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NO. 1.

An act to establish two boarding schools, erect buildings, etc.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of not exceeding forty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the erection of two boarding school buildings in the Choctaw Nation, one for boys and one for girls, to be located by the full Board of Education.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that the sum appropriated shall be divided equally for each of said buildings, and the capacity of each of said buildings to be sufficient to lodge and accommodate one hundred scholars. The material used in the construction of said buildings shall be under the control and supervision of the Board of Education. Said buildings to be heated by steam or hot water, and special attention be given to safety from fire.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, that for the purpose of securing the best model buildings the Board of Education is hereby authorized to advertise in some leading newspapers for plans and specifications, specifying each building and the general purpose for which they are required, and to receive and open bids and let contracts to the best and most responsible bidders, and shall require a bond from the contractors which shall contain the provisions and stipulations usually contained in such agreements, requiring first-class materials for the construction of said buildings, and to be done in a first-class workman-like manner, and the completion of the same by a fixed date with a penalty for each day said completion is delayed.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, that the Board of Education is hereby required as soon as practicable, after the passage of act, to make advertisement and bids to be received not later than June 1, 1891; and if a balance be left on hand of the appropriation after

the completion of said buildings, said balance to be covered back into the National treasury, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 2.

An act for the relief of certain Mississippi Choctaws.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of two hundred and ninety-five dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse Cornelius Hickman and family (4), Presley Isham and family (4), Nat Sakki (1), Dixon Ripley (1), Taylor Bell (1), Jane Sakki (1), Lee Nobbec (1), Tom Sakki and family (5), James Sakki (1), Alex Sakki (1), Isaac Simpson and family (5), and Matt Sakki and family (3), Choctaws (late arrivals from the State of Mississippi) for their expenditures while immigrating, and to enable them to obtain the necessaries of life, they having arrived too late last year to raise a crop of any kind; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 3.

An act repealing an act in reference to Licensed Traders, approved November 4, 1890.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by special session of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that an act in reference to Licensed Traders, approved Nov. 4, 1890, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that the act of November 1, 1883, in reference to Licensed Traders be and the same is hereby re-enacted and declared to be in force, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 6, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 4.

An act requiring National Contractors to furnish transportation for Inspectors.

Whereas, it is necessary that the Inspector for the Choctaw Nation be present when every inspection of ties and measurement of lumber and all kinds of timber is had, and

Whereas, great numbers of ties and other timbers are brought to the track at points where there is no station, and

Whereas, it is a source of great inconvenience to said Inspectors on all the lines of railroads in this Nation to devise means for attending said inspections, therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the contractors for furnishing ties and timbers of all kinds to the several railroads running through this Nation are hereby required to furnish transportation for the several inspectors on the several railroads in this Nation in going to and from places of inspection.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that all contractors for furnishing ties and timber of all kinds to the said railroads who shall fail or refuse to furnish such transportation for Inspectors shall forfeit their contracts; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 6, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 5.

An act appropriating \$750 for nine additional scholars at Armstrong Orphan School.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the support of nine scholars at the Armstrong Orphan School, in addition to the number now allowed by law, and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 6, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 6.

An act appropriating \$2250 for the benefit of Armstrong Orphan School.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in addition to the appropriation of seven thousand dollars heretofore passed, to-wit: November 3, 1890, for the erection of new building and for repairing the present one at Armstrong Orphan School.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that all of this appropriation, or so much of it as is necessary, shall be expended under the supervision and with the consent of the Board of Education, and any balance left after the completion of the said building and repairs shall be turned into the treasury by the President of the Board of Education, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 6, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 7.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the privilege is hereby granted to Walter Patterson to turnpike and establish a toll-gate at a point on the Fort Smith and McAlister road, where said road crosses Gains creek, in Gains county, upon the following terms and conditions: That if said Walter Patterson turnpikes by grading the earth and leveling with stones the said road from where it crosses Gains creek westward to a distance of five miles he shall be entitled to demand and receive therefor, from all persons on the same, excepts citizens of this Nation, the rates of toll to-wit: For each four-wheel wagon, or other vehicle, drawn by four or more horses, mules or oxen, with driver, the sum of 50 cents; for each four-wheel wagon or other vehicle drawn by one or two horses, mules or oxen, with driver, 25 cents; for man and horse, 10 cents; each person on foot, 5 cents; for each animal in every drove of cattle, horses, mules, hogs or sheep 1 cent.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted that privilege to receive toll herein given shall not take effect until said turnpike is completed, and shall continue in full force for the period of ten years, provided said turapike shall be kept in good order and repairs; and all other persons are hereby prohibited from making any road across said creek for a distance of a mile up or down said creek.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, that if any person or persons, not citizens of this Nation, refuse to pay the aforesaid toll upon application, with proper proof being made to the United States Indian Agent for the Choctaw and Chickasaw, he shall take such steps as may be necessary to secure and collect the same.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 8.

An act admitting certain Mississippi Indians to citizenship.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that Mrs. Anna Boyd, Mrs. Lenas Southerland, Mrs. Ozie Travis, Mrs. M. William, Choctaws lately from the State of Mississippi,—and full sister of C. A. Bilbo who has been heretofore admitted—and their descendants be and they are hereby declared citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

Be it further enacted that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 9.

An act in relation to Peddlers and other traders herein mentioned.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that all non-citizens who desire to engage in the following businesses shall pay to the sheriff of the county wherein they propose to trade as follows, to-wit: Lee

cream and lemonade stands at picnic \$5.00 per day; ice cream and lemonade stands, in towns, \$25.00 per year. Peddlers who travel in a wagon \$25.00 per year; and pack peddlers \$10 per year.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that all non-citizens proposing to engage in such business, as above stated, shall first present a petition to the principal Chief, signed by five responsible citizens of this Nation. When he shall have obtained the permit he shall pay to the sheriff of the county wherein he proposes to trade the sum above stated, to be by him placed in the National treasury for National purposes. The said sheriff shall be entitled to 10 per cent. of all money collected by him under this law; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 10.

An act appropriating \$500 for five additional scholars at Wheelock Seminary.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the support of five additional scholars at Wheelock Seminary, to be paid on the certificate of the Superintendent of Wheelock Seminary, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 11.

A Resolution asking pardon for Willie Anderson, of Jackson county, for assault with intent to kill.

Whereas, Willie Anderson, of Jackson county, was convicted for shooting, while intoxicated, a bullet into a Pullman car at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, and

Whereas, we sincerely believe that the striking of the car was entirely unintentional, and

Whereas, he has always been a good citizen, and we believe truly that he will never again err in such a manner, but if pardoned by his excellency, the President of the United States, will make a valuable citizen. Therefore

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the President of the United States is hereby respectfully petitioned to grant the pardon of William Anderson, of Jackson county, and restore him to his family and people; and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 12.

An act providing that the compensation of local Trustees shall be continued for the current scholastic year.

Whereas, an act was passed by the General Council and approved November, 14, 1890, making an appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars to pay local Trustees in accordance with the old law, and

Whereas, an act was passed and approved October 31, 1890, depriving the local Trustees of the Choctaw Nation of their compensation after they had entered upon the performance of their duties. Therefore

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, which was appropriated in the general appropriation bill of November 14, 1890, shall be expended in payment of local Trustees, the same as it would have been expended had not the school law of October 31, 1890, been passed; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 13.

An act entitled an act regulating the time and manner of Sheriffs' making Reports to their respective County Treasurers, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that each and every Sheriff of this Nation is hereby required to make quarterly reports to their respective county Treasurer, exhibiting for his inspection all papers, permits, executions and other documents of whatsoever character remaining in his hands uncollected or served, and then and there turn over all funds belonging to his county to said Treasurer; and all funds due to the officers or other persons, such as fees, judgments, etc., taking their respective receipts. And failure on the part of any Sheriff, of this Nation, or refusal to comply with the foregoing, or attempt to withhold any funds due the county official or person to whom, by law the same is due, shall be construed as sufficient grounds for the vacation of his commission as Sheriff by the Principal Chief, who shall at once vacate the same upon the sworn statement of any county Treasurer, setting forth the facts that such Sheriff refuses, fails, or neglects to comply with the terms of this act.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of each County Treasurer, of this Nation, to carefully examine all papers, permits, executions and other documents in the hands of the Sheriff of their respective counties quarterly, when presented to him by said Sheriff, in compliance with Section 1, of this act, and if it should be found, after examination, that said Sheriff has fairly exhibited all papers in his office and duly turned over and accounted for all funds due the county of which he is Sheriff, he shall so certify in writing to that effect, and it shall be a receipt to the Sheriff for that quarter, provided, however, that the Sheriff's report and examination of the papers in his office together with the delivery of the county funds by said Sheriff to his respective County Treasurer shall be made in open County Court and under the supervision of the County Judge, and the result of such examination, etc., be spread upon the minutes of said Court to be approved by said Judge. And provided further, that should the Treasurer find upon examination of any Sheriff's office that he is withholding funds due the county of which he may be Sheriff, it shall be his duty to so state to the Principal Chief under oath, setting forth the facts and amount of such shortage.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, that from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any Sheriff of this Nation to receive money and receipt for the same in lieu of a permit in any case before such permit shall have been applied for and issued. Every Sheriff violating this section shall be fined not less than twenty dollars for each and every offense upon conviction in the Circuit Court of his district. And such receipt or sworn testimony of the party to whom it was given shall be conclusive evidence against him.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, that the fees allowed by law to the County Clerks for the issuing of permits be and the same is hereby made payable out of the county treasury of their respective counties; and all acts and parts of acts heretofore enacted, coming in contact with with this act, are hereby repealed, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 14.

An act appropriating three thousand dollars for the benefit of Wheelock Orphan Seminary.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to furnish steam heaters, furniture and repairing the said Seminary.

Be it further enacted, that all of this appropriation, or so much as is necessary, shall be expended under the supervision and consent of the Board of Education, and any balance on hand after the completion of said repairing and furnishing, etc., shall be turned into the treasury of the Choctaw Nation by the President of the Board of Education.

Be it further enacted, that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 15.

An act admitting certain Choctaws from Mississippi to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that Joe Willis and his children, Nancy Selan, and Frank Willis and his sister Liney Willis, and Billy Willis and his children Lee and Serena Willis, Thompson Barnett, James Sakki and Thomas Sakki, and Wallace Sam and his wife Fannie Sam and their children Milley, Jeruzy, Luke, Silley, Lizzie, Liza and Era Sam, all having just come from the old Nation in Mississippi, 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 April 8, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 16.

An act recognizing the citizenship of certain Mississippi Choctaws.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that following Mississippi Choctaws, late arrival, to-wit: 1 Cornelius Hickman, 2 Eliza Ann Hickman, 3 Jeff Hickman, 4 Presley Isham, 5 Ellen Isham, 6 William Isham, 7 Nat Sakki, 8 Dixon Ripley, 9 Taylor Bell, 10 Alex Sakki, 11 Jane Sakki, 12 Lee Nobbe, 13 Henson Haltenstyle, 14, Phoebe Haltenstyle, 15 Milton Haltenstyle, 16 Jesse Haltenstyle, 17 Fall Haltenstyle are hereby recognized as citizens of this Nation and are entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities of other citizens of this Nation; and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 17.

An act for the relief of certain Mississippi Choctaws.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation

assembled, that the sum of \$300 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, as a relief for the following late arrivals from Mississippi, to-wit: 1 Joe Willis, 2 Nancy Willis, 3 Frank Willis, 4 Liney Willis, 5 Billy Willis, 6 Liza Willis, 7 Serena Willis, 8 Thompson-Burney, 9 Wallace Sam, 10 Fannie Sam, 11 Jemzy Sam, 12 Luke Sam, 13 Sally Sam, 14 Liza Sam, 15 Lizzie Sam, 16 Asa Sam, 17 Henson Haltenstyle, 18 Phoebe Haltenstyle, 18 Milton Haltenstyle, 20 Jesse Haltenstyle, 21 Fall Haltenstyle, 22 Sanders Amos, 23 William Amos, 24 Ann Amos, 25 John Amos, 26 Solomon Amos, 27 Puss Amos, 28 Casson Wilson, 29 Belson Wilson, 30 Medarial Wilson; and this act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 18.

Whereas, the Glen and Tucker families now residing in the Choctaw Nation and claiming citizenship, whose cases have been decided adversely and are now pending before the Department at Washington, and

Whereas, the General Council are thoroughly satisfied that said families are not of Choctaw descent. Therefore

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of (\$5000) five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Principal Chief to successfully resist their application for citizenship, by employing able counsel to protect and defend the Choctaw Nation in said appeal cases; and this act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 19.

An act making an appropriation to pay outstanding school certificates of
 • Peter Garland, late Trustee of the First District.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that whereas there appears numerous certificates of indebtedness issued by Peter Garland, late trustee of the first District outstanding against the Nation, the exact amount not known; therefore, there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to pay said certificates, and upon presentation, no doubt appearing as to genuineness, the Treasurer shall pay the same.

SEC. 2. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

 NO. 20.

An act authorizing a release of all the title and interest that the Choctaws have in the Cheyenne and Arraphoe lands lying south of the Canadian River and west of the 98 degree of west longitude, and making conveyance thereof.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the delegation of 1889, to-wit: J. S. Standley, H. C. Harris and R. J. Ward, and Green McCurtain, National Treasurer, and some one to be appointed by the Principal Chief with the advice and consent of the Senate and commissioned by the Principal Chief, are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to proceed to Washington City, D. C., and as delegates specially authorized thereto, execute releases and conveyances and transfer to the United States all the right, title and interest of the Choctaw Nation to their lands lying west of the 98 degree of west longitude and south of the Canadian River and now occupied by the Cheyenne and Arraphoe tribe of Indians, for the payment of which an act of Congress of the United States was approved March 3, 1891; and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 21.

An act making requisition for the sum of \$2,243,587.50, due the Choctaw Nation under an act of Congress, approved March 3, 1891.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the delegation of 1889, the National Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation and some one to be selected and commissioned by the Principal Chief, with the advice and consent of the Senate, are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to Washington City, D. C., and make a requisition on the government of the United States in such manner and form as may be satisfactory to the proper authorities of the United States for the sum of \$2,243,587.50, being three-fourths of the sum of \$2,991,450 appropriated by the act of the Congress of the United States, approved March 3, 1891, in payment of the interest of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in the lands west of 95th degree of west longitude; and the National Treasurer shall deposit the same in some responsible bank or banks, subject to the order of the Choctaw Nation, and such bank or banks to give a bond payable to the Choctaw Nation in a sum equal to the amount so deposited. Such bond to be approved by the National Treasurer and to be recovered by the National Treasurer for the use and benefit of the Choctaw Nation and conditioned as other bonds are conditioned for like purposes; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 22.

An act making an appropriation for the relief of J. S. Standley.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of (\$750) seven hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated to pay J. S. Standley for services in recovering (\$15,000) fifteen thousand dollars for the Choctaw Nation, and the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for the amount. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 23.

An act authorizing settlement with the delegation for services rendered in the prosecution of the claim of the Choctaw Nation in the Leased District.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the National Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed (as soon as practicable after the receipt of the Leased District money) to make a settlement with the delegation as per act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, approved December 24, 1889, and to pay over to them such sum or sums as may be due them; and that this act shall take effect and be in force from after its passage.

Approved April 10, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 24.

An act to authorize the Principal Chief to purchase carpets and have the roof of the Capitol repaired.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to contract with some responsible party to furnish a suitable carpet for the floors of the Senate hall and the House of Representatives, also to repair the roof of the Capitol building.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that in order to carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this act the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to draw on the National Treasurer for the amount of his expenditures, and make a detailed report thereof to the next General Council; and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 10, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 25.

An act changing an election Precinct in San Bois county.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the election precinct in San Bois county, known as Kulli Chito Precinct, be and the same is hereby removed and located at Jerry Folsom's place, two miles south, and to be called and known as Oak Hill Election Precinct; and all future elections shall be held there; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 10, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 26.

An act authorizing distribution per capita of the money due the the Choctaw Nation for the sale of a portion of the leased district under act of Congress; approved March 3, A. D. 1891.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of one million six hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$1,657,691) being the balance, after deducting delegates per cent, and twenty-five thousand and five dollars for necessary expense in procuring and distributing the same, shall be paid out *per capita* among Choctaw citizens by blood residing in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation at the date of this act.

SEC. 2. That for properly executing Section 1, of this act, it shall be the duty of the Principal Chief to appoint three commissioners for each county in the Choctaw Nation and three for the Chickasaw District, whose duty shall be to enroll all the names on rolls to be prepared for the purpose under order of the Chief; the beneficiaries under this act when said rolls are completed, which shall be done as speedily as possible, they shall be carried by one of the commissioners to Tashka Humma and delivered to a committee consisting of the Principal Chief, Secretary, Auditor and Treasurer who shall ascertain exactly the amount due each person, whereupon the Treasurer shall proceed to disburse the same, commencing in the Second District; the payment to be made at the District Court ground of each District. The Auditor shall accompany the Treasurer and verify

the payments. The Light Horse shall also act as a guard. The Principal Chief, if he desires, may superintend the disbursement in person.

SEC. 3. The Commissioners shall be sworn by some county judge which oath shall be endorsed on their appointment and shall complete their work in not less than twenty days. They shall meet at the most public place for convenience of the people in their respective counties, and shall receive the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each for their services.

SEC. 4. The Principal Chief, shall notify the Commissioners when to begin work, soon after receiving the money; and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 27.

An act granting to John E. McBrayer a Ferry on the Arkansas River.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that John E. McBrayer, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, residing at Tamaha in Sun Bois county, is hereby authorized and permitted to establish and operate a Ferry at Pleasant Bluff, on the Arkansas River, the said McBrayer being the owner of the premises on the Choctaw side adjoining the landing. This privilege shall continue for the period of ten years, extend up and down the said river for the distance of one mile each way. Said McBrayer to keep the banks and approaches to the ferry, and his ferry boats in good condition, and the Choctaw Nation to be in no way responsible or liable to any party for loss or damage by reason of said ferry. Said McBrayer shall have the right to charge for vehicles drawn by more than two horses, mules or oxen, seventy-five cents; for vehicles drawn by two horses, mules or oxen, fifty cents; for vehicles drawn by a single animal thirty-five cents; for each animal, horses, mules or cattle, besides those drawing vehicles, ten cents; for each person on horse-back, twenty-five cents; for each person on foot, ten cents; for each hog or sheep, five cents; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. H.

NO. 28.

An act making an appropriation for expenses of extra Session of General Council.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the sum of (\$4500) four thousand and five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money, not otherwise appropriated in the National treasury, to pay the the expenses of the extra session of the General Council, held in April, 1891; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 29.

An act for the protection of the interest of Orphans in the money arising from the sale of the Leased District under act of Congress, approved March 3, 1891.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the gross amount ascertained to be due the orphans now at Armstrong and Wheelock, arising under *per capita* distribution of the Leased District money, under act of Congress, approved March 3, 1891, shall be covered into the National Treasury and so entered on the books thereof, and shall draw interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

SEC. 2. That a list of said orphans shall be filed in the Auditor and Treasurer's office with the age of each orphan, and upon becoming of age of any orphan herein provided for, it shall be the duty of the National Auditor, without further action of the General Council, upon proper application to issue his warrant on the Treasurer for the said orphan's prorata of said sum with the accrued interest thereon.

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

Approved April 11, 1891.

W. N. JONES, P. C. C. N.

NO. 30.

An act authorizing the Principal Chief to accompany the Special Delegation to Washington City, D. C.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that Wilson N. Jones, Principal Chief, shall accompany the special delegation to Washington City, D. C., and shall sign officially with the delegation the release of the interest of the Choctaw Nation in the lands west of 78 degrees west longitude as contemplated in the act of the Congress of the United States, approved March 3, 1891; and shall also sign with Special Delegation the requisition for the monies due for said lands; *provided, however,* if from any disability he should be unable to accompany the delegation or should be unable to act, then the delegation are authorized to continue the business; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

It became a law by its own limitation.

NO. 31.

A resolution of adjournment.

Be it resolved by the Special Session of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the Special Session of the Choctaw nation (now in session) shall adjourn on Saturday the 11th day of April, A. D. 1891, at 3'clock p. m., and that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

NO. 32.

An act providing pay for the Special Delegates to Washington City, D. C., to sign release of the Leased District and make requisition for monie arising therefrom.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that the Special Delegation to Wash-ton City, D. C., are to be paid as follows, to-wit: The expenses of W. N. Jones, Principal Chief, and Green McCurtain, National Treasurer, are to be paid, they being salaried officers, and

the other, who is to be appointed and confirmed, shall receive for his services five hundred dollars and his expenses actually incurred while in the performance of his mission; *provided, however,* the said appointee is not a salaried officer, in which case his expenses alone shall be paid, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same on the order of the Principal Chief.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that the delegation of 1889, to-wit: J. S. Standley, H. C. Harris and R. J. Ward shall not be entitled to any per diem or expense funds; and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

It became a law by its own limitation.

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original acts now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the Choctaw Nation.
Done at Tashka Humma, this the 24th day of June A. D., 1891.

J. B. JACKSON,
National Secretary Choctaw Nation.