

THE CHOCTAW LAWS.

...PASSED...

. . . AT THE . . .

SPECIAL SESSIONS

In January, 1894 and April, 1894,

. . . AND THE . . .

REGULAR SESSION,

OCTOBER, 1894.

National Advocate Print, Antlers, I. T.

Bill No. 1.

Be it Resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That **Green McCurtain**, delegate, and his substitute **N. B. Ainsworth**, be requested to make a public report of their acts at Washington during the past year at the Representative Hall at 7:30 p. m., Oct. 5, 1894, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

Approved October 5th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 2.

An act repealing an act entitled an act to authorize the Choctaw and Chickasaw National Railroad Company to construct and operate a railway through the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that an act to authorize the Choctaw and Chickasaw National Railroad Company to construct and operate a railway through the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation and for other purposes, passed and approved on the 27th day of January, 1894, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the National Secretary of the Choctaw Nation is hereby instructed to forward a true copy of this act to the Secretary of the Interior Department, Washington, D. C.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted that this act shall take effect and

Bill No. 3.

be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 8th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the election of Superintendent of Public Instruction and District Trustees for the several districts, shall be held on the 12th day of October, 1894, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Be it further resolved That both houses shall meet in joint session in the Representative's Hall for the purpose of electing Superintendent of Public Instruction and District Trustees.

Be it resolved, That all resolutions or parts of resolutions passed in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, and that this resolution shall take effect after its passage.

Approved October 9th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 4.

A resolution entitled a resolution of condolence and sympathy for the death of Cole E. Nelson.

Whereas, we have received with the most profound sorrow the late intelligence of the death of our fellow citizen and esteemed Attorney General, Col. Cole E. Nelson, of Jack Fork county, and

Whereas, it is right and proper for us to pay a tribute of respect to the memory of one who has for many years stood in our midst a defender of our rights, a zealous patriot and advocate of the best interests of his people; and whereas, the loss to his family is a loss to this nation of one who was an able and earnest worker, has doubled his talents for the welfare of his country, his neighbors, his friends and himself.

Therefore be it resolved, that to the family and relatives of the deceased, now bowed in mourning by the chastisement placed upon

them, we do humbly extend our most profound sympathy.

Be it further resolved that a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker of the House and a like committee be appointed by the President of the Senate to attend the funeral of our beloved friend, attorney and brother, and that the members of both Houses wear out of respect and love for deceased friend and co-worker, the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that the General Council, out of love and respect for the deceased, adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, the 11th inst.

Be it further resolved, That his wife and family be furnished with a copy of this resolution by the National Secretary.

Be it resolved that this resolution take effect and be in force after its passage.

Approved October 9th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 5.

That whereas, Robert A. Taylor, was at the August election, held in the county of Red River, in the year 1892, duly elected Sheriff of said county, and whereas he was at the October term of said year duly qualified and commissioned as Sheriff of said county, and whereas, in the discharge of the duties developing upon him as Sheriff as aforesaid, there was handed to him by the Hon. A. P. Mitchell then county and probate judge of said county, an order commanding him to take into his possession one certain brown horse branded 4. C., and put one Pon Colbert in the possession of the said horse; said order was duly and faithfully executed by the said Robert A. Taylor, and whereas on or about the 16th day of May, 1894, Hon. J. H. Haliy, United States commissioner at Antlers, Choctaw Nation, did bring said order in judgment and expenses against the said Robert A. Taylor, for the sum of one hundred and eight and 60-100 dollars, which was duly paid by Robert A. Taylor, Now therefore

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That Robert A. Taylor, Sheriff as aforesaid, be reimbursed to the amount of one hundred and eight and 60-100

dollars, and that said amount is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated in the hands of the National Treasurer.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the National Auditor is hereby directed to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer and he shall pay the same, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 12th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 6.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That William Davis and his son James Davis, late Mississippi Choctaws, be adopted as citizens of this Nation, and are hereby declared to be entitled to all the privileges and rights of such citizens, and this take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 13, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 7.

An act for the relief of Gilbert W. Thompson.

Whereas, Gilbert W. Thompson has rendered his account for work done on the Capitol, and for same therefore,

Be it enacted by the General council of the Choctaw Nation assembled that the sum of two hundred and fifty-eight and 26-100 dollars be appropriated to pay Capt. G. W. Thompson out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the National Auditor be authorized to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for said amount and that the National Treasurer pay the same

Sec. 2. And that this act take effect and be in force from and

after its passage.

Approved October 17th, 1884.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 8.

An act creating an act creating a corps of District Light-horsemen, defining their duties and fixing their pay.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That there shall be a corps of Three District Lighthorsemen in this Nation, one from each District, who receives his appointment by commission from the Principal Chief, and shall take the oath of office prescribed in the constitution to be administered by the Principal Chief or any judge of the Nation and subscribed on the back of their commissions, and who shall serve for the term of two years unless sooner removed.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That said District Lighthorsemen shall be under the exclusive direction and control of the District Chiefs of this Nation. They shall be messengers of the District Chiefs upon any matter of District concern, and they shall keep the peace of the District wherein they reside.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the District Lighthorsemen shall receive for their services the sum of fifty dollars a year to be paid quarterly on the District Chiefs order to the National Auditor who is directed to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for the same.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 17th, 1884.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 9.

An act for the relief of N. J. Holson.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation as-

sembled, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated to pay N. J. Holson out of any money not otherwise appropriated and that the National Auditor be authorized to issue his warrant on the National treasurer for said amount and that the National Treasurer pay the same.

Sec. 2. And that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 17th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 10.

An act for the relief of John Taylor.

Be it enacted by the General council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to pay John Taylor out of any money not otherwise appropriated, and that the National Auditor be authorized to issue his warrant to the National Treasurer for said amount and that the National Treasurer pay the same.

Sec. 2. And that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 17th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 11.

We, the committee, to whom was referred the report of Will Everidge, District Collector, Third District, Choctaw Nation, from October 1st, 1893, to July 31st, 1894, and after a careful examination of said report, we find it to be true and correct, we therefore recommend the following resolution:

Sec. 2. Be it resolved by the General Council of the Assembly, That the report of Will Everidge, District Collector as aforesaid, be accepted.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved that this resolution take effect

from and after its passage.

Approved October 18th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 12.

We, the committee, to whom was referred the report of W. G. Keyser, Inspector on the St. Louis and Frisco Railway for the 1st, 2d and 3d quarters, from Nov. 1st, 1893, to July 31st, 1894, and after a careful examination we find said report to be true and correct, we therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of W. G. Keyser, Inspector as aforesaid, be accepted.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That this report take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 18th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 13.

We, the committee, to whom was referred the report of John O'Tool, Inspector on M., K. & T. Railway, most respectfully state that we have carefully examined said report and find same true and correct; we also find that said Inspector collected royalty to the amount of six hundred and fifty-five and 40-100 dollars. We therefore recommend the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of John O'Tool, Inspector as aforesaid, be accepted, and this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 19th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 14.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the report of E. S.

Bowman, Collector 1st District, Choctaw Nation, beg leave to state that we have carefully examined said report and that we find it true and correct. We also find that he collected ~~royalty~~ to the amount of five thousand four hundred and thirteen and 15-100 dollars. We would therefore recommend the following resolution:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of E. S. Bowman, Collector 1st District Choctaw Nation, is hereby accepted, and that this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 19th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 15.

An act entitled an act adopting Sarah Jane Adkins, daughter of John McKinney, deceased, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by blood, and her children, Lewis Floyd Adkins and Stella Adkins.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, that from and after the passage of this act Sarah Jane Adkins and her two children, Lewis Floyd Adkins, aged two years, and Stella Adkins aged ——— months, be and the same are hereby declared to be citizens of the Choctaw Nation by blood and as such entitled to all rights, privileges and immunities as any citizens of of the Choctaw Nation.

Approved October 19, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 16.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Okchanak Chito county court ground in Sans Bois county, is hereby removed one half mile north of the old Grigge Durant place in Sans Bois county and shall be called and known as the Owl Creek county court ground; the county of Sans Bois shall hold its first session at Owl Creek court ground on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1895. Any act or parts of act com-

Bill No. 19.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the report of W. A. Caldwell, former Superintendent of Spencer Academy, and after a careful examination find said report to be true and correct. We also find that he turned over to his successor J. B. Jeter, the sum of three hundred and eighty-seven and 56-100 dollars. We therefore recommend the following resolution:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of W. A. Caldwell, superintendent as aforesaid be accepted, and this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 24th, 1894

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 20.

We your committee, to whom was referred the report of J. B. Jeter, former superintendent of schools of the Choctaw Nation, and after examining the same carefully find said report true and correct, and find that he turned over to his successor the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars. Therefore we recommend the following resolution:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of J. B. Jeter, former superintendent as aforesaid, is hereby accepted.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 24th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 21.

We your committee, to whom was referred the report of P. J. Hudson, Superintendent of Tushkahomma Female Institute, and after careful examination find the same to be true and correct. Said report shows a balance on hand of \$507.88 up to Sept. 1, 1894.

Therefore we recommend the following resolution:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of P. J. Hudson, Superintendent of the Tushkahomma Female Institute, is hereby accepted.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 24th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 22.

We your committee, to whom was referred the report of Ed. Wilson, Trustee of the Second Judicial District, C. N., and after carefully examining said report find that it is true and correct, and also find that he had a balance on hand of \$2249.30 at the time of the appointment of his successor. Therefore we recommend the following resolution:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of Ed. Wilson, trustee as aforesaid, is hereby accepted.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That the resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 24th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 23.

We your committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of E. M. Everidge, Mine Inspector, C. N., beg leave to state that after carefully examining the same, find it true and correct, and recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of E. M. Everidge, Mine Inspector, C. N., from Nov. 1st, 1893, to July 31st, 1894, be accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution take effect from and after its

passage.

Approved October 25th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 24.

We, the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of T. E. Oaks, National Auditor, C. N., beg leave to state that we find same to be true and correct, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of T. E. Oaks, National Auditor, C. N., for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1894, be accepted as true and correct and this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 25th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 25.

An act granting to J. H. Ward the privilege to turnpike the Gary Lane road and establishing a toll gate thereon.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the privilege is hereby granted to J. H. Ward and Silas W. James to establish a toll gate at place on the public road in Skullyville county, Choctaw Nation, beginning about three hundred yards south of the old toll gate on Gary Lane road and running north on the road to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and running on the Poteau bridge road as far as the Reynolds farm and on the Ainsworth ferry road to Poteau river, upon these conditions and terms: That if the said J. H. Ward shall turnpike, grading the earth and leveling with stone and earth, the said place called Gary Lane road; he shall be entitled to demand and receive, therefore, from all persons passing on the same, except from citizens of the Nation, at rates, to wit: For each four-wheel wagon or other vehicle drawn by four or more horses, mules or oxen with driver, the sum of fifty cents; for each four-wheel wagon or other vehicle

drawn by one or two horses, mules or oxen with driver, the sum of twenty-five cents; for man and horse, ten cents; each person on foot, the sum of five cents and for each animal in every drove of cattle, horses, hogs, goats or sheep, the sum of one cent per head.

Sec. 21. Be it further enacted, That the privilege to receive toll herein granted shall not take effect until said turnpike is completed, and shall continue in full force and effect for the period of ten years, provided said turnpike shall be kept in good order and repair.

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

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 24th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 26.

We, the committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of W. W. Wilson, National Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation, beg leave to state that, carefully examining the same, we find said report true and correct and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of W. W. Wilson, Treasurer of said Nation, for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1894, be accepted as true and correct and that this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 25th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 27.

Whereas the Atoka Coal and Mining Company of the Choctaw

Nation report that said company mined during the past year 2,932,858 bushels of coal at 3-8 cents per bushel, amounting to \$10,998.22, and as they have paid into the Treasury only \$10,176.01, leaving a balance due the Choctaw Nation of \$822.21, now therefore,

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the National Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and empowered to make a full settlement with Atoka Mining Company and collect and place in the Treasury the sum of eight hundred twenty-two dollars and twenty-one cents, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 25th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 28

An act re-creating High Hill in Tobucksy county, C. N.

Whereas, in 1893, the precinct known as High Hill in Tobucksy county, C. N. was abolished, and, whereas, the voters of High Hill precinct have asked by petition to have High Hill re-instated, therefore,

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the precinct of High Hill be re-instated in the county of Tobucksy, C. N., and all citizens of Tobucksy county be privileged to vote at said precinct in all elections and that this act take effect and be in effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 24th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 29.

An act changing an election precinct in Sans Bois county.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Oak Hill election precinct in San Bois county is hereby discontinued and instead there is hereby established four miles north-west of the Oak Hill precinct and what is known as and called Siloam Spring, a precinct is hereby established and any

acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 24th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 30.

An act entitled an act granting W. C. Page the privilege to open and run a ferry on Poteau.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the privilege is hereby granted to W. C. Page to establish a ferry on Poteau creek, in Sugar Loaf county, Choctaw Nation, near the crossing of the St. Louis and San Francisco railway and the said W. C. Page is hereby entitled to demand and receive, therefor, from all persons passing on the same, except from 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 fifty cents; for each four-wheel wagon or other vehicle drawn by one or two horses or oxen or mules with driver, the sum of twenty-five cents; for man and horse, the sum of ten cents; for each person on foot, the sum of five cents and for each animal in every drove of cattle, horses, hogs or sheep the sum of one cent.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the privilege to receive toll herein granted shall not take effect until the ferry boat is completed and in good and safe order for crossing over persons who may so desire and shall continue in full force for a period of five years, provided said ferryboat is kept in good order and repair.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That this take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 24th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 31.

We your committee on schools, to whom was referred the r

ports of T. D. Ainsworth, Superintendent of New Hope Seminary, Choctaw Nation, Dr. Ellis, formerly Superintendent of Wheelock Orphan School, C. J. Ralston, late Superintendent of Armstrong Orphan Home, S. T. Dwight, deceased, formerly Superintendent of Jones Academy, W. A. Durant, present Superintendent of Jones Academy, T. W. Hunter, present Superintendeht of Armstrong Orphan Home, and Henry Nail, Superintendent of Tushkalousa Academy, after carefully and minutely considering the matter we find that it will be utterly impossible at the present session of our council to devote that careful examination to each and every report mentioned above that should be given, we therefore most respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution in order that full justice be given the matter:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Board of Education of the Choctaw Nation be and is hereby authorized to fully and thoroughly examine each and every report mentioned as aforesaid at such place, and at such time as may be designated by the President of said Board of Education be required to make a full and explicit report of all action taken by said Board on said reports to the next general council of the Choctaw Nation and that the resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 25th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 32.

We your committee on schools recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Superintendent of Public Schools of the Choctaw Nation is hereby authorized to order the trustees of public schools of said nation to see that all neighborhood schools throughout the Choctaw Nation be opened for attendance by such pupils desiring to attend on the first Monday in February, 1895, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after

its passage.

Approved October 25th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 33.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for the sum of seventy-five (\$75) dollars in favor of Caston Ward, and the Treasurer pay the same, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 25th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 34.

We your committee on schools, after having carefully examined the report of Amos Henry, find same true and correct, and recommend the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of Amos Henry, Trustee of Schools in the First District, Choctaw Nation, be accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 26th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 35.

An act entitled an act creating the office of Delegate.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint at his discretion one sober, temperate and

competent man, to be in age not less than 36 years and a Choctaw by blood and to be commissioned as a Delegate and to appear in the city of Washington, D. C.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That term of office of said Delegate shall be four years. He shall be required to reside at Washington, D. C., and shall be present during all sessions of congress unless otherwise ordered or directed by the Principal Chief.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the duties of said Delegate shall be to represent the interest of the Choctaw Nation in any department and in congress of the United States, as to the necessity in carrying out all promises, agreements and treaty stipulation entered into between the United States commissioners and the Choctaw tribe of Indians, and shall keep the Principal Chief advised as to the Choctaw interest and shall make a report to the regular general council of Choctaw Nation annually.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the salary of the Delegate shall be \$3000 per annum, payable quarterly upon warrants to be issued by the National Auditor, the first quarter's allowance shall be paid in advance after the appointment of said Delegate.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That an act entitled an act, approved October 19, 1893, creating a Delegate, is hereby repealed, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

It becomes a law by limitation November 3d, A. D. 1894.

Bill No. 39.

We your committee on schools, would respectfully recommend the following resolution be adopted:

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That all public schools known as academies, institutes, etc., now in session in the Choctaw Nation, be by the Superintendent of Schools ordered to suspend and close on the thirty-first day of January, 1895, to be re-opened September, 1895, on first Monday and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 26th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 40.

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of twenty-four dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of the committee appointed to attend the funeral and burial of C. E. Nelson, Attorney General, to be divided as follows: G. W. Gardner, four dollars; John Taylor, four dollars; D. Bell, four dollars; Robt. Taylor, four dollars; W. N. Cass, four dollars; Davis Homma, four dollars; and that the Auditor be and is hereby authorized to issue his warrant for the same on the National Treasurer, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 26th, 1894.

JEFF GYRDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 41.

A resolution accepting the report of E. N. Wright, as National Agent.

We, your committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of E. N. Wright, National Agent, have examined the same and found them to be true and correct, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of E. N. Wright as National Agent be and the same is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 26th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER.
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 42.

We, your committee on schools, would most respectfully recommend the adoption of the following act:

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation as-

sembled, That the report of D. A. Riddle, Trustee of Schools for the Third District, C. N., we find that he has expended for school purposes the sum of two thousand, six hundred, fourteen dollars and ten cents over and above the appropriation made for the last fiscal year, and that the National Treasurer be authorized to pay outstanding certificates issued by said D. A. Riddle to the amount of \$2,614.10, out of the appropriation made for the present year, and that the report of said D. A. Riddle be accepted as true and correct, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 26th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 36.

TUSHKAHOMA, CHOCTAW NATION.

Whereas, that the election held on the first day of August, 1894, that being the first Wednesday in the month, the qualified voters of Cedar county did meet at their respective precincts and did cast their votes for their various officers, {to-wit: Senator, representative, county and probate judge, sheriff, ranger, etc., and, whereas, the poll books of said Cedar county were sealed and transmitted to the Supreme Judge of the Second Judicial District, and the said Supreme Judge did open the said poll books according to the laws of the Choctaw Nation: but the said poll books were protested as illegal, and the Supreme Judge with his endorsement as "doubtful" re-sealed the said poll books and forwarded the same to the National Secretary to be by him laid before the general council of the Choctaw Nation for their consideration, and therefore,

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That Joseph P. Thompson, Campson Battiest and Joseph Taylor, who received the highest number of votes for County and Probate Judge, Sheriff and Ranger, respectively; and therefore,

Be it further resolved, That the above-named persons are declared to be the legal officers to all intents and purposes for the said Cedar county: and they shall be commissioned by the Principal Chief according to the laws of the Choctaw Nation.

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

Approved October 13th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 37.

An act to assist Theodore R. Wall, who is blind.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the National Auditor be authorized to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for the sum of two hundred dollars, not otherwise appropriated, in order that Theodore R. Wall, who is blind, may attend the asylum for the blind at Little Rock, Arkansas, and the Treasurer pay the same, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 26th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 38.

We, your committee on schools, after a careful examination and discussion of our financial situation and after duly considering the fact that each individual Choctaw child should, if possible, receive some benefit in the matter of education, as all own the money in common, and,

Whereas, quite a number of Choctaw children are in the states attending school, at an expense far in excess of their proportional part of the common fund, and, in order

Whereas, That justice may be extended to one and all on the ground of equality, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to withdraw all pupils, now attending schools in the states, to their homes at the expiration of the present contracts, and this act

take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 26th, 1894,

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 39.

An act making appropriation for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1895.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That following sums be appropriated for the general expenses of the Choctaw Nation during the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1895, to-wit:

Principal Chief,.....	\$2000.
Treasurer, Auditor and Secretary.....	1800.
National Agent.....	800.
National Attorney.....	400.
Private Secretary.....	500.
National Lighthorseman.....	2450.
Supreme Judges.....	1200.
Circuit Judges.....	1500.
County Judges.....	4250.
District Chiefs.....	1150.
District Attorneys.....	1500.
District Lighthorsemen.....	150.
Election Judges and Clerks.....	680.
Grand and Petit Jurors.....	14900.
Witness fees for attending Circuit Court.....	6000.
Superintendent of Schools and Trustees.....	1800.
Contingent fund of Principal Chief.....	400.
“ “ “ Superintendent of Schools.....	650.
“ “ “ District Trustees.....	225.
“ “ “ Auditor.....	400.
“ “ “ Treasurer.....	400.
“ “ “ National Secretary.....	400.
Publication Fund.....	350.
Clerk of the Supreme Court.....	100.

Clerk of the County Court.....	1700.
“ “ “ Circuit “	900.
Sheriffs	5100.
Rangers	850.
Sheriffs and Deputies attending Circuit Court.....	1850.
Deputy Sheriffs.....	6800.
Sheriffs attending Supreme Court.....	50.
“ for executing prisoners.....	50.
General Council Lighthorsemen, Clerks of Committee on Citizenship	7000.
Students in the States.....	6250.
First District Neighborhood Schools.....	6000.
Sec. “ “ “	5400.
Third “ “ “	12300.
Spencer Academy.....	5324.
New Hope Seminary.....	5000.
Armstrong Orphan Home.....	7700.
Wheelock Seminary	5000.
Jones Academy.....	5000.
Tushka Homma Female Institute.....	4492.
Tushka Lusa Institute.....	1500.
Salaries of Jones Academy, New Hope Academy, Tushka Homma Female Institute and Spencer Academy..	4800.
Superintendent and Teachers of Tushka Lusa In- stitute.....	550.
Superintendent's salary of Armstrong and Wheelock Academies.....	2400.
Teachers salary of Armstrong and Wheelock Academies	3000.
Teachers of Jones Academy, Spencer Academy, New Hope Seminary and Tushka Homma Female Insti- tute.....	3900.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 26th, 1894.

JEFF GARDNER,
P. C. C. N.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.



This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the original acts of the general council of the Choctaw Nation now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the Choctaw Nation, this, the 24th day of September, A. D., 1895.

[SEAL.]

J. B. JACKSON,
National Secretary, Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW LAWS.

Special Session in January, 1894.

Bill No. 1.

An act providing for the appointment of commissioners on the part of the Choctaw Nation to attend an instructional council of the five nations of the Indian Territory and to meet the United States commissioners.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Principal Chief by and with the advice and consent of the Senate shall appoint and commission twelve commissioners, four from each district in addition to the present delegates who are hereby directed and instructed to meet and confer with similar commissioners from the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole Nations in an international council, and said commissioners are hereby instructed to enter a protest against any dissolution of our present tribal relations or tenure of our lands.

Sec. 2. That a copy of said protest shall be sent to the president of the United States, also the presiding officers of both houses of the congress of the United States, the Principal Chief and Delegate of the Choctaw Nation and the United States commissioners.

Sec. 3. That the said commissioners are hereby further instructed to meet the United States commissioners and receive any proposition that they may have to present and to transmit a copy of

such proposition to the Principal Chief.

Sec. 4. That the said commissioners shall receive each \$5 per day for each day of actual services and ten cents per mile for each mile traveled going to and returning from said international council and United States commissioners, except the regular Delegate, and the National Auditor shall issue his warrants upon presentation of certificates issued by the Principal Chief and the National Treasurer shall pay the same.

Sec. 5. That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 26th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 2.

An act appropriating \$1,900 for the Armstrong Orphan Home.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the grand council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of \$1,900.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended for the expenses of Armstrong Orphan Home during the remaining six months of the present scholastic year as follows: Six hundred (\$600.00) dollars for the salary of the superintendent, nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars for the salary of two teachers, four hundred and fifty (\$450.00) dollars each, four hundred (\$400.00) dollars for bedstead, mattresses and bedding.

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

Approved January 26th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 3.

An act requiring dairymen, showmen and keepers of stallions and jacks to pay permit.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That from and after the passage of this act all non-citizens keeping dairies, exhibiting shows of any kind and standing stallions and jacks in this nation shall be required to pay permits as follows: Dairymen one (\$1) per annum for every cow milked, showman five (\$5) dollars for each stand, standing a stallion or jack ten (\$10) per annum.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the sheriffs of the several counties in this nation shall collect these permits as other permits are collected, provided for in chapter ten (10) of the Choctaw laws known as the Standley code, and that money so collected shall be turned over to the county treasurer for county purposes, provided, however, that said sheriff shall receive one (\$1) dollar for every permit collected from a keeper of a stallion or jack, and 10 per cent of all money collected from dairymen and showmen, and that county clerks of the several counties of this nation shall receive 50 cents for every permit issued to a dairymen or a keeper of a stallion or jack.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the said sheriffs shall not be required to get permits from the county courts for showmen, but shall give their receipts for amounts so collected and make monthly returns to the county treasurer of all sums so received, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 26th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 4.

An act granting Mrs. Lou M. Harris a ferry on Canadian river.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That Mrs. Lou M. Harris, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and a resident of Toboxey county, is hereby authorized and permitted to establish and operate a ferryboat on Canadian river and at the mouth of Longtown creek in Sans Boin

county, the Lou M. Harris being the owner of the premises on one side of the river at the said mouth of Longtown creek.

Sec. 2. That this privilege shall continue for the period of ten years; said Lou M. Harris is to keep the banks and approaches to the ferry and her ferryboat in good condition and the Choctaw Nation to be in no way responsible or liable to any party for loss or damages by reason of said ferry and that the said Lou M. Harris shall have the right to charge and collect the following rates of ferriage at said ferry: For wagons or vehicles drawn by more than two horses, mules or oxen, 50 cents; for wagons or vehicles drawn by two horses, mules or oxen, 25 cents; wagon or other vehicle drawn by one horse, mule or other animal, 25 cents; for each animal, horse, mule or cattle, besides those drawing wagons or other vehicles, 10 cents; for each man on horseback, 25 cents; for each person on foot, 10 cents; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 26th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 5.

A resolution accepting the report of Green McCurtain, National Treasurer.

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the report of Green McCurtain, National Treasurer, on the Lease District money, be and the same is hereby accepted as true and correct, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 26th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 6.

An act for the relief of J. S. Standley.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation as-

sembled, That the sum of \$2,040 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay J. S. Standley for services rendered. Said sum of \$2,040, being 10 per cent of \$20,406, the back interest on the orphan fund, heretofore collected and placed to the credit of the Choctaw Nation and reported by the Treasurer at the last regular session, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 26th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 7.

Adjournment resolution.

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the present extra session of the general council adjourn at 12 o'clock on Saturday the 27th day of January, 1894, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 26th, 1894.

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

Bill No.

An act requiring the county judge to take the census of Toboxy county, Choctaw Nation, for the purpose of re-apportioning its representation in council.

Whereas, the voting population of Toboxy county, Choctaw Nation, is about a population of 1500 or 1600, thereby entitling the county to two representatives; now therefore

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled, That the judge of Toboxy county is hereby directed and required to order the sheriff of said county to take a true census of the population of said county and report the same to the county judge, on or before the first Monday in April, 1894, and the said judge shall call to his assistance two competent persons to assist

him in the count, and the said assistants shall be paid the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per day each out of the county treasury, and if they find the population is sufficient, according to the constitution of the Choctaw Nation, then he shall order two representatives to be elected for the succeeding general council of the Choctaw Nation and every succeeding council thereafter.

Sec. 2. That if the judge finds the county entitled to two representatives, he shall notify the supreme judge of the district, who shall commission the two candidates having the highest number of votes.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty of the said county to furnish the sheriff a census book, which book shall be laid off in columns, one column for adult males, one column for adult females, one column for boys and one column for girls.

Sec. 4. That the sheriff shall be allowed two dollars (\$2.50) and fifty cents per day for each day of actual service in taking said census, out of the county treasury, the time of taking census not to exceed twenty days.

Sec. 5. That the National Secretary shall furnish the judge of the said county a copy of this act, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 27th, 1894.

J. H. BRYANT,
Acting Principal Chief C. N.

Bill No. 9.

An act ratifying certain leases made by act of Chicksaw Legislature passed and approved A. D., 1886.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the following named leases, granted by the chartered companies of the Chickasaw Nation, who were given the right to obtain a charter and to negotiate with capital for the development of the mineral lands by act of the legislature A. D., 1886, approved by the governor of the Chickasaw Nation, are hereby ratified and approved: Lease from the Gold Mining Company to the Chickasaw Prospecting and Mining Company; lease from

the Asphaltum Mining Company to the Chickasaw Prospecting and Mining Company; lease from the Oil Spring Mining Company to the Chickasaw Prospecting Company; lease from the Buck Horn Mining Company to John McNeist, of Wilkes Barre, Pa.; lease from the Lebanon Mining Company to John McNeist, of Wilkes Barre, Pa.; lease from the Eureka Coal Mining Company to J. A. Carrigan, of the City of New York; lease from the Helton Mining Company to Charles J. Andrews, of Titusville, Pa.; lease from the Anaderko Coal Company to the Ardmore Coal Company, of the City of New York.

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

Approved January 27th, 1894.

J. H. BRYANT,
Acting P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 10.

Resolution appropriating money.

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of two thousand and one hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the members and officers and other expenses of extra session of the general council of January, A. D., 1894, and this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved January 27, 1894.

J. H. BRYANT,
Acting P. C. C. N.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the original act of the general council of the Choctaw Nation in extra session now on file in my office at Tushka Homma, the capital of the Choctaw Nation.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the Choctaw Nation this,

the 24th day of September, A. D.; 1895:
[SEAL.]

J. B. JACKSON,
National Secretary Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW LAWS.

Special Session in April, 1894.

Bill No. 1.

An act removing the Philadelphia precinct in Blue county, to Bryantville, to be known as the Bryantville precinct.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the election precinct known as the Philadelphia precinct in Blue County, Choctaw Nation, be and the same is hereby removed one and one-half mile west of Bryantville, Blue County, Choctaw Nation, to be known as the Bryantville precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 31st, 1894.

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

Bill No. 2.

An act appropriating the "net proceed" balance for the general expenses of the Choctaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw

Nation assembled, That the National Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation is authorized to borrow and use the sum of twenty-two thousand (\$22,160.22) one hundred and sixty dollars and twenty-two cents, known as the "net proceed" balance now in the treasury of the Choctaw Nation for general expenses.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the above amount shall be refunded to the treasury of the Choctaw Nation out of any monies accruing to said nation on or before the first Monday of October, 1894.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect and be in force upon its passage.

Approved April 2d, 1894.

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

Bill No. 3.

An act for the relief of Noel Holson.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of one hundred (\$125.00) and twenty-five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay Judge Noel Holson for money advanced in the building of the first district court house; the said one hundred and twenty-five (\$125.00) being the amount awarded by Noel Holson for Gains county. That the National Auditor be directed to issue his warrant upon the National Treasurer for the same, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2d, 1894.

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

Bill No. 4.

An act removing the Sardis precinct two miles east of the present location.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Sardis election precinct, Jacks Fork county, be and the same is hereby removed two miles east of its present lo-

ation, to be known and called Sardis precinct as formerly, and this act to be in effect and in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2d, 1894.

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

Bill No. 5.

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized and required to notify the United States Commissioners now in the Indian Territory, under act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1893, that the Choctaw Nation will not agree or consent to any proposition looking to a change of their present system of holding their land in common or any change in their present tribal government, and this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 2nd, 1894.

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

Bill No. 6.

A resolution of adjournment.

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That this special term of the general council shall adjourn at 12 o'clock, m., Wednesday, April 4th, 1894; and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 7.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the election precincts in Scullyville county known as Greenwood precinct and Double Spring precinct be and the

same are hereby abolished, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 8.

An act appropriating three thousand dollars to pay militiamen. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to pay all outstanding certificates issued to the militiamen of the Choctaw Nation, and the Principal Chief is hereby authorized, after investigating their accounts, to issue his certificates to all militia that may not have received their pay.

Sec. 2. That the National Auditor is hereby directed to issue his warrant for the same upon the presentation of the certificates and the National Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4th, 1894.

WILSON N. JONES,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 9.

An act for the relief of W. W. Wilson.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) be and the same is hereby allowed out of money appropriated out of the Least District Fund for the expenses of distribution of the same, to pay to W. W. Wilson for services rendered in the payment of the Least District Fund in the year 1893, as authorized by law.

Sec. 2. That the National Auditor is hereby directed to issue his warrant upon the National Treasurer for the same, and this act

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

Approved April 4th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 10.

An act to increase salaries of District Attorneys.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the salaries of District attorneys is hereby increased and that they shall hereafter receive five hundred dollars per annum, and all acts or parts of acts conflicting with this act are hereby repealed, that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2nd, 1894.

WILSON N. JONES,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 11.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the precinct in Kiamichi county, C.N., known as Good Water precinct be removed from the old church to the new church, about one-quarter of a mile north-east, and still be known as Good Water precinct, and this act to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 4th, 1894.

WILSON N. JONES,
P. C. C. N.

Bill No. 12.

An act making appropriation to pay the expenses of the present extra session.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury, not

otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of the present extra session of the general council and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 13.

An act prohibiting intoxication among the officers of the Choctaw Nation.

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That any officer bearing a commission from the Choctaw Nation, or from any superior officer authorized by law to issue a commission, who, while on duty or enters his duties intoxicated, from any intoxicant whatever, shall be forthwith reported to the County Judge in the county wherein the intoxication occurred, or the party intoxicated attempts to discharge the functions of his office, and the County Judge after hearing the testimony of two witnesses, who are citizens, shall forthwith refer the testimony, if defendant should be regarded as guilty, to the Principal Chief whose duty it shall be to discharge such officer and install another officer in his stead.

Sec. 2. That Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs and Lighthorsemen are regarded as on duty during the time for which their commission calls.

Sec. 3. That should County Judges of the various counties refuse, from any cause whatever, to fulfill the requirement of the law then it shall be the duties of the Sheriffs of the several counties to report the same to the Principal Chief who shall remove him at once and appoint a successor.

Sec. 4. That the Superintendent of Public Schools is likewise amendable to this law.

Sec. 5. That the Sheriffs of the several counties are hereby empowered to notify the Principal Chief should the County Judge of any county become intoxicated, and the Principal Chief shall demand the commission of the Judge of the county who was reported

as intoxicated, and appoint a successor, and any acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 4th, 1894.

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

Bill No. 14.

Whereas, James S. Standley on the 20th day of February, 1894, made the following statement in Washington City, before the sub-committee on Indian Territories of the United States, viz:

“I do not stand up and say to the committee and to Congress that we are going to adhere to these treaties. I, for one, as an individual member of the tribe and as the representative of the Nation, acknowledge the superior force of the United States. I acknowledge that they can take those treaties away—I think the action of the United States clearly means that. A fair interpretation of it is that treaties must stand out of the way, that they cannot be longer maintained. I think that the government of the United States ought to give the Indians time to be educated upon that point. I have stated to the people that it is no time to talk about treaties; that it is no time to argue the question of the rights of the legality of the treaties. That time is gone. We have come now to think about and try to get up something the best we can, to take the place of the treaties, and we must assist the United States government in formulating a new policy, upon which the United States has just set out. This is the view I have taken, and I believe it is the view of a large majority of the public men of the Choctaw Nation. Some of them may not be as free, and as frank, and as independent as I have been in reference to it, but I found a response, which sometimes was a sad one, from the public men with whom I talked in reference to this matter. They did not like it. They were sorry it was so, and all that, but they were disposed to treat it just like it was. It was the only thing to do.”

This statement produced a profound regret in our hearts. We

today regard the treaties as carrying the same solemnity and power as they did the hour they were made. We propose that our adherence shall be as solemnly given as at any time during the past, and we have too much regard for the great mighty, powerful and christian nation of the great United States government, to entertain for one moment the idea, that she would say those shall no longer be maintained.

We, the committee on the Principal Chief's message, do here-in recommend the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the general council of the Choctaw Nation assembled, That a paragraph found in the statement made by J. S. Standley, before the committee on Indian Territories on the 20th day of February, 1894, do by no means meet with the approbation of the Choctaw people at large. We cannot bring ourselves to believe that such a great, grand and christian nation as the United States government, would so stultify itself in the eyes of the civilized world by disregarding treaties heretofore solemnly entered into with a weak and despondent people, regardless of justice and equity, simply because she is numerically able to do so.

We ask her to extend us justice; we ask to be permitted to possess that which is ours, and ours only; we ask that allotment be delayed until we are intellectually capacitated to deal intelligently with the superior race, who will flock to our country; we ask that no territorial form of government be erected over us until our entire population can readily comprehend and speak the English language; we ask that the nation consider well that injunction, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Approved April 4th, 1894.

W. N. JONES,

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the original acts and resolutions of the general council of the Choctaw Nation, in extra session, now on file in the office of the National Secretary, at Tushka Homma, the capitol of the Choctaw Nation.

Witness my hand and the great seal of the Choctaw Nation, this 24th of September, A. D. 1894.

[SSAL.]

J. B. JACKSON,
National Secretary Choctaw Nation.

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