R. James, coal weigher at McAlester.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the report of Jno. R. James, coal weigher at McAlester, is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

NO. 59.

TUSHKA HOMMA, C. N., }  
Nov. 5th, 1888. }

To the General Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of J. R. Lawrence, inspector on the division of the Frisco Railway, between Tushka Homma and Ft. Smith, after having carefully examined the same, find that the said J. R. Lawrence is behind in his account with the Nation, to the amount of one thousand and seventy-eight and seventy-two one-hundredth dollars, (\$1078.72,) and gave your committee no satisfactory explanation of said defalcation. Your committee, therefore, propose the following act, and recommend its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON,

Chairman Committee on Finance.

An act in reference to report of inspector on North Division of the Frisco Railway.

1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled. That J. R. Lawrence Inspector on the North Division of the Frisco Railway in the Choctaw Nation, having failed to report and account to the Choctaw Nation for one thousand and seventy-eight and seventy-two one-hundredth dollars, which he collected, having become indebted to the Choctaw Nation to that amount,

and being liable under his bond to suit to recover that amount, the District Attorney of the 3d District is hereby instructed to bring suit on said bond to recover said amount.

2. The National Secretary is hereby authorized to turn over to the District Attorney a certified copy of this act and the reports of said J. R. Lawrence, and any papers in his office relating thereto, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

no. 60.

TUSHKA HOMMA, C. N.,  
Nov. 5, 1888.

To the General Council:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of J. S. Forrest, District Collector of the 1st Judicial District find, after having carefully examined the same, that said J. S. Forrest is behind in his accounts with the Choctaw Nation to the amount of four hundred and fifty-six and eighty-five one hundredth dollars. Your committee further find that the cause of this defalcation is that the said J. S. Forrest, received in payment of royalty a bogus warrant for the above amount which the National Treasurer refused to receive. Your committee therefore, report the following act thereon and ask its passage:

SAMSON HOLSON,

Char. Com. on Finance.

An act in reference to report of J. S. Forrest, District Collector.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That J. S. Forrest, District Collector, 1st District, C. N., is hereby required to pay into the National Treasury the sum of four hundred and fifty-six and eighty-five one hundredth dollars. Whenever he shall have obtained the Treasurer's receipt for the same, his report shall be considered as accepted and correct, but not until then, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6, 1888.

An act requiring the Sheriffs to take the census of non-citizens.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the several sheriffs of this Nation shall, on and during the month of June of each year, take the census of all non-citizens in their counties. Such census shall show the whole number of the family and their ages and sexes; also the number and kind of stock, together with the name of the citizen under whom they have permits; also said census shall show the profession or calling of all non-citizens over 21 years of age, and when completed shall be filed in the office of the county clerk for inspection of all persons interested. Said Sheriffs shall be allowed five cents per head on all non-citizens, payable out of the County Treasury.

Approved Nov. 6, 1888.

An act making distribution of the "Net Proceeds" money arising under judgment of the court of claims of the United States, rendered on the 16th day of Dec. A. D., 1886.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation is hereby authorized to appoint three competent persons as commissioners, one from each district, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be commissioned by the Principal Chief, and before they enter upon the discharge of their duties shall take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution, and they shall elect one among themselves chief commissioner, and shall appoint a clerk and baliff, and majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the dispatch of business.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That whose duty it shall be to ascertain the legal heirs of the individual claims which have been adjudicated by the court of claims of the Choctaw Nation under acts of the General Council approved 1872 and May, 1875, which adjudication amounted to eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$825,000.) If no reasonable objection appears the commission shall issue certificates signed by the commissioners present

and attested by the clerk for the amount of such claims to the person entitled thereto, and the United States Indian Agent for the five civilized tribes shall pay said certificates out of the Net Proceeds money.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the United States Indian Agent for the five civilized tribes is hereby authorized to make requisitions on the proper authorities of the United States on behalf of the Choctaw Nation for sufficient sums of money to pay the liabilities of the Choctaw Nation to the individual claims, that have been adjudicated or may hereafter be adjudicated by the proper authorities of said Nation, and claims so adjudicated shall be reported to the United States Indian Agent for the five civilized tribes, by the commission. The first requisition made shall be for eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$825,000), to be paid to said Agent out of the sum of one million, four hundred and thirty-six thousand, two hundred and seven dollars and fifteen cents, (\$1,436,207.15,) balance due the Choctaw Nation under judgment of the court of claims of the United States, rendered on the 16th day of December, 1886, for the purpose of settling the individual claims that have been adjudicated by the court of claims of the Choctaw Nation under acts of General Council approved 1872 and May, 1875.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That said commission, for the better convenience of the claimants, shall hold their meetings at the following places, to-wit: In the First District at Poteau station, Sans Bois court ground, and McAlester, fifteen business days at each place. In the Second District at the Circuit Court grounds at Sulphur Springs, in Nashoba county, twenty business days, and at Lukfatah in Boktuklo county, ten business days. In the Third District at the Circuit grounds in Jackson county, thirty business days, and at Stringtown in Atoka county, twenty business days, and in order to give every claimant an opportunity to appear before said board, the commission shall hold thirty business days at Tushka Homma, which shall be the final meeting of said commission.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That the clerk shall keep a fair and correct record of the proceedings of the commission, and the

bailiff shall serve all orders and commands of the commission, and keep order during business hours, and for that purpose he is hereby authorized to arrest any person for disturbing any person at the place of meeting, attending to business or for any other purpose, and turn such person over to the sheriff of the county where such meeting is held.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That said commission shall, under no circumstances, make allowances to any person whose claims have been rejected by the revisory board, held at Atoka in the year 1876. but may, and are hereby required to examine any new claims that may be presented, and if just, allow the same.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, That if a vacancy occurs by death or refusal to serve, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Principal Chief. The Principal Chief shall set the time for the first meeting of the commission to be held at Poteau station, by giving fifteen days notice to the commissioners, and the commissioners shall give fifteen days notice before meeting at each place of meeting after the first meeting.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, That said commission shall receive for the services herein, the sum of five dollars each per day and mileage, ten cents per mile actually traveled in going to and from each place of meeting. The clerk and bailiff shall receive the same pay as a commissioner. Chief commissioner shall issue certificates on the National Auditor, for the pay of the officers of the commission, and the Treasurer shall pay the same.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, That said commission shall procure at the expense of the Choctaw Nation, all stationery necessary to run the business of the commission. The chief commissioner shall issue his certificate on the National Auditor for the amount necessary to pay for the stationery, and the Auditor issue his warrant on the Treasurer for same.

SEC. 10. For guidance of the commission in examining claims and issuing certificates the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to immediately procure the roll of the individual claimants as appears of record in the Interior Department at Washington, D. C., at the expense of the Choctaw Nation, payable on the certificate of the Principal Chief on the National auditor, and he shall issue his war-

rant on the Treasurer for the same; all expense incurred by the Choctaw Nation on account of the court of claims shall be refunded out of the Net Proceeds money after individual claims are paid.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, That the National Secretary is hereby directed to furnish a certified copy of this act, one to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, one to the Secretary of the Interior, and one to the United States Indian Agent for the five civilized tribes, and all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Proposed by A. R. Durant.

Approved Nov. 6, 1888.

NO. 63.

An act in reference to pay of witnesses.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That in addition to the fees and mileage already allowed witnesses by the law of October 26th, 1883, to be paid in county scrip, they shall be allowed one dollar per day while attending circuit court in behalf of the Nation, until discharged, in all criminal cases, and in civil cases where the Nation is a party in interest, to be paid out of the National Treasury, on the certificates of the Judges of the courts, and attested by the clerks with the seals of the courts attached, Provided, That in no case the costs in a civil suit between individuals are to be paid out of the National Treasury, And provided further, That no officer, prisoner or other person, whose business takes him or her to court without a summons, or who happens to be present not having been summoned shall not be allowed the above per diem for simply testifying in a case.

SEC. 2. The act of November 10, 1887 is hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Proposed by A. R. Durant.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

NO. 64.

An act regulating the manner of application for citizenship.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That hereafter, all claimants for citizenship in the



Choctaw Nation, shall pay into the National Treasury the sum of one hundred dollars for each person asked to be adopted, and that no petition shall be entertained by the committee on citizenship unless accompanied by the National Treasurer's receipt as above required.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

no. 65.

An act rejecting the application of A. H. Nail for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the application of A. H. Nail for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, is hereby rejected for want of proper evidence, also on account of being barred by the law of 1887, requiring all applications to be filed 60 days from its passage, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6, 1888.

no. 66.

An act denying the application of Nannie Williams for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the application of Nannie J. Williams for citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, is hereby denied for want of sufficient testimony, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6, 1888.

no. 67.

An act making appropriation for scholars at school in the States.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That nine thousand and seventy-five dollars are hereby appropriated to pay for expenses of scholars at school in the states during the current year to be distributed and paid as follows, and the Superintendent of Public Schools is hereby required to conform strictly to the distribution herein provided for:

BOYS.		GIRLS.	
1. Thomas W. Hunter.....	\$ 300 00	1. Lorinda Maytubby.....	\$ 300 00
2. Robt. C. Miller.....	300 00	2. Katie Moncrief.....	325 00
3. Lewis Battiest.....	300 00	3. Florence Turnbull.....	250 00
4. Abner Clay.....	300 00	4. Junia Folsom.....	325 00
5. Joseph Dukes.....	300 00	5. Sallie Nash.....	300 00
6. Eli Burns.....	300 00	6. Sallie Harris.....	325 00
7. James Bowers.....	300 00	7. Elizabeth Hodges.....	300 00
8. Joshua Bohanan.....	300 00	8. Annie James.....	250 00
9. John W. Durant.....	300 00	9. Lettie Hailey.....	325 00
10. Peter Hudson.....	300 00	10. Elsie Cravatt.....	250 00
11. Hampton Tucker.....	300 00	11. Ella Pate.....	325 00
12. Wilburn Johnson.....	300 00	12. Lena Harris.....	250 00
13. Levi W. Bohanan.....	300 00	13. Lena Harris.....	300 00
14. James Culberson.....	300 00	14. ....	300 00
15. ....	250 00		
16. ....	250 00		\$4,125 00
17. ....	250 00		4,950.00
Total.....	\$4,950.00	Total.....	\$9,075.00

And this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6, 1888.

no. 68.

An act for the relief of Frank Fobb and Aaron Peter, of Jacks' Fork county.

Whereas, There were three whisky peddlers in Jacks Fork county in 1884. by the names of George Biggs, Ed McCurry and John Jordan, And whereas, Ben Murphy, an Indian Policeman, Frank Fobb, a deputy sheriff, of said county, and Aaron Peter, a citizen, being deputized to assist, attempted to capture said whisky peddlers. and in the melee George Biggs was killed, Ed McCurry was wounded and captured, and John Jordan made his escape. And whereas, Aaron Peter was wounded and had his horse shot, and Frank Fobb was arrested and taken to Ft. Smith, to be tried in the United States court on a charge of murder and it became necessary for him to employ counsel in his defense, Therefore

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the sum of two hundred and thirty-seven dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, payable on the certificate of the Principal Chief,

one hundred and thirty-seven dollars of the amount for the relief of Frank Fobb, and one hundred dollars for the relief of Aaron Peter, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1888.

NO. 69.

An act to establish the citizenship of A. Frank Ross and Wm. T. Ross and others.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That A. Frank Ross, his wife Emma J. Ross, their children Carrie May aged 9 years, Sammie B. aged 7 years, Hallie aged 6 years, and Winema aged 4 years; also Wm. T. Ross, his wife Lizzie Ross, their children, Ethen aged 12 years, Cora aged 10 years, Katie aged 8 years, A. Frank, Jr., aged 6 years, James aged 4 years, and Alta aged 1 year, are hereby admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, and are hereby entitled to all the rights and privileges as such, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7th, 1888.

NO. 70.

A resolution accepting the report of Inspector in the Chickasaw Nation.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of Jno. M. Hodges, Inspector in the Chickasaw Nation, is hereby accepted as true and correct and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

NO. 71.

An act making appropriation to pay Jesse Yota.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of thirty dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the following account: Furnishing three well buckets, two dollars (\$2 00); glass, twelve dollars (\$12 00); table, eight dollars (\$8 00); cleaning out well, eight dollars; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

## NO. 72.

An act suspending the militia law.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the law passed and approved November 1st, 1883, creating the militia for the Choctaw Nation, be and the same is hereby suspended, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

## NO. 73.

An act to grant a right of way to the Kavanaugh Coal and Mining Company.

1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That a right of way one hundred feet in width is hereby granted to the Kavanaugh Coal and Mining Company to construct and operate a branch railroad making a junction with the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway at Poteau Station, on said railway, in Sugar Loaf county, Choctaw Nation, and running thence in a northerly direction a distance of five or six miles to coal veins or mines which have been leased by the said Kavanaugh Coal and Mining Company from the National Agent of the Choctaw Nation, said coal veins or mines being owned by J. S. Page, Robert Page, Joe H. Kincaid and Lyman Bohanan, with branches to reach the several veins or mines aforesaid, with the right to it or its assigns to construct and maintain such tracks, branches, sidings and extensions, telegraph and telephone lines as may be necessary along and upon the right of way herein granted.

2. The right of way terminals at the said coal mines and the station connections with the St. Louis & San Francisco railway at or near Poteau Station, may be enlarged in addition to the right of way to a width of 300 feet by 3000 feet in length for depot purposes to facilitate the handling and shipping of coal; provided however, that if the franchise herein granted shall be assigned by the said Kavanaugh Coal & Mining Company to the said St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Company, then all of the rights, privileges and liabilities set forth in the act of Congress granting the right of way to the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway Company shall extend to and include this branch railroad.

3. This grant shall not authorize the entrance or intrusion upon any citizen's claim without his or her consent, shall not be construed to convey the fee in the land, or to grant any more right than to occupy the land while coal is being transported to market over it, and shall cease and revert to the Choctaw Nation whenever it is abandoned, or whenever the transportation of coal over it is discontinued.

4. If the construction of this branch herein provided for, shall not have been entered upon in two years from the passage of this act, this grant shall be void, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Proposed by J. J. Brown.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

NO. 74.

An act for the relief of the Boarding Schools.

Whereas, the Boarding Schools appropriations are not available until about the 1st of December each year; and whereas, said schools have to be run on a credit until the regular appropriations are available and in consequence adds to the expense of conducting said schools; Therefore

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the following sums of money for the relief of the Boarding Schools of the Choctaw Nation are hereby appropriated, to be available on the 1st Monday in August, 1889 and distributed to the Boarding Schools, and payable to the Superintendents of said schools as follows:

Spencer Academy.....	\$2000
New Hope Seminary.....	2000
Armstrong Academy.....	1000
Wheelock Seminary.....	1000

And this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

NO. 75.

An act making appropriations for the Neighborhood Schools.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the following sums of money are hereby appropriated for the Neighborhood Schools in the several districts of the

Choctaw Nation and to be expended as hereinafter directed, as follows:

First District .....	\$11,000
Second District .....	11,000
Third District .....	13,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$35,000</b>

And this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

NO. 76.

A resolution in reference to cases of citizenship applications not acted upon.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the cases of citizenship applicants whose names are in the list hereto appended and made a part of this resolution are hereby continued until the next session of the General Council.

Cases laid over by committee of 1888 for investigation by next council of 1889:

Case No. 1, Mrs. Emma McClung.....	Case No. 48, Cora Bell Ellis.....
" " 12, John Owens, et. al.....	" " 49, Sandy and Geo. Edmunds.....
" " 13, A. A. Spring.....	" " 50, Allen Jackson.....
" " 14, Matilda Graham.....	" " 51, Charles Rider.....
" " 15, Catherine Green.....	" " 52, J. S. Smith.....
" " 15, Allen McKinney.....	" " 53, C. G. Evans.....
" " 17, Toney Henderson.....	" " 54, Martha Rutledge.....
" " 19, Calvin Hutchins.....	" " 55, John H. Porter.....
" " 20, John Richmond.....	" " 56, John B. King.....
" " 21, Rosa Thompson.....	" " 57, W. J. Godson.....
" " 22, Mary Pusley.....	" " 58, W. R. Bell, et. al.....
" " 24, Lucy Ann Avery.....	" " 59, John Ingle.....
" " 25, Sarah J. Yates.....	" " 60, Alex. McKinney.....
" " 26, Susan Nail.....	" " 61, Edgar West, et. al.....
" " 30, G. LeFlore, et. al.....	" " 62, H. H. Davis.....
" " 31, Frank Carter.....	" " 63, Dumas Riddle.....
" " 32, S. A. Lee, et. al.....	" " 64, A. F. and Lizzie Ball.....
" " 35, D. R. Johnson.....	" " 65, John L. Long.....
" " 36, Rosa D. West.....	" " 66, W. A. Long.....
" " 37, Sophia Dugan.....	" " 67, Rebecca Harris.....
" " 38, Mrs. T. N. Trimble.....	" " 68, John Davis.....
" " 39, H. R. Pitchlynn.....	" " 69, Annie Parmer.....
" " 40, Maggie and Earl Pitchlynn.....	" " 70, Mary E. Ridler.....
" " 42, Salina and daughter.....	" " 71, J. E. McElrutt.....
" " 44, Mary Ann Price.....	" " 75, Nelson Winters.....
" " 45, Zachriah Davis.....	" " 76, Ned James.....
" " 46, S. C. Schooley, et. al.....	" " 77, Charles Hotchin.....
" " 47, W. A. Vanwinkle.....	" " 78, A. Beal and J. R. Mars.....

And this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1886.

NO. 77.

A resolution accepting Treasurer and Auditor's reports.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled. That the annual reports of the National Treasurer and National Auditor are hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

NO. 78.

An act for the benefit of crippled, blind and idiotic persons.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That each person, citizen of the Nation, so crippled as to be unable to help themselves and having no property, blind or idiotic, shall be entitled to fifty dollars payable out of the National Treasury on the certificates (under their direction and discretion) of their respective County Judges, who are hereby authorized and required to see that the money is used for the beneficiaries under this act, and all laws or parts of laws heretofore passed conflicting with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

NO. 79.

An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Choctaw Nation, for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1889.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the following sums of money are hereby appropriated to pay as follows;

Principal Chief.....	\$	2000	00
Auditor, Treasurer and Secretary, each \$600.00.....		1800	00
National Attorney.....		400	00
"    Agent.....		800	00
Private Secretary.....		500	00
National Light Horse.....		950	00
Supreme Judges.....		1200	00

Circuit	"	1500 00
County	"	2487 50
District Chiefs		150 00
" Attorneys		950 00
Supreme Court Clerk		100 00
Circuit	" "	900 00
County	" "	850 00
Sheriffs		2400 00
" and Deputies attending court		1800 00
Deputy Sheriffs		350 00
Sheriff attending Supreme Court		50 00
Election Judges		375 00
" Clerks		260 00
Grand and Petit Juries		14900 00
Witness fees for Circuit Court		6000 00
Court of Claims Expenses		5000 00
Superintendent Schools and District Trustees		1000 00
Students in the States		9074 00
Local Trustees		1500 00
Spencer Academy and New Hope Seminary each, \$10,000		20000 00
Armstrong Academy		5500 00
Wheelock Seminary		5500 00
Neighborhood Schools	{ 1st District, \$11000 00..... 2nd District, 11000 00..... 3rd District, 13000 00.....	35000 00
Contingent Fund, Principal Chief		298 00
" " Superintendent Schools		400 00
" " District Trustees		150 00
" " Auditor		178 50
" " Treasurer		400 00
" " Secretary		50 00
Publication fund for Secretary		350 00
General Council and Lighthorse		9174 00
Cleaning and taking care of Capitol one year		50 00

And this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Nov. 7, 1888.

## CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript from the original bills (Nos. 1 to 79 inclusive,) now on file in this office.

{ SEAL }

Witness my hand and the seal of the Choctaw Nation this 30th day of November, A. D., 1888.

A. TELLE,  
National Secretary, Choctaw Nation.



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