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Acts of The Choctaw Nation

BILL No. 1.

RESOLUTION Creating Clerks for Schools, Finance, and
Citizenship Committees for the October Session, 1898.

*Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation
assembled:*

SECTION 1. That the chairman of the School, Finance, and
Citizenship committees shall appoint clerks for their respective
committees, whose duties it shall be to make and keep a
full complete record of the work of said committees.

SEC. 2. *Be it further resolved:* That the aforesaid clerks
shall receive for their services four (\$4.00) dollars per day ;
that the National Auditor shall issue his warrant for actual
services, and the Treasurer shall pay the same ; and this
resolution take effect and be in force from and after its pas-
sage.

Approved this 8th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 2.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

SECTION 1. That on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at 3 o'clock p. m., the Senate and House of Representatives shall meet in joint session for the purpose of electing a Superintendent of Schools and district trustees.

SEC. 2. *Be it further resolved:* That this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 8th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 3.

A RESOLUTION Accepting the Report of W. H. Harrison, Collector of the Third District of the Choctaw Nation for the year 1896.

Whereas, It appears that the report of W. H. Harrison as collector for the third district was duly passed upon at the proper time but for some cause was never accepted by the General Council, and

Whereas, Your committee to whom was referred said report finds that he collected for the quarter ending on the 31st day of October, 1896, the sum of (\$2,707.99) two thousand seven hundred and seven dollars and ninety-nine cents; and after carefully examining said report find the same to be true and correct; therefore

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That the report of W. H. Harrison, collector as aforesaid,

be accepted as correct and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this October 12, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 4.

A RESOLUTION Accepting the Report of W. H. Harrison as National Agent for 1897.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of W. H. Harrison, national agent for the Choctaw Nation, have carefully examined the same and find it to be true and correct, and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of W. H. Harrison, national agent of the Choctaw Nation, be and the same is hereby accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 12th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 5.

AN ACT to Abolish Saw Mill Church Precinct in Kiamitia County.

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

That the election precinct known as Saw Mill Church, lo-

cated in Kiamitia County, be and the same is hereby abolished; and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved this 17th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 6.

AN ACT to abolish Choctaw Academy Precinct in Towson County.

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

That the voting precinct in Towson County, Choctaw Nation, known as Choctaw Academy Precinct, is hereby abolished.

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

Approved this 17th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 7.

A RESOLUTION Accepting the Report of J. D. Wilson, Trustee of Schools, Second District, Choctaw Nation.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of J. D. Wilson, Trustee of Schools, second district, have carefully examined the same and find it to be true and correct, with a balance on hand amounting to nineteen hundred and

four dollars and ninety cents (\$1,904.90), and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of J. D. Wilson, Trustee as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby accepted as being true and correct ; and that this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 18th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 8.

AN ACT Limiting the Terms of the Circuit Courts of the Choctaw Nation, not to Exceed Two Weeks each, and Appropriating Money to Defray the Expenses of Said Courts.

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

SECTION 1. That the Circuit Courts of the Choctaw Nation be and the same are hereby limited to two terms per year not exceeding two weeks each.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the sum of eleven thousand and four hundred dollars (\$11,400) be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Circuit Courts of the Choctaw Nation, and appropriated as follows :

Grand and petit jurors of each term.....	\$1,175.00
Witnesses in behalf of Nation at each term.....	500.00
Sheriff and four deputies at each term.....	225.00

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the circuit courts of this Nation to keep an ac-

count of all expenses of said courts during the sitting of any term, and when the expenses of any one term reaches \$1,900 it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to call the attention of the judge to this fact, and the judge shall, upon such information from the clerk, adjourn the court until the next regular term; and that this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved this 19th of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 9.

AN ACT Amending an Act Creating a Commission to Make the Final Roll of the Citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

[Disapproved by the President December 23, 1898.]

BILL No. 10.

AN ACT Repealing all Laws Relating to Contracts for Cutting Timber, Ties; Running Sawmills, Etc.

[Disapproved by the President December 22, 1898.]

BILL No. 11.

A RESOLUTION Asking Adoption of the Report of P. J. Hudson, Superintendent of Tushkahomma Institute.

We, your committee, to whom was submitted the report of P. J. Hudson, after carefully examining the same, find it true

and correct and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of P. J. Hudson, superintendent of Tushkahomma Institute, be accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 21st day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 12.

A RESOLUTION Accepting Report of Mrs. J. F. McCurtain,
Superintendent of Jones Academy.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of Mrs. J. F. McCurtain, Superintendent as aforesaid and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of Mrs. J. F. McCurtain be accepted as true and correct, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 21st day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 13.

A RESOLUTION Accepting Report of J. W. Everidge, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of J. W.

Everidge, superintendent as aforesaid, after carefully examining same, find it to be true and correct, with a balance on hand amounting to \$205.14, and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of J. W. Everidge, Superintendent of Instruction, Choctaw Nation, be accepted as true and correct, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 21st day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 14.

A RESOLUTION Accepting the Report of E. H. Wilson, Superintendent of Wheelock Seminary.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of E. H. Wilson, Superintendent of Wheelock Seminary, have carefully examined the same and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of E. H. Wilson, Superintendent as aforesaid, be accepted as true and correct and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 21st day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 15.

AN ACT Instructing the Treasurer to Pay the Principal Chief a Certain Sum.

[Disapproved by the President December 23, 1898.]

BILL No. 16.

A RESOLUTION Accepting Report of Henry Willis, Superintendent of Tushkalusa Academy.

To the General Council:

We, your committee to whom was submitted the report of Henry Willis, Superintendent as aforesaid, respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of Henry Willis, Superintendent of Tushkalusa Academy, Choctaw Nation, be accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 21st day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 17.

AN ACT to Abolish Certain Offices.

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

That the offices of Coal Inspector and Inspectors on the several railroads in this Nation are hereby abolished on and

after the 31st day of December, 1898 ; and the office of National Agent is hereby abolished on and after the 31st day of October, 1898 ; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this October 21, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 18.

A RESOLUTION for the Relief of D. N. Robb.

To the General Council :

We, your committee to whom was referred the petition of D. N. Robb asking for a duplicate warrant, after proper investigation recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the Auditor is hereby directed to issue his duplicate warrant in favor of D. N. Robb in lieu of warrant No. 36 for two hundred dollars in favor of D. N. Robb lost by him, and this resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage.

Approved this 21st day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 19.

A RESOLUTION Accepting Report of B. S. Smiser, Trustee Third District.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of

B. S. Smisier Trustee of Schools for the third district, Choctaw Nation, have carefully examined the same, and find it true and correct, with a balance on hand amounting to \$28.35 and ask the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of B. S. Smiser, trustee as aforesaid be and is hereby accepted as being true and correct, and that this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 22d day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 20.

A RESOLUTION Accepting the Report of J. B. Jeter, Superintendent of Spencer Academy.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of J. B. Jeter, Superintendent of Spencer Academy, have carefully examined the same and find it to be true and correct, with a balance on hand amounting to \$11.34, and ask the adoption of this resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of J. B. Jeter, Superintendent of Spencer Academy, be and is hereby accepted as being true and correct, and that this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 22d day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 21.

RESOLUTION to the General Council.

We, your committee to whom was referred the special message of the Principal Chief, asking a full investigation of the claim of Mrs. Moore, who alleges that her husband, now deceased, did, prior to his death, do certain clerical duties under a contract made with W. W. Hampton, and states that she, nor did he ever receive any pay for same.

After a full and careful investigation we find that all clerical work pertaining in any manner to the case has been duly paid for, and that we fail to find any amount whatever due to Mrs. Moore, and respectfully ask that her claim be ignored, and respectfully ask the passage of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the claim for pay for clerical duties alleged to have been done be ignored and not paid ; and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 22d day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 22.

A MEMORIAL.

To the Congress of the United States :

Your Memorialist, the General Council of the Choctaw Nation in regular session assembled, would most respectfully represent unto your honorable body that the Choctaw Nation is in debt amounting to some seventy-five thousand dollars,

(\$75,000); that the present administration is not responsible for the existence of said debt; that a large part of said debt was incurred by reason of having to defend the Nation against the gross and unjust claims of whites and Negroes, without a drop of Indian blood, to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation; that these persons acquired the right to sue under an act of Congress giving the Dawes Commission the right to hear and determine citizenship cases with right of appeal to United States Court. Your Memorialist does not by these words impugn the motives of Congress, but recites this law as one of the causes of our indebtedness.

That, owing to the agreement entered into at Atoka, I. T., on April 23, 1897, our Government has incurred heavy and unusual expenses, and moreover, since under that agreement our main source of revenue, to-wit: Royalty from coal and asphalt, have been diverted from the common treasury and set aside under the control of the Secretary of the Interior exclusively for school purposes; and having a new lease of life for eight months under our agreement, and recognizing the fact that we are on trial, we feel we can better demonstrate our ability for local self government if we start out free from debt, therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

We most respectfully ask your Honorable body to appropriate seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) out of invested funds to be used in liquidating our outstanding indebtedness.

Approved this 25th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 23.

AN ACT to Have the Inspectors to Scale and Stamp all Timber.

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

That hereafter it shall be the duty of all inspectors to scale every log, stamping each one as he scales, and to keep a record thereof and to furnish a copy each to the sawmill man and the Principal Chief.

No mill shall saw or handle any logs until such stamp has been placed on them. And any sawmill found sawing or handling logs not so stamped and scaled shall upon information by the Inspector have his contract revoked by the Principal Chief; and thereupon the Principal Chief shall notify the United States Indian Inspector for the Indian Territory and enlist his services in stopping all such mills whose contracts have been by him revoked. And this act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 24.

AN ACT Abolishing Certain Voting Precincts in the Choctaw Nation and Stating those to Remain.

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

SECTION 1. That in First District, Sans Bois county, the precinct known as Siloam precinct, likewise the one known

as Oklahoma precinct, are hereby abolished. And that hereafter elections shall only be held at Okchanak-chito precinct, Iron Bridge precinct, and Little Sans Bois precinct.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That in Skullyville county elections shall only be held at Oak Lodge precinct, Brazil precinct, and Cache precinct.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That in Sugar Loaf county the precinct known as Spring Hill is hereby abolished. And hereafter elections shall only be held at Long Creek precinct, Caston precinct, and Black Fork precinct, to be changed and called Conser precinct.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That in Gaines county the precinct known as Boiling Spring is hereby abolished. And that hereafter elections shall only be held at Hartshorne, Riddle, and Leflore precincts.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That in Tobucksy county the precincts known as Savannah, High Hill, and Double Spring are hereby abolished. And that hereafter elections shall only be held at McAlester, South Canadian and Calvin precincts.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That in the Second District in Wade county the precinct known as Tushkahomma is hereby abolished. And that hereafter elections shall only be held at Pleasant Hill, Albion, and High Hill precincts.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, That in Nashoba county the precincts known as Mount Zion and Half-Way are hereby abolished. And that hereafter elections shall only be held at Taylor, Battiest, and Alikchi precincts.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, That in Cedar county, Black Jack precinct is hereby abolished. And that elections shall be held only at Davenport, Lick, and Sulphur Spring precincts.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, That in Boktuklo county, Towahli precinct is hereby abolished. And that elections shall be held only at Lukfatah and Luksukla precincts.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, That in Eagle county elections shall be held only at Okachukma, Bohannon, and Hocha precincts.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, That in Red River county the precincts known as Goodwater, and Okaloa are hereby abolished, and elections shall be held only at Pleasant Hill, Kulli, Tucko, and Bokchito precincts.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, That in Towson county hereafter elections shall be held only at Doaksville and Fowlerville precincts.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, That in the Third District in Jack Fork county, Cany, Antlers, and Chickasha precincts are hereby abolished. And that hereafter elections shall be held only at Cove, Many Springs, and Sardis precincts.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, That in Jackson county elections shall be held only at Pigeon Roost, Etakshish, and Tiak Heli precincts.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, That in Atoka county the precincts heretofore known as Big Spring, Black Jack, Round Lake, and Medicine Spring are hereby abolished. And that hereafter elections shall be held only at Atoka, Red Oak, and Kiowa precincts.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, That in Blue county the precincts known as Jones and Bryantville are hereby abolished. And that hereafter elections shall be held only at Caddo, Boggy Depot, and Durant precincts.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, That in Kiamitia county elections shall be held only at Goodland, Goodwater, and

Sugar Creek precincts, and all other precincts in the county are hereby abolished.

Approved this 25th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 25.

AN ACT Appropriating Money to Pay Wesley Anderson.

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

That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to pay Wesley Anderson, of Jack's Fork county, for his services as commissioner to Washington, D. C., in securing the ratification by Congress of the agreement made at Atoka, Ind. Ter., April 23, 1897; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 25th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, February 26, 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

BILL No. 26.

AN ACT for the Relief of J. L. Ward.

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

That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ninety-one dollars for the relief of J. L. Ward, former Indian

Police. And the Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for said amount, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same. And that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 25th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 27.

AN ACT for Relief of B. J. Spring.

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

That the sum of one hundred and four dollars and forty-five cents be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the national treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay B. J. Spring for caring for and taking care of the Capitol, and paying off the bills herewith attached. And that the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the Treasurer and the Treasurer to pay the same. And that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 25th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 28.

AN ACT Instructing the Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Education is hereby in-

structed to recall at the end of the first term of the present session all scholars now attending college whether in the Territory or any of the States, and the act allowing the board to send scholars to college is hereby suspended indefinitely.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Board is hereby instructed to ask the Secretary of the Interior to use the first twenty-four thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$24,350) which shall come into the treasury from coal and asphalt to defray the expenses of two orphan academies and Jones Academy and Tushkahomma Institute and Spencer Academy, giving to the last three \$5,000 each, and to Wheelock School twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars, and the orphan school at Atoka under Rev. Richel, now under contract with the School Board, twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars; and to Armstrong Orphan Academy thirty-eight hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That if the Board deems it for the best of all, they shall stop the neighborhood schools and Tushkalusa Academy at the end of January, 1898.

Approved this October 21, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, March 1. 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

BILL No. 29.

AN ACT to Fix the Salary of the Trustee for Coal and Asphalt.

[Disapproved by the President December 8, 1898.]

BILL No. 30.

AN ACT Authorizing the Chief to Select Some One to Take Care of the Capitol.

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

SECTION 1. That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to select some suitable person to room in the Capitol and take care of it, and for such services he shall receive the sum of seventy-five dollars per annum.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, It shall be the duty of such person so selected, to watch the building and to report to the grand jury of the United States Court any person found disturbing peace by defacing or injuring said building.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, Hereafter all repairs to the Capitol, the results of the watchman's carelessness, shall be payable out of the said \$75 above named. And for this purpose the said \$75 shall not be payable until next council.

Approved this 26th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 31.

AN ACT Rejecting the Application of David W. Weeden et al. to Citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

BILL No. 32.

AN ACT Rejecting the Application of W. I. Carter et al. for Citizenship.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

BILL No. 33.

AN ACT Abolishing Certain Offices.

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

That the office of District Lighthorseman to each District Chief, the office of Lighthorseman to the Auditor, and Lighthorseman to the National Treasurer are hereby abolished. And this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 26th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 34.

AN ACT Giving the Citizenship Commission Additional Authority. 21

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

That the members of the Citizenship Commission are hereby authorized to take up, with a commission to be appointed as the Cherokee council shall direct, the questions respecting the rights and privileges of all Indians of Choctaw and Cherokee blood. And all such mixed-blood Indians shall choose in which Nation he and his family will take citizenship, and shall be enrolled accordingly.

Said commission shall settle the rights of all claiming by intermarriage; *Provided*, No one shall be enrolled as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation who has not Choctaw blood in his veins except he claim by virtue of intermarriage.

In whichever Nation a mixed-blood Indian or intermarried

citizen is enrolled, he shall be a full citizen thereof with all the rights, privileges, and immunities of other citizens thereof.

Approved this 27th of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 35.

AN ACT Authorizing the Principal Chief to Borrow Money.

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

SECTION 1. That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to borrow ten thousand dollars to pay off the expenses of the present General Council.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, The National Treasurer shall pay this amount out of the money coming to him as the July payment of interest on our invested funds. And this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 27th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 36.

AN ACT Transferring National Office to the Trustee of Coal and Asphalt.

[Disapproved by the President December 8, 1898.]

BILL No. 37.

RESOLUTION Accepting Report of J. S. Forrest, Collector First District, Choctaw Nation.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of J. S. Forrest, after carefully examining the same, find that he col-

lected from July 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898, the sum of \$7,080.91, and fully accounted to the Treasurer for the same ; therefore we respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of J. S. Forrest be and the same is hereby declared true and correct, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 38.

RESOLUTION Accepting Report of J. T. Ainsworth, Inspector on Choctaw, Okiahoma, and Gulf Railway.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of J. T. Ainsworth, Inspector as aforesaid, after carefully examining the same, find that from October 1st, 1897, to March 31st 1898, he collected the sum of \$908.32 and duly accounted to the National Treasurer for said amount. Therefore we recommend the passage of the following resolution, to-wit :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of J. T. Ainsworth, Inspector for said railway, 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 this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 39.

RESOLUTION accepting Report of W. G. Kayser, Inspector on the Frisco Railway.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of W. G. Kayser, Inspector as aforesaid, after carefully examining the same, find that from July 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898, he collected the sum of \$7,259.15 and duly accounted to the Treasurer for the same ; and therefore ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of W. G. Kayser, Inspector, etc., be accepted as true and correct, and this resolution to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 40.

RESOLUTION accepting Report of J. H. Miller, Collector for Third District.

Your committee, to whom was submitted the report of J. H. Miller, after careful examination of the same, find that he collected from July 1st, 1897, to March 31st, 1898, the sum of \$8,680.01 and fully accounted to the Treasurer for the same ; therefore we recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of J. H. Miller, collector as aforesaid, be

and the same is hereby declared accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this October 28, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 41.

To the General Council:

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of T. E. Sanguin, National Treasurer, after carefully examining same, find it to be correct, and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That the report of T. S. Sanguin, National Treasurer, be and the same is hereby declared to be true and correct and this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 42.

To the General Council:

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of Simon H. Woods, National Auditor, find, after carefully examining same, that said report is correct, and ask the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That the report of Simon H. Woods be and the same is

hereby accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 43.

To the General Council :

We, your committee to whom was submitted the report of William Harrison, National Agent, after examination, find the same correct, and ask adoption of this resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of William Harrison, National Agent, be and the same is hereby declared true and correct, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 44.

AN ACT granting J. C. Hampton the right to establish a Suspension Bridge on Blue River in the Choctaw Nation at the Nail Crossing and to charge toll.

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

That J. C. Hampton is hereby granted the privilege of building and establishing a suspension bridge on Blue river,

at Nail crossing on said river, upon the following terms and conditions, to-wit :

That he shall put up and keep in good repair said bridge and the approaches thereto, in such order that vehicles can travel to and fro readily, for which he shall be allowed to charge toll of all persons passing on the same the following rates :

For each four (4) wheel vehicle drawn by four (4) horses, mules, or cattle, 50 cents ; for each four (4) wheeled vehicle drawn by one or two horses, mules, or cattle with driver, 25 cents ; for man and horse 10 cents ; each person afoot, 5 cents ; for each animal in any drove of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, or goats, 1 cent.

SEC. 2. The privilege to receive toll as above shall not take effect until the bridge is fully completed, and shall continue for 15 years ; *Provided*, the bridge is kept in good repair.

SEC. 3. That if any noncitizen refuses to pay the tolls above provided for, upon application with the proper proof being made to the proper authorities who shall take such steps as may be necessary to collect same, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 45.

A RESOLUTION accepting the Report of John S. Harris,
Collector for Second District.

We, your committee appointed to examine the report of John S. Harris, Collector Second District, find that during

the fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1897, ending March 31, 1898, find that he collected and accounted to the Treasurer for the sum of \$432.48; we therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of John S. Harris, Collector as aforesaid, be accepted as true and correct, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 46.

AN ACT repealing in part an act granting citizenship to Sarah Wilson et al.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

BILL No. 47.

To the General Council assembled :

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of E. H. Rishel, Principal of Atoka Baptist Academy, after carefully examining the said report find it fully correct, and respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of E. H. Rishel be and is hereby accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 48.

AN ACT repealing an act employing and appointing S. Guerrier Special Agent and Attorney of the Choctaw Nation.

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

That the act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation entitled "An act appointing a special agent and attorney to investigate the royalty and permit accounts and collect money due for royalty and permits," approved November 9, 1897, and which act declared S. Guerrier said special agent and attorney is hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, March 1, 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

 BILL No. 49.

RESOLUTION of Respect.

Tushkabomma, I. T.

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from us our esteemed friend and staunch adherent and supporter of the Choctaw Government, Honorable Lawrence H. Williams, and while we bow in humble submission to the wise dispensation of Him who controls the universe, yet we mourn the loss of one who so long served his people faithfully and always had the interest of his people at heart; therefore

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That both houses of the General Council adjourn for one

hour on this day, Saturday the 29th day of October, 1898, at eleven o'clock a. m. to 12 o'clock m. out of respect to the deceased. And that each member and all officers of the Council wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

And be it further resolved that a committee of one member from either house be appointed by the presiding officers to attend the funeral.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 50.

AN ACT repealing the act approved November 8, 1899, conferring citizenship on Richard Benjamin Coleman et al.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

BILL No. 51.

AN ACT repealing an act granting to Nancy Lee Cundiff et al. citizenship in the Choctaw Nation.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

BILL No. 52.

AN ACT repealing an act granting citizenship to Betty A. Lewis et al.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

BILL No. 53.

AN ACT repealing an act granting citizenship to Whit W. Hyden et al.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

BILL No. 54.

We, your committee on petitions, have examined the petition of R. C. Freeny asking for a duplicate warrant, recommend the passage of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the National Auditor is hereby instructed to issue a duplicate warrant No. 56, in favor of S. J. Homer, as National Secretary, for the quarter ending June 30, 1898, for one hundred and fifty dollars, and turn the same over to R. C. Freeny, of Blue county, Choctaw Nation.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 55.

AN ACT to abolish Iron Bridge precinct and establish Stigler in its place.

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

That the precinct known in Sans Bois County, Choctaw Nation, as Iron Bridge, be abolished and a precinct created at Stigler to be called Stigler precinct, and hereafter elections

shall be held there instead of at Iron Bridge; and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 28th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 56.

To the General Council:

Your committee to whom was submitted the report of Henry S. Sanguin, Inspector on the M. K. & T. Railway, beg leave to state that we have carefully examined said report and find that he collected from October 1st, 1897, to March 31, 1898, the sum of \$962.63; therefore we respectfully ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That the report of Henry S. Sanguin, Inspector as aforesaid, 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 this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 57.

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

That the sum of one hundred and sixty-nine dollars and twenty cents is hereby appropriated out of the money in the National Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to pay Ellis Whistler for four militia certificates, in his possession, and issued

by Robert Benton, captain of militia, First District, Choctaw Nation, numbered as follows: Nos. 29, 45, 36, 38, and dated in 1893; and that the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for said amount.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 58.

AN ACT relating to Deputy Sheriffs.

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

That the Sheriffs of the several counties of said Nation, in the appointment of deputy sheriffs, shall be limited to two, only, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and repeal all acts conflicting with the provisions herein.

Approved this October 29, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 59.

AN ACT to have the body of L. H. Williams, a Member of this Council, taken home, and appointment of persons to attend to same.

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

That Corls. A. Wilson and James Harkins be and the same are hereby designated and appointed to take charge of the

corpse of S. H. Williams, a Member of the present Council, who died at the Capitol on the 28th day of October, 1898, and convey same to the place of burial, and that the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the National Treasurer for the sum of seventy-five dollars, and the said Corls. A. Wilson and James Harkins are to pay all expenses that may accrue in the transportation and make a full report of expenses accrued, and the surplus, if any, to return to the Treasurer ; and this act shall take effect and be in force frem and after its passage.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 60.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of W. W. Wilson, Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation, from September 1, 1896, to October 1, 1897, respectfully state that we have carefully and fully examined the entire report, and 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 W. W. Wilson, ex-Treasurer of the Choctaw Nation, be accepted as true and correct, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 29th of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 61.

AN ACT making appropriations for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 1898, and ending September 30, 1899.

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

That the following sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the National Treasury to defray the regular and necessary expenses of the Government for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 1898, and ending September 30, 1899:

Principal Chief's salary.....	\$2,000.00
National Secretary's salary.....	600.00
National Auditor's salary.....	600.00
National Treasurer's salary.....	600.00
National Agent's salary, one month.....	66.66
National Attorney's salary.....	400.00
Private secretary to Principal Chief salary.....	500.00
Trustee for coal and asphalt under agreement.....	4,000.00
National Lighthorsemen.....	1,450.00
Three supreme judges.....	1,200.00
Three circuit judges.....	1,500.00
Seventeen county judges' salary.....	4,200.00
Three district chiefs' salary.....	150.00
Three district attorneys' salary.....	1,500.00
Election judges and clerks' pay at the election on the agreement.....	680.00
Election judges and clerks' pay.....	490.00
Grand and petit jurors.....	7,050.00
Witnesses at circuit court.....	3,000.00
Contingent fund for Principal Chief.....	400.00
Contingent fund for Auditor.....	400.00
Contingent fund for Treasurer.....	400.00

Contingent fund for National Secretary	\$450.00
Sheriffs and deputies attending circuit court.....	1,350.00
Clerk of supreme court salary.....	100.00
Three circuit clerks	900.00
Seventeen county clerks	1,700.00
Seventeen county sheriffs.....	5,100.00
Seventeen county rangers	850.00
Sheriff attending supreme court	24.00
Jones Academy, for half session	5,000.00
Tushkahomma Institute, for half session.....	5,000.00
Spencer Academy, for half session.....	5,000.00
Armstrong orphan school, full session	7,700.00
Wheelock orphan school, full session	5,500.00
Tushkaloosa Academy, half session	1,500.00
Superintendent Jones Academy.....	1,200.00
Teachers, Jones Academy	975.00
Superintendent Tushkahomma Institute.....	1,200.00
Teachers, Tushkahomma Institute, half session....	975.00
Superintendent Spencer Academy.....	1,200.00
Teachers, Spencer Academy, half session.....	975.00
Superintendent Armstrong Orphan Academy	1,200.00
Teachers, Armstrong Orphan Academy	1,500.00
Superintendent Wheelock Academy	1,200.00
Teachers, Wheelock Orphan Academy	1,500.00
Superintendent of public schools	600.00
Contingent fund of Superintendent of Schools	750.00
Three district trustees.....	1,200.00
Three district trustees contingent fund, \$150 each	450.00
Neighborhood schools, first district	5,600.00
Neighborhood schools, second district.....	4,500.00
Neighborhood schools, third district	7,700.00
Students in States, half session	6,500.00

William LeFlore, half session	\$150.00
Two deaf mutes, at school in the States.. ..	400.00
Circuit and county judges pro tem	30.00
Publication fund national secretary.....	350.00
Two examiners to each district at \$5 per day not to exceed 9 days.....	270.00
Mrs. J. F. McCurtain	576.08
E. H. Wilson.....	148.00
J. B. Jeter	2,860.84
T. W. Hunter	1,080.25
Book and chart account.....	12,405.00
Expenses of General Council.....	6,561.90
Lighthorsemen for General Council	1,050.00
Dr. R. S. Miller	602.00
George Sengel	600.00
J. D. Chastain	576.35
Sam Hersch (Star & Grunstein).....	435.00
S. E. and K. K. Knight	450.00
P. J. Hudson.....	760.00
Deputy sherlff whose offices are abolished	283.22
Deputy sheriffs	3,400.00

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 62.

AN ACT making an appropriation to pay Deputy Sheriffs.

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

That the sum of three thousand four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the salaries of regular deputy

sheriffs for the ensuing fiscal year commencing October 1, 1898, and ending September 3, 1899, and also the further sum of two hundred and eighty-three dollars and twenty-two cents to pay the salaries of deputy sheriffs for October, 1898, whose office is abolished.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 63.

AN ACT to authorize the Principal Chief to appoint a commission to negotiate with the Dawes Commission.

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

That the Principal Chief be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a commission composed of three persons, to be confirmed by the Senate, who shall be Choctaw Indians by blood, to negotiate with the United States commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, an agreement amending that part of the agreement heretofore made and ratified by the United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of Indians, dated April 23, 1897, relating to the leasing of coal and asphalt, oil and other minerals, and to the payment of royalty on the same, in such manner as may be deemed just and proper in the further protection of the interest of the Choctaw people ; and said Principal Chief shall be ex officio member of said commission.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That any such agreement so negotiated by said commission when ratified by the National Councils of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and by the United States, shall be in full force and effect ; and

for said service the said commissioners shall receive the sum of dollars, payable out of the National Treasury upon the warrant of the National Auditor, who shall issue his warrant upon the certificate of the Principal Chief, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 64.

AN ACT repealing an act granting citizenship to Wm. Foster et al.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

BILL No. 65.

To the General Council:

We, your committee to whom was submitted the report of J. P. Thompson, Trustee for First District, Choctaw Nation, after a careful and exhaustive examination, find that the expenditures are in excess of the appropriation to the amount of \$98.70, to be true and correct, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That the report of J. P. Thompson, Trustee for the first district, Choctaw Nation, be and the same is hereby accepted as true and correct, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 66.

AN ACT repealing an act granting citizenship to Martha Beals et al.

[Disapproved by the President January 20, 1899.]

 BILL No. 67.

We, your committee on petitions, after examining the account of N. J. Holson for services rendered in building the circuit court house in the First District, recommend the passage of the following bill :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the sum of fifty dollars is hereby appropriated to pay N. J. Holson for services in erecting circuit court house in First District.

Approved this 29th of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, December 12, 1898, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

 BILL No. 68.

To the General Council :

We, your committee to whom was referred the report of the citizenship commission created November 4, 1897, beg leave to state that after carefully examining the same, find that they paid out \$672.28 more than the appropriation made for them. We therefore recommend that said amount be deducted from the \$20,000 appropriation made at this session

of the General Council. We ask the adoption of the following resolution :

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the report of the citizenship commission be accepted as true and correct and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 29th day of October, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 69.

AN ACT to fund the outstanding warrants of the Choctaw Nation.

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

That the Principal Chief and his Cabinet, or a majority of them, are hereby constituted a Board of Finance. It shall be the duty of said Board to meet at Tushkahoma, in the manner and form hereinafter provided, and take up all outstanding legal warrants of the Choctaw Nation and issue in lieu thereof warrants of like number and amount drawing six per cent interest with conditions on their face as hereinafter provided. That as new warrants are issued they shall be entered in a Register kept for the purpose, according to priority of dates, numbering the oldest warrant No. 1 and registering the next oldest warrant consecutively until all are registered.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That for the purpose of this Act the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to publish,

at a cost not to exceed \$5.00 for each newspaper in each of the following places, to-wit: The Choctaw Nation, Denison and Paris, Texas, and Fort Smith, Ark. Said notice shall name the time and place of meeting of the Board and the intents and purposes of this Act, and shall run at least 30 days.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the new warrants issued under this Act shall contain a clause in the body of them, saying they are subject to call for payment at any time by the National Treasurer published in one paper in the Choctaw Nation, and that they shall cease to draw interest at the end of 30 days from date of such call for their presentation and payment by the Treasurer.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That upon the completion of its labors the Board shall turn over the Register prepared by them to the National Treasurer, who shall keep it, and thereafter as money comes into the Treasury he shall pay off all registered warrants, commencing with No. 1 of the Register and continuing consecutively until all are paid; *Provided*, The Treasurer, when any money comes into his hands, shall publish a notice in one paper in the Choctaw Nation, giving the number, payee and amount of each warrant called for payment, and said notice shall run for 30 days, and all warrants named in said call not presented within ten days after the expiration of said notice shall cease to draw interest and shall be placed at the end of the Register and not paid until the entire registered list has been paid or legally called.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That the Treasurer shall not be allowed to pay any warrant except as herein provided until the entire registered list has been liquidated; *Provided*,

No warrant not registered as herein provided shall draw any interest.

Approved this October 29, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

ACTS OF SPECIAL SESSION, 1899.

BILL No. 1.

AN ACT designating the manner of preparing the forms of certain acts of the General Council.

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

SECTION 1. That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint some competent person to act as engrosser, whose duty it shall be to engross, in type-written form, all laws submitted to him by the Principal Chief as hereinafter provided, and who shall be paid a salary of five dollars per day for each day's service, to be paid in the manner as draughtsmen are authorized to be paid.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That hereafter all acts passed by the General Council, which are to be referred to the President of the United States for approval, and which are referred to the Principal Chief for action thereon, shall, before his approval thereof, be referred by him to the engrosser who shall engross such acts in type-written form and return the same to the Principal Chief.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That all acts so engrossed shall be signed by the Speaker of the House and by the President of the Senate, each in his official character, and all

acts so engrossed, signed, and approved, or which have heretofore been engrossed, signed and approved, shall be held to be the original act of the General Council, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 16th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 2.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the appointment of a Committee of Investigation.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three, as follows: One member from the Senate and two members from the House of Representatives. That said committee shall proceed forthwith to Wheelock Orphan Seminary and make full, minute and careful investigation in the conduct, management and condition of said Seminary.

Be it further resolved, That said Committee shall make a written report of its investigation to the present session of the Council, and shall make the same as soon hereafter as possible, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 17th of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 3.

An ACT appropriating money to defray the expenses of a
Special Committee.

*Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation
assembled :*

That the sum of sixty dollars (\$60.00) is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the necessary and actual expenses of the committee appointed under a resolution entitled "A Resolution Authoring the Appointment of a Committee," and the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the Treasury for said sum upon the application of the Principal Chief, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 17th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 4.

AN ACT to reimburse S. J. Homer.

*Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation
assembled :*

SECTION 1. That the sum of one hundred and thirty-one (\$131.00) dollars is hereby appropriated out of the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse S. J. Homer, National Secretary, for the actual expense incurred in making a trip to Washington, D. C., the said trip being made at the request of the Principal Chief, for the purpose of obtaining information relative to the form and preparation of acts

of the General Council to be submitted to the President of the United States, under the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, for approval.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Auditor is hereby instructed to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer for the said sum in favor of the said S. J. Homer, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 22d day of March, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, April 11, 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

BILL No. 5.

AN ACT regulating the introduction of foreign cattle into the Choctaw Nation.

Whereas, The introduction of Texas cattle into the Choctaw Nation has been detrimental to the native cattle thereof, by bringing in diseases such as Spanish fever and Black leg; and

Whereas, It has been a custom of cattlemen who introduce such cattle to let them run at large on the public domain and to drift unattended, and thus drifting carry the small herds of cattle away from their ranges, causing great loss and inconvenience to the citizens, and to non-citizens who pay their permits; and

Whereas, The allotment of our lands in severalty and the taking of each citizen of his rightful share, which must of necessity break up the holding of large bodies of land in

pastures, is under the agreement in the near and immediate future, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this act and its approval by the Principal Chief and the President of the United States, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to introduce in the Choctaw Nation from any State or surrounding Nation any cattle of any kind except during the months of November and December, and then only to be kept in feed pens and legal enclosures, and not to be turned loose on the public range.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That any one guilty of a violation of this law shall be indicted by the Grand Jury, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum amounting to five (\$5.00) dollars per head for each head of cattle introduced; and the fine so imposed, upon failure by the defendant to pay same within ten days, shall be collected by the Sheriff by a public sale of said cattle.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the public sale herein mentioned shall be made by the Sheriff on 30 days notice, said notice shall be given by posting notices in three public places in the county in which said sale is to take place, and said sale shall be public auction.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That any non-citizen introducing cattle as herein prohibited, shall be by the District Attorney, wherein the cattle are allowed to run at large on the range, reported to the United States Indian Agent, and also to the nearest United States Commissioner, within whose jurisdiction the offense is committed, to be prosecuted under the laws of the United States.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That any violation of the

provisions of Section 1 of this act shall be held to be trespass upon the Public Domain of the Choctaw Nation and punished as such, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the approval herein provided.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Approved this 21st day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, April 11th, 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

BILL No. 6.

AN ACT delegating certain powers to the Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. That in addition to the powers and duties of the Board of Education enumerated under Section 3, Chapter 1, of the act entitled "An Act relating to the school system of the Choctaw Nation," approved October 31, 1890, the Board of Education is hereby authorized, and it is made the duty of said Board to insert in all contracts now in existence, or hereafter to be made, with superintendents of the several academies, a clause requiring said superintendents to pay a reasonable amount, to be specified in said contracts, as table board for himself, family, and teachers, and account for the same to the Board of Education at its annual meeting.

SEC. 2. Be it farther enacted, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 22d day of March 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 7.

AN ACT appropriating money for the payment of Henry Willis.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of eight hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$824.50) is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay Henry Willis, Superintendent of Tushkaloosa Academy, for the following purposes, to-wit: Salary of superintendent for the school year of 1898 and 1899, four hundred dollars. Salary of one teacher for a half session for the year 1898, one hundred and seventy-five dollars. Balance due superintendent as salary for the school session of 1897 and 1898, two hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$249.50).

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer for said sum of eight hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty cents (\$824.50) in favor of the said Henry Willis, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 22d day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 8.

A RESOLUTION of adjournment.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled :

That the present extra session of the General Council do

adjourn on the 25th day of March (Saturday) 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m. and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 23d day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 9.

AN ACT authorizing the National Auditor to issue a warrant in favor of the Principal Chief, Green McCurtain.

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

SECTION 1. That the Auditor is hereby instructed to issue his warrant in the sum of of three thousand six hundred and eighty-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$3,683.75), upon the Treasurer in favor of Green McCurtain, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, to be used by said Principal Chief as collateral in securing the loan of money to pay the expenses of the present extra session of Council, and said Principal Chief is hereby authorized to secure said loan and to use said warrant as collateral therein.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the said sum when so borrowed shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of the present extra session of Council, and shall be repaid by the Treasurer out of the first money coming into the Treasury of the Choctaw Nation.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That in the loan herein provided for the rate of interest shall not exceed ten per cent, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 23d of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 10.

AN ACT to authorize the Principal Chief to employ an attorney for the Nation in citizenship cases, and making an appropriation therefor and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized and empowered to employ the Hon. James M. Shackelford, of Muskogee, Ind. Ter., as the attorney and counsellor of the Choctaw Nation in citizenship cases, for the term of one year beginning from November 23, 1898, from which day and date said James M. Shackelford has acted under the employment and direction of the Principal Chief as the Nation's attorney in citizenship cases, and ending November 22, 1899, at a salary of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for the year. The salary shall be paid in four equal installments of twelve hundred and fifty (\$1,250) dollars each. The said James M. Shackelford shall out of this salary pay all his personal expenses; and if he needs any aid or help in the prosecution of his work for which he is employed he is to pay for the same out of his above named salary.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to pay the said salary of said James M. Shackelford. And the National Auditor is hereby directed to issue his warrant at the end of each quarter in favor of said James M. Shackelford for \$1,250 and send same to the Principal Chief who shall deliver the same to James M. Shackelford, attorney as aforesaid, and the National Treasurer shall pay said warrants out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the said James M. Shackelford shall receive said warrants amounting

to \$5,000 in full payment of his legal services for the year from November 23, 1898, to November 22, 1899.

Approved this 22d day of March, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, April 11, 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

BILL No. 11.

AN ACT to stop the issuance of county scrip.

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

SECTION 1. That hereafter no clerk of any court nor any judge of this Nation shall have the right or authority to issue any county scrip, And so much of any law or laws heretofore enacted which gave any clerk or judge the right or authority to issue county scrip be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That hereafter in all civil suits the plaintiff shall give proper bond for the payment of all costs, including witness fees. And the fees of all officers and witnesses in civil suits shall remain the same as they are now.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the fees now allowed all officers and witnesses in criminal cases before the circuit courts payable out of the National Treasury shall remain as they are; but hereafter in all examining trials before the county courts no fees shall be allowed witnesses or officers either out of the National Treasury or county treasuries,

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

Approved this 23d day of March, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 12.

AN ACT canceling the contract of E. H. Wilson, Superintendent of Wheelock Orphan Seminary.

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Education is hereby instructed and authorized to cancel the contract heretofore entered into with E. H. Wilson as superintendent of Wheelock Orphan Seminary, and enter into contract with some suitable person who shall give all his time and attention to the management of the school.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Principal Chief, as president of the Board of Education, is instructed to notify the National Auditor to make no more payments to E. H. Wilson as superintendent of said school, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 23d day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 13.

AN ACT creating a commission to accompany and assist the Dawes Commission in making a roll of Choctaw citizens.

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

SECTION. 1. That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized,

with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a commission consisting of three members, one to be appointed from each District, whose duty it shall be to accompany the Dawes Commission and to render such information and assistance to said Commission as may be necessary in making up the Choctaw rolls, and to see that all persons entitled to enrollment, such as orphans and other incompetents are placed on said rolls, and in pursuance of this duty this Commission is authorized to subpoena witnesses that it may be ascertained whether such incompetents are entitled to enrollment. It shall also be the duty of this Commission to see that no persons are enrolled who are not entitled to enrollment, and the Commission is authorized to procure proper testimony to establish any fraud practiced upon the Choctaw Nation by citizenship claimants before the Dawes Commission or elsewhere, and to this end the Commission is authorized to have witnesses subpoenaed to appear before the Dawes Commission on behalf of the Choctaw Nation. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint a clerk for the Commission herein created whose duty it shall be to keep a full and complete record of all proceedings of the Choctaw Commission, and to keep a complete roll of citizens similar to that kept by the Dawes Commission.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That each commissioner appointed under this act shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per annum, and the clerk of said Commission shall be entitled to the same amount as salary. All payments of salary shall be made quarterly upon certificates of the Principal Chief to the National Auditor, whose warrants shall be paid by the National Treasurer.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That all witnesses who shall be subpoenaed and appear before the Dawes Commis-

sion in behalf of the Choctaw Nation under this act shall receive one dollar and a half per day for attendance and five cents per mile for each mile traveled, for which the clerk of the Commission shall issue his certificate to be endorsed by all the commissioners, and upon such certificate so endorsed the National Auditor shall issue his warrant to be paid by the National Treasurer.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That the Commission shall, at its first meeting, elect one of its members chairman thereof and shall formulate and adopt such rules and regulations for its government and procedure as shall be necessary, not inconsistent with this act, which rules and regulations when adopted shall be spread upon the minutes of said Commission.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That the chairman of the Commission, whenever necessary, shall appoint a bailiff whose duty it shall be to subpoena witnesses to appear before the Dawes Commission, and, if necessary, before the United States courts, in behalf of the Choctaw Nation; said bailiff shall receive \$3.50 per day for each day actually engaged in serving processes, and the Commission is hereby empowered to coerce, in the same manner as county judges, the attendance of all witnesses who fail, without legal cause, to obey the command of subpoenas issued by said commission, whenever the attendance of such witnesses is material to the interest of the Nation.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That the term of office of commissioners and clerk under this act shall expire whenever the roll of Choctaw citizens is completed by the Dawes Commission, *Provided*, The Principal Chief, for good and sufficient cause, may remove the members or member of the Choctaw Commission from office prior to such completion, in which event the Principal Chief shall fill all vacancies.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, That the sum of ten thousand seven hundred and eighty-two dollars (\$10,782), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated and placed subject to the order of the Principal Chief for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 24th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, April 13th, 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

BILL No. 14.

AN ACT relating to the Orphan Academy at Atoka, Indian Territory.

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

SECTION 1. That the Board of Education is hereby instructed and authorized to carry out the provisions of the contract made and entered into the 12th day of August, 1898, by said Board with E. H. Rishel, principal of said orphan academy, and the sum of twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,750) is hereby appropriated out of the school funds of the Choctaw Nation to enable the said Board to meet the obligation of said contract for the remainder of the present school session.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Board of Education is further authorized, if it deems necessary for the best interest of the Nation, to enter into a similar contract with

the said E. H. Rishel for the scholastic year commencing September 1, 1899, and ending June 1900.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the National Auditor is hereby directed to issue his warrant upon the National Treasurer for the said sum of Twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,750) and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved this 24th of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 15.

AN ACT authorizing the payment of money to J. W. Everidge, superintendent of public schools.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,150) is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse J. W. Everidge, superintendent of public schools, who has sustained a loss in an amount equal to the above sum by reason of having to pay interest on loans in consequence of carrying out the act of the General Council approved November 11, 1897, authorizing the superintendent to enter into contract to rebuild Spencer Academy, and by reason of having finally to dispose of said warrant at a discount.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the National Auditor is hereby directed to issue his warrant upon the National Treasurer for the said sum of one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars for said purposes in favor of J. W. Everidge,

and the Treasurer shall pay the same, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th day of March 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 16.

AN ACT appropriating money for the payment of Stuart, Lewis, and Gordon.

Whereas, a certain contract has been made and entered into between Green McCurtain, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, and the law firm of Stuart, Lewis, & Gordon, whereby said firm agreed to specially appear before the United States Court for the Southern District at Ardmore, Indian Territory, and secure the elimination from the judgments of the court of all persons whose names, subsequent to said judgment had, through fraud or mistake or otherwise, been entered thereon as adjudged citizens or members of the Choctaw tribe of Indians; and

Whereas, it was agreed in said contract that the said Stuart, Lewis, & Gordon should be paid for each person whose name was stricken from said judgments the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) and for the hotel expenses of said firm while actually engaged in such work, to be paid in Choctaw warrants, and

Whereas, a number of the names have already been stricken from said judgments and others in similar condition soon to be so eliminated from other judgments, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That said contract be and the same is hereby

approved, and the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay the obligations of said contract, said sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid to the said firm of Stuart, Lewis, & Gordon for labor performed and expenses incurred under said contract, *Provided*, No warrant shall issue to said Stuart, Lewis, & Gordon until their account has been approved by the Principal Chief.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant upon the National Treasurer in favor of said firm upon the requisition of the Principal Chief, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 17.

AN ACT appropriating money to reimburse Isaac Garland.

Whereas, judgment for fourteen dollars was rendered against Isaac Garland in the United States commissioner's court at Whitefield, Ind. Ter., for medical services in favor of Dr. J. R. Butler in attending one Bradshaw who was shot while resisting by United States Indian Policeman Frank Webb who was, by order of United States Indian Agent Wisdom, assisting Isaac Garland as sheriff of Sans Bois county in collecting royalty on hay, and

Whereas, The judgment together with costs and fees

amounted to the sum of forty-seven dollars and thirty-five cents (\$47.35) which amount was paid by the said Isaac Garland, therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of forty-seven dollars and thirty-five cents is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse Isaac Garland for the amount expended by him in satisfying said judgment and paying the costs and fees of said case.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the National Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrant to the said Isaac Garland for said sum, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, April 11, 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

BILL No. 18.

AN ACT repealing an act entitled "An act appropriating money to defray the expenses of a special committee."

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

That the act entitled "An act appropriating money to defray the expenses of a special committee," passed and approved March 17, 1899, wherein the sum of sixty dollars to defray the expenses of said committee was appropriated, is

hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th day of March, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 19.

AN ACT appropriating money to pay the expenses of the present extra session of Council.

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

That the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the expense of the present extra session of the General Council, any surplus over and above the above expenses left, out of the said sum of thirty-five hundred dollars, shall be returned into the National Treasury, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 20.

AN ACT regulating the granting of permits to noncitizen farmers and common laborers.

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

SECTION 1. That every citizen who desires to employ a

noncitizen as a farmer or renter (and a farmer or renter by this act is one who receives a part of the crop or the cash value for his services) is hereby required to obtain a permit for each farmer or renter so employed. And all citizens who desire to employ such noncitizen shall make application in writing, signed by four citizens, residents of the county, one of whom may be the applicant, to the County Judge, who shall grant the application, if there be no good reasons otherwise, and direct the County Clerk to issue the permit under his hand and seal; which permit shall expire on December 31, next succeeding the date of the application, and the Sheriff shall deliver said permit to the citizen on whose farm the farmer or renter proposes to labor; *Provided*, The sum of five dollars be paid to said Sheriff therefor; one dollar of which shall go to the Sheriff for his services, and fifty cents to the County Clerk, and all citizens shall pay five dollars for permits issued under this section whether the same shall be for one year or a less period.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That no fee due the County Clerk or the Sheriff under this act shall be due or payable until the permit for which it is due shall have been actually collected by the Sheriff, who shall retain one dollar for his services and deliver the remainder to the clerk who, after deducting fifty cents as fees, shall turn the balance into the county treasury for county purposes.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That any citizen wishing to employ a noncitizen to work for him as a hireland (and a hireland by this act is one who is hired by the day or month for wages) shall report the name of such person to the County Judge who shall direct the County Clerk, if no good reason otherwise be shown, to record the name of such citizen and the number and names of the persons so hired by

him, in a book to be kept for that purpose; *Provided*, the citizen shall pay the clerk ten cents for each name so recorded, and the clerk shall furnish a list of such noncitizen hirelands to the Sheriff, who shall collect the sum of two dollars and fifty cents from such citizen for each noncitizen so employed. The Sheriff shall give the citizen a receipt for the money paid on each of said noncitizens, which receipt shall entitle said noncitizen to remain in the Choctaw Nation for a period extending to December 31, next succeeding the date of the recordation of his name. The Sheriff shall be allowed to retain ten per cent of all money collected under this section, and the remainder to be turned into the county treasury for county purposes.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That one month shall be allowed all citizens having noncitizens in their employ in which to make application for a permit, or recordation; and the Sheriff or any other person seeing such noncitizen at work on a citizen's place, shall be prima facie evidence that such citizen is hiring in violation of this act, and he shall be indicted accordingly.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That any citizen who shall employ any noncitizen in any other manner than is herein provided shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars and no more than fifty dollars.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, That the costs of prosecution and the collection of judgments under this act shall be by execution subject to the law heretofore existing defining exemptions, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 21.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the National Auditor to duplicate a certain warrant.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his duplicate warrant in the sum of fifty-five dollars (\$55) in favor of E. R. Cheadle, in the place of the one of an equal value lost by the said Cheadle, heretofore issued by the National Auditor for services rendered as a Member of the House of Representatives at the regular session for October, 1898, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th day of March 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

 BILL No. 22.

AN ACT repealing acts authorizing the shipment and sale of timber in the Choctaw Nation.

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

SECTION 1. That all acts heretofore passed authorizing the sale and shipment of timber in the Choctaw Nation, except timber furnished for mining purposes within the Choctaw Nation, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That this act shall not be so construed as to prohibit citizens of this Nation from getting board and rail timber and firewood for their own use;

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

Approved this 25th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Executive Mansion, May 4th, 1899, Approved.

WM. MCKINLEY.

BILL No. 23.

AN ACT authorizing the National Auditor to issue a warrant in favor of himself.

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

SECTION 1. That the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant in the sum of thirty-three dollars and ninety cents upon the National Treasurer in favor of himself to cover actual expenses of the Auditor in furnishing the regular and special session of the Council with necessary stationery, and the Treasurer shall pay the same.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the sum of thirty-three dollars and ninety cents is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay Simon H. Woods, National Auditor, as hereinbefore stated, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 25th day of March, 1899.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL No. 24.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Auditor to duplicate certain warrants.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled:

That the National Auditor is hereby directed to issue his duplicate warrants in favor of Peter J. Hudson in the sums, number, and dates as follows, the said warrants having been destroyed in the Muskogee fire of February 23, 1899, to-wit:

Number 66, dated September 4, 1898, for \$2,500.00.

Number 3, dated November 7, 1898, for \$2,500.00.

Number 8, dated November 7, 1898, for \$487.50.

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

Approved this 23d day of March, 1898.

GREEN MCCURTAIN,

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

This is to Certify, That the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the Original Acts and Resolutions of the Choctaw General Council, passed at its Regular Session for the year 1898, and at a Special Session thereof in March, 1899, the Originals whereof are now on file in the office of the National Secretary of said Nation.

In Testimony Whereof I, Soloman J. Homer, National Secretary of said Nation, have hereunto affixed my official signature and the seal of the Choctaw Nation. Done this the 15th day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

SOLOMAN J. HOMER,

National Secretary, Choctaw Nation.

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