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BILL NO. 1.

A RESOLUTION Setting the day for electing Superintendents of Public Schools and District Trustees

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 11, 1886.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That on the 13th day of October, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M. be the day set for the election of the Superintendent of Public Schools and District Trustees, to be elected by the members of the General Council, in joint session, in the Representative Hall, and that this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by A. C. WRIGHT.

Approved October 11th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 2.

AN ACT To increase the salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the act providing the salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools, is hereby amended and changed, so that said salary shall be four hundred dollars per annum, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by JOHN M. HODGES.

Approved October 12th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 3.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 13, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your Committee on Schools, to whom was referred the report of J. B. Jeter, District Trustee of the Third District, having examined the same, would ask the adoption of the following resolution in connection therewith:

A RESOLUTION Accepting the report of J. B. Jeter, District Trustee Third District
Choctaw Nation.

Be it resolved, by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the report of J. B. Jeter, District Trustee of the Third District, showing a balance on hand from last year's appropriation of sixty-one dollars and seventy cents (\$61.70), be accepted as true and correct, and he be required to turn over the same to his successor, and that his bond be cancelled, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman of School Committee.

Approved October 14th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 4.

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Principal Chief to send two delegates to the Chickasaw Nation.

Be it resolved, by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to send two delegates to the Chickasaw Nation, to try and arrange or inaugurate some plan by which the differences between the Choctaws and Chickasaws about their mutual interest may be settled without further appeal to Washington for the intervention of the United States Government. Said delegates shall receive the same *per diem* as members of the General Council and all necessary expenses, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by T. B. TURNBULL.

Approved October 15th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 5.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 14, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your committee on petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Thompson Cooper, Indian Policeman, for pay and reimbursement of expenses for removing intruders, would report the following resolution on that subject:

A RESOLUTION Providing pay and expenses for Thompson Cooper for removing intruders.

Be it resolved, by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be drawn on the certificate of the Principal Chief, to pay Thompson Cooper, Indian Policeman, for services and expenses while removing intruders from the Choctaw Nation, under orders of the United States Indian Agent, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions.

Approved October 15th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 6.

A RESOLUTION Providing compensation for Campbell Le Flore, Attorney for the Nation in the appealed citizenship cases.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved, 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 National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay Campbell Le Flore for his services as attorney for the Nation in the appealed citizenship cases, and for the procuring of the testimony in said cases, and defending the same before the United States Indian Agent, and the Department of the Interior at Washington, until the final determination of said appeals.

SEC. 2. Be it further resolved, That said attorney shall duly execute to the Principal Chief, a bond in the sum of twenty-five

hundred dollars for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in him by this resolution.

SEC. 3 Be it further resolved, That this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by T. H. BYINGTON.

Approved October 16th, 1886.

THOMPSON MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 7.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct 14, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Red River County for a certain precinct to be moved, would beg to report the following bill:

AN ACT Abolishing Koalli election precinct, in Red River County, and creating one instead.

Be it enacted, by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That Koalli precinct, of Red River County, is hereby abolished, and another precinct is hereby established instead, in said County, at Bayon Neighborhood Church, and shall be called and known as Bayon precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions.

Approved October 18th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 8.

AN ACT to prohibit the sale or manufacture of Choctaw beer, cider or any kind of malt fermented, distilled or other kind of intoxicating liquors or beverage.

Be it enacted, by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the sale or manufacture of Choctaw beer, cider, or any other kind of malt fermented, or distilled liquors or beverage or intoxicant of any kind whatsoever in the Choctaw Nation is hereby prohibited, and the same authority is given to the officers to

suppress it and the same pains and penalties to violaters of this law as if they were engaged in the sale or manufacture of whiskey, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by SAMPSON HOLSON.
 Approved October 18th, 1886. T. MCKINNEY,
 Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 9.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 15, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your committee on Chief's Message, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Principal Chief in reference to the payment of J. W. Everidge, Indian Policeman, for services rendered, would beg to report as follows:

A RESOLUTION Making appropriation to pay J. W. Everidge, Indian Policeman, for services and expenses in removing intruders.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the sum of thirty dollars (\$30) is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay J. W. Everidge, Choctaw Indian Policeman, for services and expenses in removing intruders and foreign cattle from Kiamitia County, Choctaw Nation, under orders from the United States Indian Agent. Said amount to be payable on the certificate of the Principal Chief, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by P. E. NOEL, Chairman Com. on Chief's Message.
 Approved October 18th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
 Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 10.

AN ACT entitled an act locating an additional election precinct in Red River County.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That there be and is hereby established an additional election precinct at Pleasant Hill meeting

house in Red River County, Choctaw Nation, to be known and called Pleasant Hill precinct and the voters of said county may vote at either precinct.

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

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions.

Approved October 19th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 11.

AN ACT Entitled an act changing the election precinct of Wheelock, County of Towson.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the election precinct at Wheelock, Towson County, be and the same is hereby removed eight miles south to Jas. S. Gardner's store and it is to be known as Bon Ton election precinct, and all voters are entitled to vote at said Bon Ton precinct.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and all acts or parts of acts coming in any manner in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions.

Approved October 20th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 12.

AN ACT Entitled an act granting unto Abner Pusley and James Brown the privilege to turnpike the Winding Stair Mountain.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the privilege is hereby granted unto Abner Pusley and James Brown to turnpike the road leading across the mountain known as the Winding Stair Mountain in the Choctaw Nation west where the road crosses said mountain at or near the railroad cut through said mountain. Said turnpike to be a dis-

tance of ten miles and under the following conditions, to wit: That if the said Abner Pusley and James Brown will turnpike said road by grading and leveling with stone and keep the same in good repair they shall be allowed the privilege to operate said turnpike for the period of ten years and shall be entitled to collect and realize the following toll from all non-citizens travelling over said turnpike, viz.: For each four-wheeled wagon or vehicle drawn by four horses, mules or oxen, fifty cents; for each four-wheeled vehicle drawn by two horses, mules or oxen, twenty-five cents; for each man and horse, ten cents; for each led horse, five cents; for each footman, five cents; for all loose stock of any kind, one cent per head.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that if any person or persons not a citizen of this Nation refuse to pay the toll aforesaid upon application with proper proof being made to the United States Indian Agent for the five civilized tribes, he shall take such steps as may be necessary to secure and collect the same.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by AMOS HENRY.

Approved October 20th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO 13.

AN ACT entitled an act changing the election precinct from Boggy Depot, Atoka Co.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the election precinct at Boggy Depot, Atoka County be and the same is hereby removed northwest of Boggy Depot four miles to the Black Jack Grove meeting ground, and it is to be known as Black Jack Grove election precinct.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and all or parts of acts coming in any manner in conflict be and the same are hereby repealed.

Proposed by MARTIN CHARLESTON.

Approved October 20th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 14.

AN ACT establishing Jackson County.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That a county to be called Jackson county is hereby created out of portions of Kiamitia, Blue and Atoka counties. The following shall be the boundary lines of said county, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Boggy; thence up Boggy to the forks of Muddy and Clear Boggies; thence up Muddy Boggy to the Thompson Wesley ford; thence by the old Atoka place at the edge of the bottom; thence on the new blazed road to Hettie Carnes' on Clear Boggy; thence down the Caddo road to Wilson Jones' pasture; thence along the eastern string of said pasture to the old Boggy Depot road; thence down said road to Jack Risner's, leaving Jack Risner's place, 250 yards within the limits of Jackson county thence down the Phelin Wahle branch to Blue River; thence down Blue River to Red River; thence down Red River to the mouth of Boggy, the beginning.

Proposed by BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions;
Approved October 21st, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO 15.

WHEREAS, It has pleased an Almighty Providence to remove from our midst our venerable friends and fellow countrymen, the Hons. J. F. McCurtain, Allen Wright and Basil L. Le Flore, a decent regard for their memory requires that some public token should be given of the high appreciation in which they were held by their fellow citizens. The Hon. J. F. McCurtain was twice chosen Principal Chief of this Nation by the suffrage of his people, the duties of which office were performed by him with honor and credit to himself and advantage to his country. He was a man of sterling integrity and of sound judgment and possessed executive abilities to an eminent degree. He was ever faithful to his trust and was a true patriot. The Hon. and Rev. Allen Wright also filled the offices of the highest calling in our country. He first served his country in the capacity of treasurer and was twice elected to the office of Principal Chief by the suffrage of the peo-

ple, the duties of which offices were performed with credit and honor to himself and advantage to his country. He was a man of extraordinary ability, being well educated and of sound judgment and possessed executive abilities to an eminent degree. He was ever faithful to his trust and was a true patriot. He was no less held in respect in the offices of the church than in the offices of the country. The Hon. Basil L. Le Flore also filled the office of governor one term and the office of treasurer twice and the office of national auditor for several terms by the suffrage of his people, in all of which he gave the most perfect and entire satisfaction to the trust reposed in him, and at this present session of General Council was looked for with anxiety by all who knew him, being a man of honor and held in respect by all both young and old. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That we feel a deep sorrow for the loss the Nation has sustained in the death of these three venerable men and patriots and as a mark of respect to their memory do adjourn from Saturday, the 23rd inst., at 11 o'clock a. m. until Monday, the 25th inst., at 9 o'clock a. m.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the journals of both houses of the General Council and that certified copies thereof be transmitted by the recording secretary of the senate to the surviving heads of the families of the deceased and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by T. H. BYINGTON.

Approved October 21st., 1886.

BILL NO. 16.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 20, 1886.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council Assembled:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of J. S. Meriman, District Collector First Judicial district, find that he collected for the fiscal years, 1885 and 1886, six thousand nine hun-

dred and fifty-one dollars and thirty-four cents (\$6,951.34), for which he has properly accounted for to the National Treasurer. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the report of J. S. Merriman, District Collector First Judicial district, Choctaw Nation, be accepted as true and correct and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved October 22nd, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 17.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., October 21, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Sugar Loaf county asking for a precinct to be changed, would report the following act:

AN ACT establishing Spring Hill precinct in Sugar Loaf County.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That Hochubbee precinct of Sugar Loaf county is hereby abolished, and instead there shall be established an election precinct at or near Spring Hill school house, about two miles, more or less, east of said Hochubbee precinct, which shall be called and known as Spring Hill precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions

Approved October 22nd., 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 18.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 20, 1886.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council Assembled:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of T. D. Ainsworth, Inspector, find that he collected royalty during the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1886, eight thousand four hundred and thirty-eight dollars and fifty-six cents, for which he holds the Treasurer's receipts. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the report of T. D. Ainsworth, Inspector, be accepted as true and correct and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved October 22nd, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 19.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 20, 1886,

To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council Assembled:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of H. C. Harris, District Collector, Second Judicial district, find that he collected for the fiscal years, 1885 and 1886, one thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-four cents, for which he has properly accounted to the National Treasurer. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the report of H. C. Harris, District Collector, Second Judicial district, be accepted as true and correct and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved October 22nd, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 20.

AN ACT for the relief of Jesse Yotah.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the sum of fifty-six dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the National Treasury, to wit: Fifty dollars for scrubbing and cleaning the Capitol building and six dollars for clearing off the yard of the Capitol building and lid, hinges and lock furnished for the well at the Capitol.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant for the same and this act take effect and be in force after its passage

Proposed by P. PITCHLYNN.

Approved October, 22nd, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 21.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 21, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your committee on the Chief's Message, to whom was referred the message of the Principal Chief, asking for authority to appoint three commissioners to meet commissioners from the Chickasaw Nation, would report the following resolution thereon and ask its passage.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Principal Chief to appoint commissioners to meet Chickasaw commissioners.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint three commissioners to meet the Chickasaw commissioners at Atoka on the 28th of October, 1886, and try and settle the differences between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations about their mutual interests, royalties, freedmen and Choctaws resident in the Chickasaw Nation, in accordance with our treaties. Said commissioners of the Choctaw Nation shall be allowed the same *per diem* as members of the General Council and necessary expenses to be

drawn on the certificates of the Principal Chief, and whatever amount of money necessary to meet the expenses as above, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

P. E. NOEL, Chairman Com. on Chief's Message.

Approved October 22nd., 1886

T. McKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation

BILL NO. 22.

AN ACT to appoint two Additional Inspectors

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint two Additional Inspectors to operate on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad; one inspector to work from Ft. Smith, Ark., to Tushkahumma, C. N., and the other from Tushkahumma, C. N., to Red River, C. N. Said inspectors to be citizens of the Choctaw Nation

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted that the said inspectors shall be appointed in accordance with the law passed and approved at the October, (1883), session of the General Council.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted that the office of inspector provided for in the act of November 6th, 1883, be confined to the M., K. & T. railroad and its branches in the Choctaw Nation, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage

Proposed by JNO. M. HODGES.

Approved October 22nd, 1886.

T. McKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 23.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 22, 1886.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council Assembled:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of J. W. Everidge, District Collector Third Judicial district, Choctaw Nation, find that he collected for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1886, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four dollars and sixty-seven cents, (\$1,954.67) which he has properly accounted for to the National Treasurer. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the report of J. W. Everidge, District Collector Third Judicial District, Choctaw Nation, be accepted as true and correct, and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved October 25th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 24.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 21, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your committee on schools to whom was referred the report of J. S. Gardner, District Trustee of the Second district, Choctaw Nation, having examined the same, find that said District Trustee has issued school certificates during the last scholastic year to the amount of ten thousand seven hundred and seventy-three dollars, and paid out on the same nine thousand six hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy cents, leaving unpaid school certificates to the amount of one thousand one hundred and twenty-four dollars and thirty cents. We also find that he paid twenty-nine cents more than last year's appropriation. We recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, assembled: That the report of J. S. Gardner, District Trustee of

the Second district, be accepted as true and correct, his bond be cancelled, the twenty-nine cents be returned to him and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved October 25th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 25.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N. Oct. 21, 1886.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council
Assembled:*

Your committee to whom was referred the report of R. S. McCarty, National Weigher at McAllister, find he weighed coal to the amount of fourteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-one dollars and forty-two cents, (\$14,871.42) and that he properly reported the same to the National Treasurer. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the report of R. S. McCarty, National Weigher at McAllister, be accepted as true and correct and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved October 26th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 26.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 22, 1886.

To the General Council of the Choctaw Nation Assembled:

Your committee on schools, to whom was referred the report of J. P. Turnbull, Superintendent of Public Schools, have examined the same and find a balance on hand of twenty-six hundred and thirty dollars and fifty-nine cents, (\$2,630.59) and beg leave to report and ask that the following resolution be passed:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That J. P. Turnbull, Superintendent of Public Schools, report be accepted as true and correct, with a balance of (\$2,630.59) twenty-six hundred and thirty dollars and fifty-nine cents on hand, and that his bond be cancelled and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved October 26th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 27.

A RE-OLUTION Instructing the Choctaw Commissioners who meet the Chickasaw Commissioners in A-to-ka on the 28th inst

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Choctaw National authorities are supreme and sovereign within the limits of the Choctaw Nation; that the Chickasaw National authorities are supreme and sovereign within the limits of the Chickasaw Nation; that neither Nation is limited by the consent or concurrence of the other except as to a sale of any part of their common country; that whatever advancement and development is made in the Choctaw Nation in pursuance of its laws the Choctaw Nation is entitled to all of its benefits and no law in reference to the same or contract made in pursuance thereto shall be dependent for its validity upon the sanction or approval of the Chickasaw National authorities and *vice versa*. If the Cushing opinion is to be taken and accepted as a sound exposition of the treaty rights of Choctaws living in the Chickasaw Nation or district,

then it shall also apply to Chickasaws living in the Choctaw Nation. The principles and policy herein enunciated shall govern the Choctaw commissioners in their discussions with the Chickasaw commissioners on the date aforesaid and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by JNO. M. HODGES.

Approved October 26th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 28.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 11, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your Committee on citizenship, to whom was referred the application of H. R. Smith, would most respectfully recommend the adoption of the following act:

AN ACT to Establish the Citizenship of H. R. Smith and family.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That H. R. Smith and his children named as follows: Freeman, George, Henry, Hill and Elmo, are hereby declared to be Citizens of the Choctaw Nation, and entitled to all the rights and privileges as such, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

NELSON McCoy, Chairman Com. on Citizenship.

Approved October 26th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 29.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 21, 1886.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council Assembled:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of I. S. Lowry, Coal weigher at the Savanna coal mines, find that he weighed coal to the amount of (\$14,669.33) fourteen thousand six

hundred and sixty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents, and that the same was properly reported to the National Treasurer. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the report of I. S. Lowry, National Coal Weigher at Savanna, C. N., be accepted as true and correct and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved October 26th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 30.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 21, 1886.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council Assembled:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of H. W. Adams, Coal Weigher at Lehigh, C. N., find he weighed coal to the amount of nine thousand seven hundred and one dollars and seventy-seven cents, (\$9,701.77) and that the same was properly reported to the National Treasurer. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the report of H. W. Adams, National Weigher, at Lehigh, C. N., be accepted as true and correct and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved October 27th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 31.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1885 and 1886.

TUSHKAHUMMA C. N., Oct. 25, 1886.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council Assembled:

Your Committee on Finance having examined all reports and receipts of the National Treasurer, would report the following statement of the finances of the country:

Royalty from Coal		8	39,922	28
Taxes from District Collectors..		10,440	75
Taxes from Inspectors.			9,451	06
Taxes from L. W. Oakes			552	25
Forfeited bond collected			340	00
Taxes collected by different sheriffs			392	08
Taxes on hay			29	25
Taxes on St. Louis & San Francisco railway.			562	50
Interest from United States Government on interest bearing bonds from May, 1883, to June, 1885			5,505	25
Interest on trust funds for six months, ending December, 31st, 1885			17,723	80
From United States Government for appropriation and interest on trust funds to 1886			44,181	31
Balance on hand last fiscal year		12,732	13
Total receipts for the years 1885 and 1886			\$141,832	66
Receipts and balance forwarded			\$141,832	66
Warrants cancelled	\$118,679	00		
Expense of Treasurer's office..		17	35	
Paid Robt on trial of Superintendent; reported last year by Superintendent, but paid this year by Treasurer		950	00	119,646 35
Actual balance on hand, July 31, 1886.				22,186 31

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

JNO. M. HODGES, Secretary.

Approved Oct. 27th, 1886.

T. McKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 32.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 25, 1886.

To the Senate and House of Representatives in General Council Assembled:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of Jefferson Gardner, National Treasurer, C. N., having examined the same find it correct with a balance of twenty-two thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars and thirty-one cents (\$22,186.31) on hand. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the report of Jefferson Gardner, National Treasurer, be accepted as true and correct and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved October 27th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 33.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 23, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your committee on schools, to whom was referred the report of W. J. B. Lloyd, the superintendent of the Armstrong Academy, would beg leave to report that there are some important vouchers which are not before the committee; also that the said superintendent's report is of such a complicated nature that your committee cannot fully investigate it now, hence offer the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION Providing for the examination of the report of W. J. B. Lloyd, Superintendent of Armstrong Academy for the last scholastic year.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation is hereby authorized to employ one competent accountant, and instruct the District trustee of the Third District to accompany

and investigate all vouchers that may be produced by the said Superintendent, and make a statement of his standing on account with the Choctaw Nation, for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1886; also ascertain the amount of property and produce that may be on hand, and report fully to the next General Council, and for his services the said accountant shall be allowed five dollars (\$5.00) per day, upon the certificate of the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation, and that this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Committee on Schools.

Approved Oct. 27th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 34.

WHEREAS, We have received with the most profound sorrow and regret the sad intelligence of the death of our lamented friends and fellow citizens, the Hon. Rufus Folsom, Senator from Tobucksy and Gaines Counties, and the Hon. Harris Franklin, Senator from A-to-ka County, Choctaw Nation, and

WHEREAS, It is due and proper that we should pay a tribute of respect to the memory of those who were faithful and zealous advocates and defenders of the rights and interests of their people, and

WHEREAS, We recognize with patriotic pride and commendation the faithful services they have rendered their country while acting as Senators, now, therefore be it

Resolved, By the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the families of the deceased in their bereavement, have our warm sympathy Be it further

Resolved, That as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased, the General Council do now adjourn until Friday morning, the 29th inst. Be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the journals of both houses of the General Council, and that the Secretary of

the Senate is hereby required to forward a copy of the same to the family of the deceased. Be it further

Resolved, That this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by MARTIN CHARLESTON.

Approved Oct. 28th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 35.

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Principal Chief to appoint officers for Jackson County.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint a Sheriff, County Judge and Ranger for the County of Jackson. Said officers' commissions shall bear date of February 1st, 1887, and shall extend to August, 1888, and until their successors are qualified, and this resolution to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by T. H. BYINGTON.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 36.

AN ACT Establishing the County Court ground of Jackson County.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the County Court ground of Jackson County be and the same is hereby located at or near Atobachabi spring, and shall be known and called Jackson County Court Ground, of Jackson County, Choctaw Nation, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by SIMON NELSON.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 37.

AN ACT Establishing Big Lick Precinct, in Jackson County.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That an election precinct, to be known and called Big Lick Precinct, be, and the same is hereby established in Jackson County, at "Luk Fapah Chitto," and the voters of said county may cast their votes at the same, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after February 1st, 1887.

Proposed by W. W. HAMPTON.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 38.

AN ACT Establishing Tiak Hilli Precinct, in Jackson County.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That an election precinct, to be called and known as Tiak Hilli precinct, be, and the same is hereby established at or near Lem Drew's in Jackson County, and the voters of said County may cast their votes at said precinct, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after February 1st, 1887.

Proposed by W. W. HAMPTON.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 39.

AN ACT Establishing an election precinct in Jackson County.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That an election precinct, to be called and known as Pigeon Roost precinct, be and the same is hereby established in Jackson County, near Atobachabi's Spring, and the voters of said

county may cast their votes at the same, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after February 1st, 1887.

Proposed by P. PITCHLYNN.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 40.

AN ACT Giving Jackson County one Representative.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That hereafter Jackson County shall be entitled to one Representative, to be elected by the qualified voters of said county, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by NELSON McCoy.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 41.

AN ACT Creating a Senatorial District in Pushmataha District.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That from and after the passage of this act, the counties of Blue and Jackson shall compose one Senatorial District, and they shall be entitled to one Senator in the General Council.

Be it further enacted, that this act take effect and be in force from and after August 1st, 1888.

Proposed by SIMON P. NELSON.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 42.

A RESOLUTION Respecting suits now pending in the Third District

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That all suits of whatever nature, now pending in the County Courts of Blue County, A-to-ka County and Kiamitia County, wherein the plaintiff and defendant are both residents of Jackson County, shall be transferred to the County Court of Jackson County, and it is hereby made the duty of the County Judge of Jackson County, when organized, to demand and receipt for, of the respective Clerks of the Counties above named, all the legal papers in said suits. But if both plaintiff and defendant are not residents of Jackson county, then the suits are to remain for adjudication in the courts where they were brought, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after February 1st, 1887.

Proposed by W. W. HAMPTON.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 43.

A RESOLUTION To adjourn.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the present session of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation adjourn on Saturday, the 6th day of November, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M., and this resolution be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by JOHN M. HODGES.

Approved Oct. 29th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 44.

WHEREAS, Your committee on citizenship, to whom was referred three classes of claimants for their adjudication, first claimants by blood, second freedmen registered on the doubtful

list, third freedmen claimants who failed to appear at the time of registration and claim their rights, and

WHEREAS, Your committee is able to dispose of the first and second class of claimants for citizenship, and

WHEREAS, Said third class of freed men claiming rights of citizenship by registration was beyond the limits of the Choctaw Nation at the time of the proclamation of the Principal Chief, notifying them of the time and places of registration, and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon this Nation to mete justice to claimants, as well as to guard and protect the rights and interests of this Nation, we, your committee, are unable to adjudicate the claims of the third class of claimants for citizenship at the present session of Council.

We, your committee, would beg leave to report the following resolution:

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Principal Chief be and is hereby authorized to appoint two competent persons to act as commissioners, with the assistance of the National Attorney, to adjudicate said claims to the best advantage to claimants, as well as to the interests of the Nation, and report their action to the next session of the General Council.

SEC. 2. Be it further resolved, That the Principal Chief issue his proclamation notifying the said third class of claimants to citizenship of the time and place of the meeting of said commissioners.

SEC. 3. Be it further resolved, That the said commissioners shall have the power to summons any person or persons in behalf of the Nation, and that the sheriff of Wade county shall serve all process issued by said commissioners.

SEC. 4. Be it further resolved, That said commissioners shall hold their court, commencing on the first Monday in July 1887, at Tushkahumma, for a period of thirty days, if business so long requires, and no longer.

SEC. 5. Be it further resolved, That the said commissioners shall be allowed the same pay and mileage as members of the General Council, and the sheriff be allowed the same pay as sheriffs

attending the Circuit Courts, and that the witnesses attending before said commissioners in behalf of the Nation be allowed the same pay as witnesses attending the Circuit Courts, upon the certificate of the commissioners, to the National Auditor.

SEC. 6. Be it further resolved, That the Principal Chief shall issue his certificate to said commissioners for the number of days so employed, which certificate shall be presented to the National Auditor, and he shall issue his warrant on the National Treasury for the same.

SEC. 7. Be it further resolved, That this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

NELSON MCCOY, Chairman Committee on Citizenship.

Approved October 30th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 45.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 29, 1886.

To the General Council of the Choctaw Nation Assembled:

WHEREAS, The boundary line of Apuckshunubbee and Pushmataha Districts, from Jacks Fork, along on the old military road to the boundary line of Masholatubbee District, on the top of the dividing ridge is grown up and very dim on said old military road, and

WHEREAS, It is impossible to ascertain where the boundary line runs, now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to appoint two competent men, one from each district, as above specified, whose duty shall be to follow up the old military road from Jack's Fork creek and ascertain the said line, and place suitable marks along to said dividing ridge, and shall receive their pay, (\$2.00) two dollars per day, upon the certificate of the Principal Chief when the work is accomplished, and the Treasurer shall pay

the same, and that this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by P. PITCHLYNN.

Approved October, 30th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 46.

AN ACT Amending an act relative to Deputy Sheriffs.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That Blue County shall be entitled to four regular deputy sheriffs, and the Counties of A-to-ka, Ktunitia, Jack's Fork and Jackson shall each be entitled to four deputy sheriffs, and all the deputies appointed under this act, and no more, shall be allowed a salary of fifty dollars, to be paid out of the National treasury on the certificate of the Principal Sheriff, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after February 1st, 1886.

Proposed by BILLY WILLIAMS.

BILL NO 47.

A RESOLUTION Endorsing the appointment of Robert L. Owen to be United States Indian Agent as fit and just.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Choctaw Nation deems the appointment of Robert L. Owen as a handsome recognition of the Indian Territory, a just appreciation of the advancement and progress of the five civilized tribes, and a precedent practical and worthy of continuance by the United States government. Robert L. Owen is alike a fit representative of the Indian Territory in the United States' service, and of the United States government in its Indian service; is striving to fill up the full measure of his official designation, and deserves the support of the Choctaw Nation.

Proposed by S. S STEPHENS.

Approved October 30th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 48.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 27, 1886

To the General Council of the Choctaw Nation Assembled:

Your committee on schools, to whom was referred the report of Mitchell Harrison, District Trustee of the First District for the scholastic year of 1885 and 1886, having carefully examined the same, find that he issued school certificates amounting to \$9,329.60 and paid on the same \$8,051.80. Outstanding certificates \$1,277.80; and your committee would ask that the following resolution be accepted. Be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation: That the report of Mitchell Harrison, District Trustee of the First District be accepted as true and correct, and that his bond be cancelled and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved October 30th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 49.

AN ACT Amending an act relative to Jurors in the Third Judicial District.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the jury for the Circuit Court in the Third Judicial District at the August term thereof, 1887, and at each succeeding term shall be selected as follows, to wit: Blue county shall have eight jurors; A-to-ka county eight jurors; Jack's Fork county eight jurors; Kiamitia county eight jurors and Jackson county eight jurors.

And be it further enacted that all acts or parts of acts heretofore passed coming in any manner in conflict with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after March 1st, 1887.

Proposed by W. W. HAMPTON.

Approved October 30th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 50.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 26, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your committee on petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the Citizens of South Canadian and vicinity in Tobucksy county asking for the establishment of a voting precinct at South Canadian, would report the following act and ask its adoption:

AN ACT Establishing a voting precinct at South Canadian.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That a voting precinct is hereby established at South Canadian in Tobucksy county and shall be called and known as South Canadian Precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions.

Approved October 30th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY.

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 51.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., Oct. 27, 1886.

To the General Council of the Choctaw Nation Assembled:

Your committee on schools, to whom was referred the reports of the several District Trustees for our examination, would respectfully ask to report all neighborhood schools and scholars in each district which is shown as follows, to wit:

	SCHOOLS.		Total No. Schools.	SCHOLARS.		Total No. Scholars in each Dist.
	Choctaw.	Freedmen		Choctaw.	Freedmen.	
First District.....	39	3	42	721	34	755
Second District.....	35	10	45	744	263	1,007
Third District.....	60	21	81	1,200	550	1,750
Total No. Schools.....			168			
Total No. Choctaw Scholars.....				2,665		
Total No. Freedmen Scholars.....					847	
Total No. of all Scholars in the Choctaw Nation.....						3,512

The above report is a correct report from each district, embraced in the report of District Trustees for 1885 and 1886

scholastic years. Very respectfully submitted for your information.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved October 30th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 52.

AN ACT Entitled an act changing the Circuit Court of Pushmataha District, Choctaw Nation, from A-to-ka county to Jackson county, C. N.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Circuit Court of Pushmataha District is hereby removed from Tiak Hilli in A-to-ka county to Tiak Hilli in Jackson county, and the February, 1887, term and all future terms of the Circuit Court of Pushmataha District shall be held at Tiak Hilli in Jackson county, C. N., and this act be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by T. B. TURNBULL.

Approved November 1st, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 53.

AN ACT To authorize the Sheriff of Jackson county to act as Sheriff of the Circuit Court in Pushmataha District.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Sheriff of Jackson county is hereby empowered and authorized to act as sheriff of the Circuit Court in Pushmataha District to serve and execute all legal process that may emanate from said Circuit Court and demand, receive and receipt from the former Sheriff of said court all papers and process for execution that may be in his hands, and all laws coming in any manner in conflict with the provision of this act is hereby repealed, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after February 1st, 1887.

Proposed by T. B. TURNBULL.

Approved November 1st, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 54.

AN ACT To establish an Additional Precinct in Sans Bois County

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That a voting precinct is hereby established at what is known as Big Spring, in Sans Bois county, and shall be known as the Big Spring Precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by P. E. NOEL.

Approved November 2nd, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

 BILL NO. 55.

WHEREAS, Thompson Nowabaya, formerly captain of the light horse and John Bohannan, a Deputy Sheriff, in the discharge of their official duty did kill a certain negro non-citizen in an effort to disarm him. And

WHEREAS, The said Thompson Nowabaya and John Bohannan have been arrested by United States Marshals and carried to the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, then and there to be tried for said killing. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be used by the Principal Chief in the defense of said Thompson Nowabaya and John Bohannan; and the Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant for the above sum, and that this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

P. E. NOEL, Chairman Com. on Chief's Message.

Approved November 2nd., 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation

BILL NO. 56.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N.

A RESOLUTION Authorizing National Secretary to Purchase a Bell for the Capitol.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120) is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the National Secretary to purchase a Bell for the Capitol and also suitable Belfry and cause it to be erected in the front of the Capitol Building and if there is any surplus of the appropriation, the Secretary report the same to the next General Council, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by MARTIN CHARLESTON.

Approved November 2nd, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

 BILL NO. 57.

AN ACT Entitled an act to increase the Salary of the Sheriffs of the several counties of the Choctaw Nation.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Sheriffs of the several counties of this Nation shall be entitled to the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars annually, to be paid quarterly, on the certificate of the County Judges of their respective counties, and the National Auditor is hereby instructed to issue his warrant upon the National Treasury upon such certificate.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted that all acts or parts of acts coming in any manner in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed, and this act take effect and be in force from and after August 1st, 1888.

Proposed by JOHN MARTIN.

BILL NO. 58. .

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N.

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Principal Chief to cause Inclosure of the Capitol Building.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to let out to the lowest bidder a contract to inclose the Capitol Building with a good substantial paling fence. For this purpose seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be placed in the hands of the Principal Chief to pay out when the work is accomplished, and if there is any surplus of the appropriation, he shall report the same to the next General Council, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by T. H. BYINGTON.

Approved November 3rd, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 59.

AN ACT Establishing an election precinct at Durant Station, Blue county.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That an election precinct is hereby established at Durant Station, in Blue county, which shall be called and known as Durant Precinct, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N., November 31, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your committee on petitions, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Blue county requesting the establishment of an election precinct at Durant Station, Blue county, would respectfully report the above act and recommend its passage.

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions.

Approved November 4th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 60.

AN ACT Making an appropriation of the sum of (\$4,500) four thousand five hundred dollars in the hands of the Principal Chief to erect Jails.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the sum of (\$4,500) four thousand five hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and placed in the hands of the Principal Chief to erect Jails in the three Judicial Districts, Choctaw Nation; the said fund to be equally divided (among) the above said districts and the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to instruct the several circuit judges to make contract with any person or persons to build said jails in their respective districts at the circuit court ground; said jails to be good, substantial rock buildings, ceiling, sides, end and floor to be lined with one-fourth inch iron, and on completion of said building the circuit judge shall certify to the Principal Chief the cost and amount of the building and he shall pay the same out of the above appropriation, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by P. PITCHLYNN.

Approved November 4th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

 BILL NO. 61.

A RESOLUTION Authorizing the Principal Chief to contract for the painting and pointing of the brick work of the Capitol building on the outside, and the papering of the same on the inside.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to let out to the lowest responsible bidder a contract to paint and point the outside brick work of the Capitol building and to paper with good, substantial white wall paper the inside of each and every room of the said building, including the ceiling of each room.

Resolved, Further that he is hereby authorized to issue a certificate on the National Auditor, who will issue his warrant on the National Treasury for the amount after the said work has been completed.

Proposed by T. B. TURNBULL.

Approved November 4th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 62.

AN ACT Establishing the citizenship of Henry Marshall.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the citizenship of Henry Marshall is hereby established, and he is hereby declared to be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON CITIZENSHIP.

NOVEMBER 4, 1886.

To the General Council:

Your committee on citizenship, to whom was referred the application of Henry Marshall; of A-to-ka county, having carefully examined the same and being satisfied that the said Henry Marshall is a Choctaw by blood, hereby report the above act and recommend its passage. Respectfully,

NELSON McCoy, Chairman Com. on Citizenship.

Approved November 4th, 1886.

T. McKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

 BILL NO. 63.

AN ACT Changing the County Court Ground of Blue County.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the County Court Ground of Blue County is hereby removed from Good Spring and established at the town of Caddo and shall be called and known as the County Court Ground of Blue County, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

BILLY WILLIAMS, Chairman Com. on Petitions.

 BILL NO. 64.

AN ACT To establish the citizenship of Hickman Williams and John Williams.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That Hickman Williams and his brother, John

Williams, are hereby declared to be citizens of the Choctaw Nation and entitled to all rights and privileges as such, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by W. W. CARNEY.

Approved November 5, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 65.

WHEREAS, Much annoyance and expense to the Choctaw Nation in consequence of the claims of persons claiming to be entitled to the rights of Choctaws in the Choctaw Nation, and

WHEREAS, The rights of such persons are often so doubtful and remote to the present stock of Choctaw blood that the adjudication becomes under the most favorable circumstances a questionable one, and

WHEREAS, The Choctaws are and have ever been disposed to accord to people of their blood any right they may have, they feel bound to adhere to the long and recognized usages of their Nation and to exclude from those rights all claimants whose blood is so remote and uncertain that the appellation of Indian to such persons would be a misnomer. It is not now and never was considered obligatory upon the Choctaw Nation to admit into their tribal organization any people that might claim or perchance have in their veins small quantities of Choctaw blood. The policy adopted by this Nation for many years previous to the war and treaty of 1866 was to allow all white persons from beyond the limits of the Nation who married according to existing laws on the subject, the rights of citizenship. These rights of citizenship were courtesies extended to the marriage relation and the rights conceded by the Nation were matters of grace rather than matters of right under any law or treaty stipulation. The rights thus conceded were deemed by the Nation steps in its civilization and the upbuilding of their Nationality. Now the necessity for legislation upon this subject has been brought to the attention of the Nation by the large number of persons pressing their claims for citizenship upon the General Council at its yearly sessions. These claimants claim

rights upon every conceivable ground imaginable. The admission of these claimants actuated largely by the inducement held out to them by what they may be entitled to when admitted (the amount thus acquired by admission in round numbers being twenty-five hundred dollars) is so great that it becomes the duty of the Nation to prescribe by legislation some preserving principle by declaring that the applicant should have in his veins Choctaw blood to the extent of at least one-eighth Choctaw. And it should further be understood and declared that the rights thus conceded to persons from the outside to the inside with the rights asked for or claimed are matters of grace on the part of the Nation rather than rights demandable of the Choctaw Nation and enforceable by the Government of the United States. In view of the premises it is therefore asked that the following bill be enacted by the General Council now in session to wit:

AN ACT Entitled an act defining quantity of blood necessary for Citizenship.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That hereafter all persons non-citizens of the Choctaw Nation making or presenting to the General Council petitions for rights of a Choctaw in the Nation shall be required to have one-eighth Choctaw blood and shall be required to prove the same by competent testimony.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted that all applicants for rights in this Nation shall prove their mixture of blood to be of white and Indian.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted that no person convicted of any felony or high crime shall be admitted to rights of citizenship within this Nation.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted that this act shall not be construed to effect persons within the limits of the Choctaw Nation now enjoying the right of citizenship.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

BILL NO. 66.

AN ACT To repeal a resolution of the General Council approved November 9, 1885, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That a resolution approved November 9, 1885, to rescind the contracts with the Boards of Missions for the management of New Hope Seminary and Spencer Academy is hereby repealed, and the board of trustees is hereby authorized and empowered to contract with any board or boards of missions for the operation of said schools; said contracts to begin at the close of the current session of said schools, and to this end said board of trustees are also authorized and required to give notice at once to those persons now acting as Superintendent of said schools that their contracts for the management of said schools shall close with the present sessions of said schools in June, 1887.

SEC. 2. No contract shall be made by the board of trustees for the management of any of the boarding schools without a clause giving to either party to such contract the right to rescind the same at the close of the scholastic year upon six months notice to the other party of such intention to annul said contract.

SEC. 3. Said board of trustees shall have power to hear and determine all questions of difficulty and difference which may arise in the administration of any branch of the school system of said Nation.

SEC. 4. An act approved November 9, 1885, authorizing the Principal Chief to appoint superintendents of New Hope Seminary and Spencer Academy is hereby repealed and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

THOMAS H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved November 5th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 67.

AN ACT To appropriate the sum of \$1,224.45 to pay for improvement done to Wheelock Seminary.

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the sum of one thousand two hundred and twenty-six dollars and forty-five cents is hereby appropriated to pay for the building constructed at Wheelock Seminary and that the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue a warrant to W. B. Robe, Superintendent of Wheelock Seminary, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same, and this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved November 5th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

TUSHKAHUMMA, C. N.

BILL NO. 68.

To the General Council:

Your committee on schools, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees making settlement with Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn, former Superintendent of Spencer Academy, said report embracing the sum of \$2,956 to place to the credit of the Choctaw Nation. Therefore, your committee would recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the settlement by the Board of Trustees with Rev. H. R. Schermerhorn, former Superintendent of Spencer Academy, be accepted as true and correct with a balance on hand of \$2,965 of the scholastic years of 1885 and 1886 and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved November 5th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 69.

AN ACT Making appropriation for the support of the Neighborhood Schools of the several Districts of the Choctaw Nation.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the following sums of money be and are hereby appropriated for the Neighborhood Schools in each District of the Choctaw Nation, to wit:

First District	\$10,060 00
Second District.....	13,084 00
Third District.....	21,000 00
Total	<u>\$44,144 00</u>

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that the District Trustees of the First and Second Districts are hereby authorized to pay outstanding certificates of the scholastic year of 1885 and 1886

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, that the several District Trustees of this Nation shall keep themselves strictly confined to the school appropriation in disbursing the same. If any Trustee fails to comply with this act he shall be held responsible for the same, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by T. H. BYINGTON

Approved Nov. 5th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation

 BILL NO. 70.

Your Committee on Schools, to whom was referred the report of W. B. Robe, Superintendent of Wheelock Seminary have examined it carefully, and inform you that since he made his report to the General Council he has received \$1,445 from the National Treasurer for the last scholastic year of 1885 and 1886 appropriation of last Council in full of \$5,500. He also received from boarding the mail rider and teacher the sum of \$66.15, making a total of \$5,566.15. Your committee also find that he has omitted to report \$669.84, the balance on hand as per report of 1884 and 1885, which makes a total of \$6,235.99. The expenditures on his report show the sum of \$6,597.29. Your committee

find that the Wheelock Seminary is indebted to the amount of \$361.30, and your committee would respectfully ask that the following resolution be adopted:

Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the sum of \$361 30 be appropriated to cover the indebtedness of Wheelock Seminary, and the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue a warrant to W. B. Robe, Superintendent of Wheelock Seminary, and the National Treasurer shall pay the same, and that the report of W. B. Robe be accepted as true and correct, and this resolution take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. of Schools.

Approved Nov. 5th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 71.

AN ACT Allowing the Rangers a Salary of Fifty Dollars.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the several Rangers of the Counties of this Nation, in addition to the fees already allowed them by law, be paid the sum of fifty dollars out of the National Treasury, on the certificate of the County Clerk; said salary to be paid quarterly, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by AMOS HENRY.

Approved Nov. 5th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 72.

AN ACT Making appropriations for the support of the several Academies and Seminaries in the Choctaw Nation for the scholastic year of 1886 and 1887.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the following sum of \$31,000 be and is hereby appropriated for the support of the Academies and

Seminaries and Orphan Asylums of this Nation as follows, to wit:

Spencer Academy	\$10,000 00
New Hope Seminary	10,000 00
Armstrong Academy (12 months)	5,500 00
Wheelock Seminary (12 months)	5,500 00

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, that the Superintendent shall keep and take care of the children during vacation at the Orphan Asylums, provided, however, if any relative of the children wish the children to visit them they shall be permitted to do so.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, that the Superintendent of each Academy and Seminary shall confine themselves to the above appropriations in disbursing the same, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved Nov. 5th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 73.

AN ACT Supplementary to the school law regulating school age.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That all Choctaw children by blood, between the ages of five and seven years, who live in the Choctaw Nation, and near to a neighborhood school, and who desire to go to school, they are hereby permitted to do so, and shall be entitled to participate in the benefits of the neighborhood school fund, *provided*, however, they shall be exempt from the operations of the law compelling children to attend school, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Committee on Schools.

Approved Nov. 5th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 74.

A RESOLUTION Making appropriations for Students in the States for the scholastic year of 1886 and 1887.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the following sums of money be and are hereby appropriated for the support of the following Choctaw Students in the States for the present scholastic year of 1886 and 1887:

1. Lena Dunn.....	\$ 200 00
2. Katie Nail.....	325 00
3. Jennie Wyatt.....	325 00
4. Virginia Riddles.....	200 00
5. Eliza Vinson.....	225 00
6. Czarina Hebert.....	200 00
7. Florence Turnbull.....	325 00
8. Jane Thompson.....	325 00
9. Sarah Wilson.....	325 00
10. Abbie Morris.....	325 00
11. Annie Carney.....	325 00
12. Mary Ann Holson.....	325 00
13. Elizabeth Hodges.....	150 00

Total for girls.....\$3,575 00

1. Simon T. Dwight..... X	300 00
2. Robert Miller.....	300 00
3. Joseph Homa.....	300 00
4. Joseph Thompson.....	300 00
5. Albert P. Fiske..... X	300 00
6. Robert C. Krebs.....	300 00
7. Alexander Williams.....	300 00
8. James Bowers.....	200 00
9. James T. Ainsworth.....	200 00
10. Joshua Bohanan.....	300 00
11. John W. Durant.....	300 00
12. Peter Hudson.....	300 00
13. Campbell Le Flore.....	150 00

Total for boys.....\$3,550 00

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

T. H. BYINGTON, Chairman Com. on Schools.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 75.

The joint commission composed of commissioners from the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, viz: C. E. Nelson, A. R. Durant and J. S. Standley, Choctaws, and Josiah Brown, C. A. Burris, Itotubby and William Hawkins, Chickasaws, having been convened at A-to-ka, Choctaw Nation, on the 28th day of October, 1886, to try and agree upon a plan for the settlement of the differences between said Nations, would most respectfully submit the following and recommend its adoption by their respective National authorities:

First. The Choctaw National authorities shall be supreme and sovereign within the limits of the Choctaw Nation.

Second. The Chickasaw National authorities shall be supreme and sovereign within the limits of the Chickasaw Nation.

Third. Neither Nation shall be limited in its powers of legislation or other authority, in its own limits by the consent or concurrence of the other, except as to a sale of all or any part of their common country, it being understood that the tenure of their lands remains as before.

Fourth. Whatever advancement and development of the natural resources is or may be made in the Choctaw Nation in pursuance of its laws, the Choctaw Nation shall be entitled to all of its benefits, and no law in reference to the same, or contract made in pursuance thereto, shall be dependent for its validity upon the sanction or approval of the Chickasaw National authorities, and *vice versa*.

Fifth. The Choctaw Nation appreciates the delicate and embarrassing position of the Chickasaw Nation with reference to its freedmen, and in obedience to the desire of the Chickasaw Nation, would assist in every honorable means of relief not involving the expenditure of Choctaw funds.

Sixth. It being earnestly contended by the Chickasaws that the opinion of the Hon. Caleb Cushing, attorney of the United States, in reference to Choctaws resident in the Chickasaw Nation be held to be a final settlement of that question; it is accepted by the Choctaws with this condition: That if Chickasaws resident in the Choctaw Nation continue to enjoy all rights, political and

otherwise, of Choctaw citizens, it shall be regarded as a matter of sufferance of the Choctaw Nation and not as of treaty right, and a subject of which and over which the Choctaw Nation shall have complete jurisdiction.

The joint commission also recommend that both Nations take such steps as may be necessary to have the above plan of settlement approved by the proper authorities of the United States government.

Witness our signatures this November 1, 1886.

C. E. NELSON.
A. R. DURANT.
J. S. STANDLEY.

Commissioners of the Choctaw Nation.

C. A. BURRIS.
J. BROWN.

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mark.

WM. HAWKINS.

Commissioners of the Chickasaw Nation.

AN ACT Ratifying and confirming the action of the joint commission of the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the plan of settlement agreed upon by the joint commission of the Choctaws and Chickasaws and signed by the commissioners of the respective tribes on the 1st day of November, 1886, is hereby accepted by the Choctaw Nation and ratified and confirmed, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Proposed by JOHN M. HODGES.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

BILL NO. 76.

AN ACT Making appropriations for current and contingent expenses of the Choctaw Nation for the fiscal year of 1886 and 1887.

Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation assembled: That the following sums of money are hereby appropriated for current and contingent expenses of the Choctaw Nation, to wit:

Salary Principal Chief.....	\$ 2,000 00
Salary Principal Chief Contingent.....	400 00
Salary Auditor, Treasurer and Secretary.....	1,800 00
Salary Private Secretary to Chief.....	500 00
Salary Circuit Judges.....	1,500 00
Salary District Chiefs.....	150 00
Salary District Attorneys.....	950 00
Auditor's Contingent.....	200 00
County Clerks.....	850 00
Sheriffs.....	2,400 00
Circuit Clerks.....	900 00
National Light Horse.....	950 00
Election Judges.....	375 00
Election Clerks.....	260 00
Supreme Clerk.....	100 00
Superintendent and District Trustees.....	1,000 00
Building Jails.....	4,500 00
Grand and Petit Jurors.....	14,900 00
Sheriff attending Supreme Court.....	50 00
County Judges.....	2,487 50
Supreme Judges.....	1,200 00
National Agent.....	800 00
Deputy Sheriffs.....	350 00
National Secretary, publication etc.....	350 00
National Attorney.....	400 00
District Trustees, contingent.....	150 00
Sheriffs and deputies, attending court.....	1,800 00
Students in States.....	7,125 00
Local Trustees.....	1,500 00
General Council and Light Horse.....	7,500 00
Spencer and New Hope.....	20,000 00
Armstrong.....	5,500 00
Wheelock.....	5,500 00
Contingent for Superintendent.....	400 00
Neighborhood Schools.....	44,144 00
Special Deputies attending Circuit Court.....	2,000 00
Jesse Yota, cleaning Capitol.....	56 00
Wheelock Asylum, repairs.....	1,226 45
Thompson Cooper.....	100 00

J. W. Everidge	30 00
Thompson Nowahaya	500 00
County Rangers	850 00
Capitol Bell.....	120 00
Yard Fence.....	75 00
National Secretary, contingent.....	50 00

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

SAMSON HOLSON, Chairman Com. on Finance.

Approved Nov. 6th, 1886.

T. MCKINNEY,
Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Acts and Resolutions of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, passed at the October term of 1886.

Witness my hand and seal this 22d day of December, A. D. 1886.

ALINTON TELLE,
National Secretary, Choctaw Nation.

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