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THE CHEROKEE NATION, &C.



Resolved by the Chiefs and Warriors in a national council assembled, That it shall be, and is, hereby authorised, for regulating parties to be organized to consist of six men in each company; one captain, one lieutenant and four privates, to continue in service for the term of one year, whose duties it shall be to suppress horse stealing and the robbery of other property within their respective bounds, who shall be paid out of the national annuity, at the rates of fifty dollars to each captain; forty to the lieutenant, and thirty dollars to each of the privates, and to give their protection to children as heirs to their fathers property, and to the widows share whom he may have had children by or cohabited with, as his wife, at the time of his decease, and in case a father shall leave or will any property to a child at the time of his decease, which he may have had by another woman, then, his present wife shall be entitled to receive any such property as may be left by him or them, when substantiated by two or one disinterested witnesses

Be it resolved by the Council aforesaid, When any person or persons which may or shall be charged with stealing a horse and upon conviction by one or two witnesses, he, she or they shall be punished with one hundred stripes on the bare back, and the punishment to be in proportion for stealing property of less value; and should the accused person or persons raise up with arms in his or their hands, as guns, axes, spears and knives in opposition to the regulating company, or should

they kill him or them, the blood of him or them shall not be required of any of the persons belonging to the regulators from the clan the person so killed belonged to.

Accepted.—**BLACK FOX**, Principal Chief.
PATH KILLER, Sec'd.
TOOCHALAR.

CHARLES HICKS, Secretary to the Council.
 Brooms Town, 11th Sept. 1808.

Be it known, That this day, the various clans or tribes which compose the Cherokee Nation, have unanimously passed an act of oblivion for all lives for which they may have been indebted, one to the other, and have mutually agreed that after this evening the aforesaid act shall become binding upon every clan or tribe and the aforesaid clans or tribes, have also agreed that if in future, any life should be lost without malice intended, the innocent aggressor shall not be accounted guilty.

Be it known, also, That should it so happen that a brother, forgetting his natural affection, should raise his hand in anger and kill his brother, he shall be accounted guilty of murder and suffer accordingly, and if a man has a horse stolen, and overtakes the thief and should his anger be so great as to cause him to kill him, let his blood remain on his own conscience, but no satisfaction shall be demanded for his life from his relatives or the clan he may belong to.

By order of the seven clans.

TURTLE AT HOME,
 Speaker of Council.

Approved.—**BLACK FOX**, Principal Chief
PATH KILLER, Sec'd.
TOOCHALAR.

CHARLES HICKS, Secretary to the Council.
 Oostanallah, April 10, 1810.

WHEREAS, fifty-four towns and villages having convened in order to deliberate and consider on the situation of our na-

tion, in the disposition of our common property of lands, without the unanimous consent of the members of Council, and in order to obviate the evil consequences resulting in such course, we have unanimously adopted the following form for the future government of our nation.

ARTICLE 1st. It is unanimously agreed, that there shall be thirteen members elected as a Standing Committee for the term of two years, at the end of which term they shall be either re elected or others; and in consequence of the death or resignation of any of said Committee, our head Chiefs shall elect another to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE 2d. The affairs of the Cherokee Nation shall be committed to the care of the Standing Committee; but the acts of this body shall not be binding on the Nation in our common property and without the unanimous consent of the members and Chiefs of the Council, which they shall present for their acceptance or dissent.

ARTICLE 3d. The authority and claim of our common property shall cease with the person or persons who shall think proper to remove themselves without the limits of the Cherokee Nation.

ARTICLE 4th. The improvements and labors of our people by the mother's side shall be inviolate during the time of their occupancy.

ARTICLE 5th. This Committee shall settle with the Agency for our annual stipend, and report their proceedings to the members and Chiefs in Council; but the friendly communication between our head Chiefs and the Agency shall remain free and open.

ARTICLE 6th. The above articles for our government, may be amended at our electional term, and the Committee is hereby required to be governed by the above articles, and the Chiefs and Warriors in Council, unanimously pledge themselves to observe strictly the contents of the above articles.—Whereunto we have set our hands and seals at Amoaah, this 6th day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Approved in Council, on the day and date above written.

EHNAUTAUNAUEH,

Speaker to the Council.

Approved of the within government by the head Chief,

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PATH X KILLER,

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A. Mc'COY, Sec'y. to the Council.

CHARLES HICKS.



Unanimously agreed, That schoolmasters, blacksmiths, millers, salt petre and gun powder manufacturers, ferrymen and turnpike keepers, and mechanics, are hereby privileged to reside in the Cherokee Nation under the following conditions; viz:—Their employers procuring a permit from the National Committee and Council for them and becoming responsible for their good conduct and behaviour, and subject to removal for misdemeanor; and further agree, that blacksmiths, millers, ferrymen and turnpike keepers, are privileged to improve and cultivate twelve acres of ground for the support of themselves and families, should they please to do so.

JNO. ROSS, President N. Committee.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Committee.

In Committee, New Town, October 26th, 1819.



This day decreed by the National Committee and Council, That all citizens of the Cherokee Nation, establishing a store or stores for the purpose of vending merchandize, shall obtain license for that purpose from the clerk of the National Council, for which, each and every person so licensed, shall pay a tax of twenty five dollars per annum, and that no other but citizens of the Cherokee Nation, shall be allowed to establish a permanent store within the Nation. And it is also decreed, that no pedlar or pedlars, not citizens of the nation, shall be permitted to vend merchandize in the Nation, without first obtaining license from the agent of the United States

for the Cherokee Nation, agreeably to the laws of the United States; and each and every one so licensed, shall pay eighty dollars to the treasury of the Cherokee Nation per annum, and all such person or persons, so licensed, shall obtain a receipt on the back of his or their license from the treasurer for the sum so paid; and in case any person or persons violate this decree, he or they, shall forfeit and pay a fine of two hundred dollars to the National treasury, and it shall be the duty of the Regulators or Lighthorse to collect the same—and any person discovering and giving information of the same, shall be entitled to the sum of twenty-five dollars. And, it is also, hereby further decreed, that no person or persons, not citizens of the Nation, shall bring into the Nation and sell, any spirituous liquors, and all such person or persons so offending, shall forfeit the whole of the spirituous liquors that may be found in his or their possession, and the same shall be disposed of for the benefit of the Nation; and if any person or persons, citizens of the Nation, shall receive and bring into the Nation, spirituous liquors for disposal, and the same or any part thereof, be found to be the property of person or persons not citizens of the Nation, and satisfactory proof be made of the fact, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, and the whiskey be subject to confiscation as aforesaid, and this decree to take effect from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and to be strictly enforced; *Provided, nevertheless,* That nothing shall be so construed in this decree, as to tax any person or persons bringing sugar, coffee, salt, iron, and steel, into the Cherokee Nation for sale; but no permanent establishment for the disposal of such articles, can be admitted to any person or persons not citizens of the Nation.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Committee.

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Concurred—PATH & KILLER,
mark.

CHAS. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk.

New Town, 28th October, 1819.

*In Committee, New Town, Cherokee Nation, October
30th, 1819.*

WHEREAS, the **Big Ruling Guard**, **Wm. Gruit**, **Betsey Broom**, the **Bark**, **Daniel Griffin**, and **Mrs. Lesley**, having lodged complaint before the **Chiefs**, of a certain company of persons having formed a combination, and establishing a turnpike arbitrarily, in opposition to the interest of the above named persons, proprietors of a privileged turnpike on the same road;

Be it now, therefore known, That said complaint having been submitted by the **Council** to the **National Committee** for a decision, and after maturely investigating into the case, have decreed, that the said new company of the disputed turnpike shall be abolished, and that the above named persons are the only legal proprietors and privileged company to establish a turnpike on the road leading from widow **Fools**, at the forks of **Hightower** and **Oostenallah** river to **Wills creek**, by way of **Turkey Town**; and the said company shall be bound to keep in repair said road, to commence from the first creek east of **John Fields, Sr.** known by the name, where **Vann** was shot, and to continue westward to the extent of their limits, and that the widow **Fool** shall also keep in repair, for the benefit of her ferry at the fork, the road to commence from the creek above named to where **Ridge's** road now intersects said road east of her ferry, and that the **Ridge** shall also keep in repair the road to commence at the **Two Runs**, east of his ferry, and to continue by way of his ferry as far as where his road now intersects the old road, leading from the fork west of his ferry; and that also the **Hightower** turnpike company shall keep in repair the road from the **Two Runs** to where it intersects the **Federal road**, near **Blackburn's**; and

Be it hereby resolved, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall be permitted to cut out any road or roads leading from any main road now in existence, so as to intersect the same again and to the injury of the interest of any person or persons residing on said road, without first getting an order from the **National Council** for the opening of said roads; and any person or persons violating this decree, contained in the foregoing resolu-

tion, shall be subject to such punishment and fine as the National Council and Committee may hereafter decide and inflict, on any such case as may be brought before them for trial.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Com.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,

mark.

CH. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk.

New Town, Cherokee Nation, Nov. 1st, 1819.

IN COMMITTEE.

The National Committee have taken up the case submitted to them by the Council relating to the exchange of horses between Otter Lister and a runaway negro man, belonging to Wm. Thompson. The horse delivered to Otter Lister by said negro man was proven away from him, and the question submitted to the committee was, whether or not, the master of the negro man, Wm. Thompson, should be accountable to the Otter Lister, for the horse so proved away from him on account of the transgression of his said negro man; the committee therefore have decided that Wm. Thompson ought not to be accountable for the contract entered into with his runaway negro man by any person contrary to his approbation, and resolved by the committee, that no contract or bargain entered into with any slave or slaves, without the approbation of their masters shall be binding on them.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Committee.

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PATH ✕ KILLER,

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CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk.

New Town, Cherokee Nation, Nov. 1, 1819.

IN COMMITTEE.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons employing or instigating any person or

persons whatsoever, to steal the property of another, and such person or persons being tried and convicted upon satisfactory proofs, shall forfeit and pay the value of the property so stolen, and be punished alike with the person or persons so employed to steal agreeably to the sentence of such a trial.

By order.—JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Committee.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,

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CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That in case any person or persons, citizens of the nation, not enrolled for the Arkansas country, who has or may take possession of, and occupy any improvement or place where Arkansas emigrants had left before any privileged emigrants to continue in this nation, shall retake possession of such place or places aforesaid, shall be entitled to an exclusive right of the same.

By order.—JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,

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CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk.

New Town, Cherokee Nation, Nov. 2, 1819.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any white man who shall hereafter take a Cherokee woman to wife be required to marry her legally by a minister of the gospel or other authorized person after procuring license from the national clerk for that purpose, before he shall be entitled and admitted to the privilege of citizenship, and in order to avoid imposition on the part of any white man,

Resolved, That any white man who shall marry a Cherokee woman, the property of the woman so married, shall not

be subject to the disposal of her husband, contrary to her consent, and any white man so married and parting from his wife without just provocation, shall forfeit and pay to his wife such sum or sums, as may be adjudged to her by the National Committee and Council for said breach of marriage, and be deprived of citizenship, and it is also resolved, that it shall not be lawful for any white man to have more than one wife, and it is also recommended that all others should also have but one wife hereafter. By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
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CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk.

New Town, October 25th, 1820.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That single white men are hereby admitted to be employed as clerks to any of the stores belonging to natives, which may be established in this Nation, on conditions, that the employer obtains a permit and becomes responsible for the good behaviour of such clerks, and it is also resolved, that any person or persons, whatsoever, who shall bring into the Cherokee Nation, without permission from the National Committee and Council, a white family, and rent lands to the same, and proofs being authenticated before any of the judges in the district Councils, for such offences they shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars, and one hundred stripes on the bare back.

By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
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CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 20th, 1820.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the Cherokee Nation shall be laid off into eight districts, and that a council house shall be established in each district for the purpose of holding councils to administer justice in all causes and complaints that may be brought forward for trial, and there shall be one judge and one marshal in each district, and one circuit judge, to have jurisdiction over two districts. to associate with the district judges in determining all causes agreeable to the National laws, and the marshals to execute the decisions of the judges in their respective districts, and the District Councils to be held in the spring and fall seasons, and one company of light-horse to accompany each circuit judge on his official duties, in his respective districts and to execute such punishment on thieves as the judges and Council shall decide, agreeably to law, and it shall be the duty of the marshals to collect all debts, and shall be entitled to eight per cent. for the same; and the Nation to defray the expences of each District Council, and in case of opposition to the marshals in execution of their duty, they shall be justifiable in protecting their persons from injury in the same manner as is provided for the National light horse by law.

By order of the N. Committee.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. N. Com
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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
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CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 25th, 1820.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a ranger shall be appointed in each district, whose duty it shall be to receive, post and advertise, all stray horses that may be found in their respective districts, giving the age, height, colour, and marks as plain as possible, and should the proper owner not reclaim his horse or horses in two months after posting such horse or horses, they shall be sold at public

sale, on six months credit, and the purchaser keeping such horse or horses six months, and should the proper owner not reclaim his horse or horses in that time, such horse or horses to be the rightful property of the purchaser; the money arising from the sales, to be paid into the National Treasury, and the ranger shall be entitled to one dollar for every horse so posted; and it shall further be the duty of the ranger, to endeavour to place in good hands, all work horses for keeping on account of their labor, or otherwise; one dollar per week shall be allowed for keeping a horse on forage.

By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved.—PATH ^{his} KILLER,
mark

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 25th, 1820.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That each head of a family shall pay a poll tax of fifty cents, and each single man under the age of sixty years shall also pay fifty cents per annum, to be collected by the marshals in each District, and paid into the National treasury, to be applied for such purposes as the national committee and council shall deem proper.

By order of the national committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

Approved.—PATH ^{his} KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 25th, 1820.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a national turnpike gate shall be erected on the Federal road, near captain David Mc'Nair's and the rates of toll shall be equal to that of the turnpike on the Nicojack road, at Hicks',

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and the rates of the turnpike toll at Coosewatee shall be reduced so as to make it also equal to the one on the Nickojack road; and it is also resolved, that those persons who have entered into contract for the repairing of the Federal road, shall be bound in the penalty of the sum contracted for each payment, for the faithful performance of their contracts for putting the road in good repair.

By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 26th, 1820.

WHEREAS, much inconvenience and expense have devolved on the missionaries from their scholars running away from school and the negligence on the part of the parents to take such children back to the schools; therefore,

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That in future, any scholar or scholars who are now, or may hereafter be put, under the tuition of the Missionary Seminaries in the Cherokee Nation by the voluntary consent of their parents or guardians, who shall leave such schools without permission from their teachers and without just provocation, and shall return home to their parents or guardians, and after application being duly made by any person authorized by the superintendants of the mission establishments from which such scholars ran away, to their parents or guardians, refusing to take proper measures to compel their children to return to school, they shall be bound to pay all expenses incurred by their children to the mission establishment for clothing, board and tuition, to the superintendants of such institutions; and further,

Resolved, That the superintendants of the missionary stations shall have privilege to take out of their schools such scholars as they shall deem proper, with the consent of their parents or guardians, and bind them out to learn such mechani-

cal trades as may be attached to their respective establishments, to the best interest of the apprentices so bound; and in case of elopement of such apprentices, the same rules and regulations provided for in the foregoing resolution, shall be observed, and that the nation shall procure, at the public expense, a set of tools for every such apprentice who shall have faithfully served his time and shall have learned a trade.

By order of the national committee.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

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Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER**,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk. N. Com.

New Town, 2d November, 1820.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That each District shall be entitled to four members to represent them in the national council, and that each member shall be allowed one dollar per day for their services, during the sitting of the councils, and that a Speaker to the council be appointed and allowed one dollar and fifty cents per day for his services, and the clerk of the council be allowed two dollars and fifty cents per day, and that the two principal chiefs, viz. THE PATH KILLER, shall be allowed one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and CHARLES R. HICKS, two hundred dollars per annum, considering the burden of writing and interpreting which devolves on him entitles him to this difference; and

Be it resolved, also, That each committee-man be allowed two dollars per day, and the President of the committee be allowed three dollars and fifty cents per day, and their clerk two dollars and fifty cents per day, during the sitting of the national council; and a member of the committee shall be

chosen as an Interpreter, and be allowed fifty cents per day in addition to his pay.

By order of the national committee.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.
EHNAUTAUNAUEH,
 Speaker of Council

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 Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER**,
 mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the Cherokee nation be organized and laid off in Districts, and to be bounded as follows:—

1st. The **FIRST DISTRICT**, shall be called by the name of **CHICKAMAUGEE**, and be bounded as follows; beginning at the mouth of **Aunuchee** creek, on **Oostennallah** river, thence north in a straight course to a spring branch between the **Island** and **Rackoon** village; thence a straight course over the **Lookout Mountain**, where the heads of **Will's** and **Lookout** creeks opposes against each other on the **Blue Ridge**, thence a straight course to the main source of **Rackoon** creek, and down the same into the **Tennessee** river, and up said river to the mouth of **Ooletiwah** creek, and up said creek to take the most south eastern fork, thence a southern course to the mouth of **Sugar** creek, into the **Cannasawgee** river, and down the said river to its confluence with **Oostennallah** river, and down the same to the place of beginning.

2d. The **SECOND DISTRICT**, shall be called by the name of **CHALLOGEE**, and be bounded as follows; beginning on the mouth of **Rackoon** creek, in the **Tennessee** river, and down the said river to the boundary line, commonly called **Coffee's** line, and along said line where it strikes **Will's** creek, and down the said creek to its confluence with the **Coosa** river, and thence embracing the boundary line between the **Cherokees** and **Creeks**, run by **Wm. Mc'Intosh** and other **Cherokee** commissioners by their respective **Nations**, running south eastwardly to its intersection with **Chinibees** trace, and along said

trace leading eastwardly by Avery Vann's place, including his plantation, and thence on said trace to where it crosses the Etowah river, at the old ford above the fork, and down said river to its confluence with Oostannallah river, and up said river to the mouth of Aumuchee creek, and to be bounded by the first district.

3d. The **THIRD DISTRICT**, shall be called by the name of **COOSEWATEE**, and be bounded as follows; beginning at the widow Fools Ferry, on the Oostannallah river, where the Alabama road crosses it, along said wagon road eastwardly, leading towards Etowah town to a large creek above Thomas Pettit's plantation, near to the Sixes, and up said creek, north eastward, to its source; thence a straight course to the head of Talloney creek, up which the Federal road leads, thence a straight course to the Red Bank creek, near Cartikee village; thence a straight course to the head source of Potatoe Mine creek; thence a straight course to the head of Clapboard creek; thence a straight course to the most southern head source of Cannasawgee river; thence a northwestern course to Cannasawgee river, to strike opposite to the mouth of Sugar creek, into the Cannasawgee river, and to be bounded by the first and second Districts.

4th. The **FOURTH DISTRICT**, shall be called by the name of **AMOAN**, and be bounded as follows; beginning at the head source of Cannasawgee river, where the third District strikes the said source; thence eastwardly a straight course to Spring Town, above Hiwassee Old Town; thence to the boundary line run by colonel Houston, where it crosses Sloan creek; thence westwardly along said line to the Hiwassee river; thence down said river into the Tennessee river, and down the same to the mouth of Oolatiwah creek, and to be bounded by the first and third Districts.

5th. The **FIFTH DISTRICT** shall be called by the name of **HICKORY LOG**, and shall be bounded as follows; beginning at the head of Potatoe Mine creek, on the Blue Ridge, thence south eastwardly along the Blue Ridge to where Cheewostoyeh path crosses said ridge, and along said path to the head branch of Frog Town creek, and down the same to its con-

fluence with **Tahsantee**; thence down **Chestotee** river; thence down the same into the **Chattahoochee** river, and down the same to the **Shallow** wagon ford on said river, above the standing **Peach Tree**; thence westward along said wagon road leading to ——— **Town** to where it crosses **Little** river, a fork of the **Etowah** river, and down the same to its confluence with **Etowah** river, and down the same in a direct course to a large creek, and up said creek to where the road crosses it to the opposite side, and to be bounded by the third district.

6th. The **SIXTH DISTRICT** shall be called by the name of **ETOWAH**, and be bounded as follows; beginning on the **Chattahoochee** river, at the shallow wagon ford on said river, and down the same to the **Buzzard Roost**, where the **Creek** and **Cherokee** boundary line intersects the said river; thence along said boundary westwardly, to where it intersects **Chinibees** trace, and to be bounded by the fifth and third districts, leaving **Thomas Pettit's** family in **Etowah** district.

7th. The **SEVENTH DISTRICT** shall be called by the name of **TAUQUOHEE**, and be bounded as follows; beginning where **col. Houston's** boundary line crosses **Slare's** creek, thence along said boundary line south eastwardly, to the **Unicoy** turnpike road, and along said road to where it crosses the **Hiwassee** river, in the **Valley Towns**; thence a straight course to the head source of **Coosa** creek, on the **Blue Ridge** above **Cheewostoyeh**, and along said **Ridge** eastwardly, where the **Unicoy** turnpike road crosses it; and thence a direct course to the head source of **Persimon** creek; thence down the same to the confluence of **Tahsantee**, and with the **Frog Town** creek; and to be bounded by the third, the fourth and fifth districts.

8th. The **EIGHTH DISTRICT** shall be called by the name of **AQUOHEE**, and be bounded as follows; beginning where the seventh district intersects the **Blue Ridge**, where the **Unicoy** turnpike road crosses the same; thence eastwardly along said **Ridge** to the **Standing Man**, to **col. Houston's** boundary line, thence along said line to the confluence of **Nauteyalee**, and **Little Tennessee** river; thence down the same to **Tallassee** village, thence along said boundary line westwardly, to where

it intersects the Unicoy turnpike road; and to be bounded by the seventh district; and that each district shall hold their respective councils or courts, on the following days, viz.

The first Mondays in May and September, for Chickemogee district; and on the

Second Mondays in May and September, for Chattoogee district; and on the

First Mondays in May and September for Coosewatee district; and on the

Second Mondays in May and September, for Amoah district; and on the

First Mondays in May and September, for Hickory Log district; and on the

Second Mondays in May and September, for Etowah district; and on the

First Mondays in May and September for Aquohee district; and on the

Second Mondays in May and September, for Tauquohee district; and each of the councils or courts shall sit five days for the transaction of business at each term.

By order of the council and committee.

CH. R. HICKS.

New Town, October 26th, 1821.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a court be convened at the present session, to be composed of the circuit and district judges, and the marshals of the several districts, to adjust and settle all such cases as may be submitted to them by the committee.

By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
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CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 27th, 1821.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons, whatsoever, who shall choose to emi-

grate to the Arkansas country, and shall sell the improvements he or they may be in possession of to any person or persons whatsoever, he or they, so disposing of their improvements, shall forfeit and pay unto the Cherokee nation the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; and be it further resolved, that any person or persons, whatsoever, who shall purchase any improvement from person or persons so emigrating, he or they so offending, shall also forfeit and pay a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars to the nation, to be collected by the marshal of the district.

By order of the National Committee.

J. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
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A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 27th, 1821.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That it shall be the duty of the district and circuit judges, to enquire particularly into the circumstances of all stray horses, that may be taken up in their respective districts, and all horses which shall evidently appear to have been stolen away from citizens of the United States, by citizens of this nation, shall be surrendered up to the United States' Agent for this nation, agreeably to the treaty existing between the United States and this nation.

By order.—JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
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A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 27th, 1821.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That if any person or persons whatsoever, shall resist and kill any of the marshals or light-horsemen in their official duties, it shall

be the duty of the marshals to lead the light-horse to apprehend, or kill the person or persons so transgressing.

By order.—JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH \times KILLER,
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A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 27, 1821.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons who have been citizens of this nation and now have reservations and living on the same, or under the laws of the United States, and has a public ferry crossing opposite his or their reservations, such person or persons shall not be permitted to keep a white ferryman on the lands belonging to the Nation, neither shall he be permitted to tend any land thereon, for the use of his ferryman, but nothing shall be so construed in the above resolution, as to affect the rights and privileges of such citizen as may have moved off the ceded lands and now living in the Nation.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH \times KILLER,
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A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 28, 1821.

WHEREAS, Sam'l. and Edward Gunter, John G. Ross, captain John Brown and Jesse Lovett, have petitioned to the national council now convened, to open and keep in repair the roads leading from Gunter's landing to Tuscaloosa, the best way as far as the line, and the one also leading to Will's creek, by way of Coxes, as far as the line, and to establish a turnpike gate at the forks of said roads; this petition having been submitted to the national committee by the chiefs of the national council for consideration, therefore the committee have deliberated on this subject, and hereby
Resolve, That the said Samuel and Edward Gunter,

John G. Ross, captain John Brown and Jesse Lovett, are hereby authorised and privileged to open the said roads and to establish a turnpike gate thereon for the term of five years, on condition that the parties be bound to keep in good repair said roads, and the rates of toll when the roads are completed, and the turnpike gate erected, shall be as follows; viz:

For wagon and team and carriages,	50 cents.
A cart, a gig or chair,	25 "
Footmen,	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Led horse,	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Cattle, hogs and sheep,	3 "

By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't.

his

Approved.—PATH \times KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

New Town, November 8, 1821.

Resolved by the National Committee, That all promisory notes, payable after date, shall be entitled to bear an interest at the rates of six per cent. per annum, after the date payable, until such notes are paid; this resolution to take effect and be in force from and after this date.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

his

Approved—PATH \times KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

New Town, November 2, 1821.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the circuit judges be allowed fifty-five dollars, and the district judges twenty-five dollars each per annum for their services.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH \times KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 1st, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the salary of the circuit judges be, and the same is, hereby raised from fifty five dollars to eighty dollars each per annum, commencing from the date hereof.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Com.

his
Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, clerk N. Coun.

November 2, 1821.

Samuel and Edward Gunter, John G. Ross, John Brown and Jesse Lovett are hereby permitted and authorised to open and cut out a road from John Brown's by Spencer Brown's old place to intersect the road leading from *Ditto's* landing to Tuscaloosa at Kays on the top of the mountain; and said turnpike company shall be bound to keep said road in good repair together with the road from Wills creek to Gunter's landing granted to them by the council of 1821, and that the said company are further permitted to keep up said roads and keep a turnpike thereon for the term of five years in and over the time first granted to them, *provided* that they do not forfeit the privileges allowed them, and that the rates of toll shall be as follows; viz:

Wagon and Team and all four wheel carriages,	75 cents.
Cart, gig, and chair,	37½ "
Man and horse,	12½ "
Led Horse,	6¼ "
Cattle	3 "
Hogs and Sheep,	2 "

By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark

A. Mc'COY, Clerk.

ELIJAH. HICKS, clerk for Council.

New Town, Cherokee Nation, October 23, 1822.

IN COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, it appears in the prints of the public newspapers that in consequence of the earnest solicitations of the governor and legislature of the State of Georgia, the congress of the United States did appropriate a sum of money last session with a view of holding a treaty with the Cherokees for the purpose of extinguishing their title to lands within the chartered limits, claimed by the State of Georgia, and it also appearing in the public prints that the President of the United States has appointed commissioners in conformity to the views of said appropriation, and anticipating a call by the commissioners, the head chiefs of the Cherokee nation requested the judges to ascertain the sentiments and disposition of the citizens of their respective districts on the subject, and to report the same to them, which reports having been accordingly made and now laid before the national committee and council, declaring, **UNANIMOUSLY**, with one voice and determination, to hold no treaties with any commissioners of the United States to make any cession of lands being resolved not to dispose of even one foot of ground,

BE IT THEREFORE KNOWN AND REMEMBERED, That we, the undersigned members of the national committee and council, after maturely deliberating on the subject,

Resolved by the National Committee and members of Council, That the chiefs of the Cherokee nation, will not meet any commissioners of the United States to hold a treaty with them on the subject of making cession of lands the property of the Cherokee nation, as we are determined hereafter never to make any cession of lands, having not more than sufficient for our nation and posterity. But on any other business not relating to making a treaty of cession, we will, at all times during the session of the national council, at New Town, receive the United States' commissioners or agents with friendship and cordiality, and will ever keep bright the chain of

peace and friendship which links the Cherokee nation, and the government of the United States.

By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved—PATH X KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

The above is signed by upwards of fifty-four members of both branches of the legislative council and committee.

New Town, October 28th, 1820.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons whatsoever, who shall trade with any negro slave without permission from the proper owner of such slaves, and the property so traded for, be proven to have been stolen, the purchaser shall be held and bound to the legal proprietor for the same, or the value thereof; and be it further

Resolved, That any person who shall permit their negro or negroes to purchase spirituous liquors and vend the same, the master or owner of such negro or negroes shall forfeit and pay a fine of fifteen dollars for every such offence, to be collected by the marshals within their respective districts for the national use; and should any negro be found vending spirituous liquors without permission from their respective owners, such negro or negroes, so offending, shall receive fifteen cobs or paddles for every such offence, from the hands of the patrollers of the settlement or neighborhood in which the offence was committed, and every settlement or neighborhood shall be privileged to organize a patrolling company.

By order of the National Committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved—PATH X KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

Newtown, November 2d, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That James Brown and Samuel Canda, are hereby permitted and authorised to open and keep in good repair, the old road from Lowry's ferry, on Tennessee river, by way of Nickojack, through the Narrows and on by Canda's, as far as the Look-out Mountain, and to assist Hicks & Co. in working over the Mountain and to establish a turnpike gate on the same, and the said Brown and Canda to be bound to keep up said road in good repair, under the penalty of forfeiting the authority and privilege hereby granted them; and the rates of toll shall not exceed fifty cents for all four wheel carriages; twenty five cents for two wheel carriages; six and a fourth cents for man and horse; three cents for loose horses and cattle, and one cent for hogs and sheep.

By order.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 8th, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the judges of the district courts, shall keep a record of the proceedings of all causes, evidences and decisions; and

Be it further resolved, That each person who may be employed as clerk of the district courts, shall be allowed and paid the sum of two dollars per day for their services during the sitting of the courts.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk. N. Com

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 8th, 1822.

WHEREAS, the great variety of vices emanating from dissipation, particularly from intoxication, and gaming at cards, which are so prevalent at all public places, the national committee and council, seeking the true interest and happiness of their people, have maturely taken this growing evil into their serious consideration, and being fully convinced that no nation of people can prosper and flourish or become magnanimous in character, the basis of whose laws are not founded upon virtue and justice; therefore, to suppress, as much as possible, those demoralizing habits which were introduced by foreign agency,

Resolved by the National Committee, That any person or persons whatsoever, who shall bring ardent spirits within three miles of the General council house, or to any of the court houses within the several districts during the general council, or the sitting of the courts, and dispose of the same so as to intoxicate any person or persons whatsoever, the person or persons so offending, shall forfeit his or their whiskey, the same to be destroyed; and be it further

Resolved, That gaming at cards is hereby strictly forbidden, and that any person or persons whomsoever, who shall game at cards in the Cherokee nation, such person or persons, so offending, shall forfeit and pay a fine of twenty five dollars, and further, any person or persons whatsoever, who may or shall be found playing cards at any house, camp or in the woods within three miles of the general council house or any of the court houses of the several districts during the session of the general council or sitting of the district courts, such person or persons, so offending, shall forfeit and pay a fine of fifty dollars each for every such offence, and that any person or persons whatsoever, who shall bring into the Cherokee nation and dispose of playing cards, such person or persons, being convicted before any of the judges, marshals, or light horse, shall pay a fine of twenty-five dollars for every pack of cards so sold; and it shall be the duty of the several judges, marshals and light horse companies, to take cognizance of such offences and to enforce the above resolution; and

Be it further resolved, That all fines collected from persons violating the above resolution, the money so collected shall be paid into the national treasury. To take effect and be in full force from and after the first day of January next.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved.—PATH ^{his} ✕ KILLER,
mark

ELIJAH HICKS, clerk N. Com.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 10th, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons whatsoever, who shall wilfully embezzle, intercept and open, any sealed letters, so that the owner be injured or deprived of the benefits of such letters, the person or persons so offending, upon conviction, shall forfeit and pay a fine of one hundred dollars and be punished with one hundred stripes on the bare back, the fine to be converted to national purposes.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

Approved—PATH ^{his} ✕ KILLER,
mark.

ELIJAH HICKS, clerk N. Com.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 12th, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That there shall be a superior court, to be held at New Town, during the session of each national council, to be composed of the several circuit judges, to determine all causes which may be appealed from the district courts; and

Be it further resolved, That the law appropriating forty dollars for the support of each district council, is hereby re-

pealed, and that in future the nation shall not be accountable for supplies furnished the district councils.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

ELIJAH HICKS, clerk N. Com.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 12th, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the circuit judges be vested with authority to nominate light horse companies in their respective districts, in case of resignation or otherwise, and such nomination being reported to the head chiefs and sanctioned by them, shall be considered valid.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Com.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 13th, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the marshals or tax collectors of the several districts, are hereby authorised to seize upon and attach the property of any person or persons who shall not make punctual payments of their respective taxes, when called upon, and the property so seized and attached shall be advertised for sale, and ten days shall be allowed for the redemption of the property so attached. In case the property be not redeemed in that time, then, the marshal or collector shall proceed to expose to public sale, such property to the highest bidder, and all sums of money which may be received over the amount of taxes, for which the pro-

perty may be seized, attached and sold, shall be returned to the person or persons from whom taken.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Com.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 13th, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the Chattoogee, Chickamauga and other turnpike companies, who have not been heretofore under any obligation to keep in good repair their respective roads, be, and they are, hereby required to keep in good repair their respective roads, and in case of non-compliance with the aforesaid requisition, the privileges and authority in them vested for keeping a toll gate thereon, shall cease and become void whenever full and sufficient evidences may be established before the national committee and council.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker of Council.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Com.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 13th, 1822.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a decree passed October 28, 1819, imposing a tax on merchant citizens of the nation, is hereby reduced from twenty dollars, to twelve dollars per annum, and the tax on pedlars, not citizens of this nation, is also hereby reduced from eighty dollars to fifty dollars, per annum, to take effect after the first of Janu-

ary next; the regulation to be observed and enforced agreeably to the said decree.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved.—PATH ^{his} ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 4th, 1823.

Resolved, That the business of the council, during the session, be suspended on the Sabbaths, and also, that the merchants and pedlars and mechanics at New Town, close the doors of their shops and suspend all business; and any person or persons violating this resolution shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen dollars, to be collected for the benefit of the nation by the proper officer.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved.—PATH ^{his} ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

New Town, October 9th, 1823.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all resolutions emanating from either body, shall receive the concurrence of the other, before the assent and signature of the head chiefs shall be required; and their concurrence shall then give effect to such resolutions.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Concurred in by the council.

PATH ^{his} ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 17th October, 1823.

The national committee have discovered, that claims of a private nature which more properly belong to the courts for adjustment, have been taken up by the council and acted upon by that body and submitted to the committee for concurrence, those claims are brought before the committee without evidence or the presence of the parties, which makes it difficult and impossible to investigate the matters of dispute; therefore,

Resolved by the Committee, That all matters of private controversy, brought before the council or committee, which have not been appealed from the district courts, should be submitted to that court of the district where the parties reside, and all causes which have been appealed from the decision of the district courts, should be submitted to the supreme court in session for a decision agreeable to law and equity.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—**PATH ✕ KILLER,**
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 30th October, 1823.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all business not immediately connected with the affairs of the nation and pending between individuals, now before the general council for adjustment, be, and the same is, hereby laid over to the next general council for a final adjustment.

By order of the national committee.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Com,

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Approved—**PATH ✕ KILLER,**
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 12th, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That suits which have been appealed from the district courts to the superior court in cases of debt, the person or persons non-suited, or against whom judgment shall be given, such person or persons shall pay a cost of six per cent. on the amount of the judgment issued, which per cent. shall be collected for the benefit of the treasury of the Cherokee nation; and

Be it further resolved, That any person who may be subpœnaed by the clerk of a court to appear before the superior court as evidence in any case, and such person or persons refusing to appear and bear evidence, and cannot give any reasonable and lawful excuse for not appearing, he, she or they, shall pay a fine of ten dollars, for the benefit of the person or persons non-suited or cast in consequence of the want of that person's testimony; and

Be it further resolved, That such witnesses attending agreeably to the summons, he, she or they, shall be entitled to fifty cents for each day's attendance, to be levied off the person or persons against whom judgment may be issued; and

Be it further resolved, That any person who shall be guilty of perjury or give false evidence in any court of justice in the Cherokee nation, upon conviction, shall be forever disqualified from being a witness in any matter of controversy, and shall also receive thirty-nine stripes on the bare back, to be inflicted by any officer or officers on duty in the district in which the offence is or may be committed.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved.—PATH ^{his} KILLER,
mark

A Mc'COY, clerk. N. com.

ELIJAH. HICKS, clerk N. council.

New Town, 9th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That no person or persons whatsoever shall be allowed or permit-

ted to dig for salt within the circumference of half a mile from the salt well of any person or persons who may have obtained salt water by digging under the special permission of the national committee and council; *Provided*, that this resolution shall not extend so far as to deprive any person or persons from digging within their own enclosures, who may be living within such bounds, and may have settled there previous to the digging for, and the discovery of, salt.

By order.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved—PATH \times KILLER,
his
mark.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker of Coun.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 13th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That no citizen or citizens of the Cherokee nation shall receive in their employment, any citizen or citizens of the United States, or negro slaves belonging to citizens of the United States, without first obtaining a permit agreeably to law, for the person or persons so employed; and any person or persons violating this resolution, upon conviction before any of the district courts, shall pay a fine for every offence at the discretion of the court, not exceeding ten dollars; and the person employed to be removed.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

Approved—PATH \times KILLER,
his
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 12th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a Register's office be opened at New Town, and a Register be appointed, whose duty it shall be to record all the adver-

tisements of estray property which may be sent to him by the rangers of the several districts, and each advertisement so recorded, to be set up at a public house at **New Town**, and the **Register** shall be entitled to twenty-five cents for each advertisement recorded, to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the property so advertised and sold; and it shall be the duty of the several **Rangers** to transmit a copy of all their advertisements to the **Register** at **New Town**, and if there should be no opportunity to forward by private conveyance, the advertisements to the register, it shall be the duty of the captain of the light horse company where applied to by a **Ranger**, to send one of his men with the advertisement to the **Register**; and

Be it further resolved, That all estray cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, shall be advertised and sold by the **Ranger** in the same manner as is prescribed by law for estray horses.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
his

Approved.—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER**,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 25th October, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the road from **Chattahoochee** river, to **May's** ferry on **Hiwassee** river, and also the one to **Blythe's** ferry, on **Tennessee** river, and the one to **Walker's** ferry, on **Hiwassee** river, are hereby ordered to be let out in ten shares, to the lowest bidder, to be opened and kept in good repair for the term of five years from the first day of **December, 1824**, on the following conditions, to wit.

The road to be cut and opened twenty-four feet wide, clear of trees, and the causewaying to be covered with dirt, together with the digging of mountains and hills, to be fourteen feet wide, clear of rocks, roots and grubs, and the banks of all water courses to be put in complete order, and the road to be divided into shares in the following manner; (to wit:) From

May's ferry to Canausauga river, including one bank and the half of the width of the bed of the river if required, from Walker's ferry to Five Killer's; from Blythe's ferry to Canda's creek, including one bank of said creek; from thence to where May's ferry road intersects the same, from thence to the middle of Canausauga river, to Vann's mill creek; from thence to the middle of Coosawatee river, from thence to the middle of Talking Rock creek; from thence to the middle of Long Swamp creek; from thence to the middle of Etowah river; from thence to the Chattahoochee river; and

Be it further resolved, That the undertakers enter into bond and sufficient security for the faithful performance of their respective contracts, in a penal sum of twice the amount of the sum for which the undertakers may engage with the treasurer of the Cherokee nation, and that the treasurer is hereby authorised and directed to appoint one or more commissioners to review the roads once in four months, throughout the year, whose duty it will be, to make a report to him of the situation of said roads, and in case of violation on the part of any of the undertakers, that suits be instituted against such person or persons in the courts of the district to which he or they may belong, and in case of forfeiture, the treasurer is authorised to let out the share or shares so forfeited.

By order.

JNO ROSS, Pres't N. Com.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, January 27th, 1824.

WHEREAS, great evil has resulted from the disposition and use of ardent spirits at ball plays, all-night dances and other public gatherings, and in order to suppress this growing evil,

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall vend or otherwise dispose of in any manner, ardent spirits at such places under the

New Town, 11th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all free negroes coming into the Cherokee nation, under any pretence whatsoever, shall be viewed and treated, in every respect, as intruders, and shall not be allowed to reside in the Cherokee nation without a permit from the national committee and council.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved—PATH ^{his} ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 11th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons whatsoever, who shall commit robbery upon another, he, she or they, so offending, being prosecuted in any of the district courts, shall, upon conviction, be subject to such penalty and punishment as the court may impose; provided, That such punishment shall not extend so far as to inflict death.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Com.

Approved—PATH ^{his} ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, 11th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That intermarriages between negro slaves and indians, or whites, shall not be lawful, and any person or persons, permitting and approbating his, her or their negro slaves, to intermarry with indians or whites, he, she or they, so offending, shall pay a fine of fifty dollars, one half for the benefit of the prosecutor and the other half for the benefit of the Cherokee nation; and

Be it further resolved, That any male indian or white man, marrying a negro woman slave, he or they, shall be punished with thirty-nine stripes on the bare back, and any indian or white woman, marrying a negro man slave, shall be punished with twenty five stripes on her or their bare back.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, 11th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That it shall not be lawful for negro slaves to possess property in horses, cattle or hogs, and that those slaves now possessing property of that description, be required to dispose of the same in twelve months from this date, under the penalty of confiscation, and any property so confiscated, shall be sold for the benefit of the Cherokee nation.

By order.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.,

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

New Town, 13th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the light horsemen in each district shall serve as jurors in their respective district courts, and the judge of each district shall act as foreman to said jury.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, clerk N. Council.

New Town, 11th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any white person or persons, not citizens of the Cherokee nation, bringing spirituous liquors into the Cherokee nation and disposing of the same, contrary to law, he, she or they, so offending, upon conviction, shall forfeit and pay a fine of one hundred dollars, one half for the benefit of the informer, and the other half for the benefit of the treasury of the Cherokee nation, and any citizen or citizens of the Cherokee nation, making a purchase of ardent spirits within the limits of the Cherokee nation, from any person or persons not citizens of the nation, he, she or they, upon conviction before any of the district courts, shall pay a fine of one hundred dollars, one half for the benefit of the informer, and the other half for the benefit of the treasury of the Cherokee nation. This resolution shall be a supplement to the decree of the 28th October, 1819, without impairing the penalties therein imposed respecting ardent spirits.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

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Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER,**
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 12th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the light horse companies be, and are, hereby reduced from six to four in number, and the captain's pay shall be sixty-five dollars per annum, and the lieutenant's pay shall be fifty-five dollars, and the privates, forty-five.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

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Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER,**
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk. N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 12th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall be permitted to settle and make improvements within the distance of one fourth of a mile of the field or plantation of another, without the consent or approbation of such resident person, under the penalty of forfeiting the whole of their labour for the benefit of the original resident.

By order.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
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Approved.—**PATH ✕ KILLER,**
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons, whatsoever, who shall set the woods on fire before the month of March, in each year, such person or persons, so offending, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of five dollars, one half to the prosecutor and the other half for the benefit of the Cherokee nation. This law to be in force and take effect, after the month of September 1825.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
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Approved.—**PATH ✕ KILLER,**
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 12th, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a fence of five feet high, shall be considered lawful, and the horse, mare, mule, ass, ox or cow of any person or persons, whatsoever, breaking into the field of a person having a lawful fence, the owner of such property shall be responsible for

the damages done, and the courts of the several districts shall have cognizance of every such case.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.
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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 13th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That no monies in future be paid by the treasurer out of the public funds to any person for any service or claim, which has not been previously allowed or ordered by the national committee, and that all expresses ordered by the principal chiefs, on emergencies, should be presented before the committee, with the certificate of the principal chiefs, stating the business on which the express was so ordered, and

Be it further resolved, That it shall be the duty of every light horseman to obey the orders of the principal chiefs, when called upon to perform any public business of the nation.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, clerk. N. com.

ELIJAH HICKS, clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 8th, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That in future, the contract for supplying the general council with good wholesome beef, be let out to the lowest bidder, the contractor giving bond and security for the faithful performance of his, her or their contracts, and further, that a commissary be appointed in behalf of the nation, whose duty it shall be to see to the weighing of the beef and a proper distribution of

the same, among the different camps, and to prevent any unnecessary waste of the same.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved—PATH ^{his} KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 12th November, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons, finding a dead cow brute and skinning the same, the person or persons shall receive from the owner of such beast, the sum of fifty cents, for a grown one, and twenty-five cents for a half grown one, and twelve and a half cents for every calf, and if the owner of the brute so skinned, shall not think proper to pay the sum above named, the person or persons skinning the same, shall be entitled to the hide, and any person or persons skinning a cow brute and keeping it concealed, shall pay twice the value of the hide, to the owner of the brute so skinned.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Com.

Approved—PATH ^{his} KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 12th, 1824.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a man be appointed in each district for the purpose of taking a correct census of said district, and the sum of forty dollars be, and is, hereby appropriated to pay each person so appointed for the service herein required, and further, that it shall be the duty of each person, so appointed, to make a separate list of all males from eighteen to fifty-nine years of age, em-

bracing their names, and all males under eighteen years of age; all males over fifty-nine years of age, and all females under fifteen years; all females between fifteen and forty years, and all females over forty years; and the number of male negro slaves, and the number of female negro slaves; number of cotton gins, grist and saw mills, wagons, looms, wheels, ploughs, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and schools, and number of scholars of each sex, stores, blacksmith shops; the number of white men married to Cherokee women; and number of Cherokee men married to white women, and also, the number of turnpike ferries, and public roads, and to make a general report of the manner of living and the state of agricultural improvements, and it shall be required of each person so appointed, to complete their services and make their reports to the treasurer of the nation on or before the fifteenth day of April next.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, October 14th, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the law requiring the several light horse companies to act as jurymen to the courts of their respective districts, is hereby repealed, and

It is further resolved, That the circuit judges shall have power to order the marshals, sheriffs or constables, to select and empannel five disinterested men of good character and judgment, to act as jurors in the courts of their respective districts, and in no case shall a marshal, sheriff or constable, who may be interested in any cause, be competent to make a selection and empannel jurors to sit upon that particular case.

Be it further resolved, That each juror shall be entitled to receive seventy-five cents per day for services upon present-

ing a certificate from the circuit and district judges, attested by the clerk of the district court.

By order.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved—MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker of Council.

PATH KILLER.

CH R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

For the better security of the common property of the Cherokee nation, and for the protection of the rights and privileges of the Cherokee people, **WE, THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL**, now in legislative council convened, have **ESTABLISHED**, and by these presents do hereby **DECLARE**, the following articles as a **FIXED AND IRREVOCABLE PRINCIPLE**, by which the Cherokee nation shall be governed. These articles may be amended or modified, by a concurrence of two-thirds of the members of the committee and council, in legislative council convened; viz.

ARTICLE 1st. The lands within the sovereign limits of the Cherokee nation, as defined by treaties, are, and shall be, the common property of the nation. The improvements made thereon and in the possession of the citizens of the nation, are the exclusive and indefeasible property of the citizens respectively who made, or may rightfully be in possession of, them.

ARTICLE 2d. The annuities arising from treaties with the United States, and the revenue arising out of the tax laws, shall be funded in the national treasury, and be the public property of the nation.

ARTICLE 3d. The legislative council of the nation shall alone possess the legal power to manage and dispose of, in any manner by law, the public property of the nation; *Provided*, nothing shall be construed in this article, so as to extend that right and power to dispossess or divest the citizens of the nation of their just rights to the houses, farms and other improvements in their possession.

ARTICLE 4th. The principal chiefs of the nation shall in

no wise hold any treaties, or dispose of public property in any manner, without the express authority of the legislative council in session.

ARTICLE 5th. The members of committee and council, during the recess of the legislative council, shall possess no authority or power to convene councils in their respective districts, or to act officially on any matters of concern to the public affairs of the nation, excepting expressly authorised or delegated by the legislative council in session.

ARTICLE 6th. The citizens of the nation, possessing exclusive and indefeasible right to their respective improvements, as expressed in the first article, shall possess no right or power to dispose of their improvements to citizens of the United States, under such penalties, as may be prescribed by law in such cases.

ARTICLE 7th. The several courts of justice in the nation shall have no cognizance of any case transpiring previous to the organization of courts by law, and which case may have been acted upon by the chiefs in council, under the then existing custom and usage of the nation, excepting there may be an express law embracing the case.

ARTICLE 8th. The two principle chiefs of the nation, shall not, jointly or separately, have the power of arresting the judgments of either of the courts or of the legal acts of the national committee and council, but that the judiciary of the nation shall be independent and their decisions final and conclusive; *Provided, always,* That they act in conformity to the foregoing principles or articles, and the acknowledged laws of the nation.

Done in legislative council, at New Town, this 15th day of June, 1825.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker of Council.

Approved.—PATH KILLER, Principal Chief.

A. M^dCOY, Clerk N. Com

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 14th October, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That

the law requiring the district judges to act as jurors to the supreme court, from and after the adjournment of the present supreme court, is, and shall be, null and void, and that the four circuit judges alone, shall thereafter compose the supreme court, to review and decide upon all cases appealed from the district courts, and that each judge shall be incompetent to sit, act or decide, upon any cause appealed from their respective district courts.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. com.
 Approved—MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.
 PATH KILLER.
 CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. com.

E. BOUDINOTT, clerk N. council.

New Town, October 15th, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That an agent or agents, shall be appointed to solicit and receive donations in money from individuals, or societies throughout the United States, for the object of establishing and supporting a national academy, and for procuring two sets of types to fit one press, to establish a printing office at New Town, (C. N.) one set of types to be composed of English letters, the other of Cherokee characters, the invention of George Guist, a Cherokee.

Be it further resolved, That the agent or agents be required to keep a correct account of his or their travelling expenses, and the same to be paid out of the sum collected, and said agent or agents shall be entitled to receive eight per cent. on the amount paid over to the treasurer.

Be it further resolved, That the treasurer be; and is, hereby authorised to apply fifteen hundred dollars, out of the public funds, towards the objects herein specified; and in case that the agent or agents are successful in obtaining donations sufficient to purchase the requisite types and press, the treasurer is further authorised to make the purchase as soon as circumstances will permit. In the mean time, the treasurer is hereby required to open a correspondence with such person or persons of some of the eastern cities, as may be capable of giving cor-

rect information relative to the same, for which the two sets of types and press can be purchased; and the national committee and council hereby appoint Elias Boudinott as agent to solicit and receive donations for the objects herein specified; and further, the treasurer is hereby authorised to appoint other agent or agents, if in his judgment, it may be hereafter deemed expedient.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Concurred in by the council.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker

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PATH ✕ KILLER,

mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, October 15th, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the poll tax law is, and shall be, suspended for two years from the 1st of January next; *Provided*, nothing shall be so construed in this suspension, as to discharge or release those who have not paid their taxes, from paying up all their arrearages; therefore,

It is further resolved That the collecting officers are hereby required to make collections without delay from all those who may be in arrears for poll taxes including the present year.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

Approved—MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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PATH ✕ KILLER,

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CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

E. BOUNINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 17th October, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That

the judges of the supreme court during the session of said court, shall have power to summons any of the marshals, sheriffs or constables of the several districts, who may be at New Town, to perform their official duties during each term, and in case any officer so summoned refuses or neglects to obey such summons, he or they shall pay a fine at the discretion of the court, not exceeding five dollars nor less than one dollar and fifty cents.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER,**
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 18th October, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all contested claims, where there is no evidence of the claimant or claimants having demanded or set forth his, her or their claim, within the term of two years, after such claim or claims, may be alleged to have existed, then, in that case, such claim or claims shall be considered null and void, and be irrecoverable by law ; Provided, nothing shall be construed in the foregoing resolution, so as to impair contracts, or bar any person or persons from recovering any note of hand, or liquidated accounts, at any period after the limitation herein specified.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER,**
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N Com.

E. BOUNINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 27th October, 1825.

The national committee concur with the council so far in
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remitting the fine imposed by the court on Samuel Henry as the nation is concerned, excepting the marshal's lee and the confiscation of the brandy, the proceeds arising from the sale of the brandy to revert to the informer agreeably to his consent; *Provided*, that the said Samuel Henry also obligates himself, under bond and security, in future never to violate the laws of this nation, by the introduction of ardent spirits into the nation, under the penalty of making good the fine herein remitted, and also, of being dealt with as the law directs.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH \times KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 31st October, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all gold, silver, lead, copper or brass mines, which may be found within the limits of the Cherokee nation, shall be the public property of the Cherokee nation, and should the legislative council deem it profitable and expedient, to have such mine or mines worked, then, in that case, the discoverer or discoverers shall be entitled to receive one fourth of the nett proceeds arising from such minerals.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com,

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved.—PATH \times KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 5th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the treasurer of the Cherokee nation be, and he is, hereby au-

thorised to loan out on interest, at six per cent. per annum, such surplus public monies as may be in the treasury, after ample appropriations have been made to meet the annual expenditures for the support of government, to such citizen or citizens of the Cherokee nation as may desire a loan; *provided*, such person or persons may be fully able to repay the sum or sums so loaned, and also, shall give bond and two good and sufficient securities, citizens of the nation; and *provided also*, that each loan shall not exceed five hundred dollars, and for a length of time not exceeding six months, excepting 'by paying up the interest and renewing the bond; then, and in that case, the loan may be continued six months longer, and in case of failure to make payment or to renew the bond, then, and in that case, the bond shall be put into the hands of some public officer for collection, and the defaulter's private property shall be levied upon, executed and sold to the highest bidder, unless redeemed within the periods following; to wit: for all sums from one hundred dollars and under, ten days; for all sums above one hundred dollars and under two hundred and fifty dollars, twenty days; and for all sums from two hundred and fifty dollars and upwards, thirty days. The officers fees for collection, and the necessary expenses incurred by keeping the property, shall also be deducted from the sale of the defaulters property.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

Approved—PATH KILLER.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 8th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the law authorizing the appointment of light horse companies, passed at Brown's Town, on the 11th day of September, 1808, be, and the same is, hereby repealed, and that in lieu of light horse companies, a marshal, sheriff, deputy sheriff and two constables, shall be chosen and appointed for each district, in the following manner; to wit:

The marshals to be elected by the national committee, and the principal sheriffs, to be elected by the people in their respective districts; and the two constables, by the people within their particular bounds, for the term of two years. The marshals and sheriffs shall enter into bond and give two or more good and sufficient securities, in a penal sum not less than one thousand dollars. The sheriffs to appoint their own deputies, and for whose conduct they shall also be held responsible and bound. The constables shall enter into bond and give two good securities in the penal sum of two hundred dollars. The duties of the marshals and sheriffs shall be to make collections of all just debts, such as notes of hand, liquidated accounts and judgments, and to arrest horse thieves and other rogues and murderers for trial, according to law.

The duties of the constables shall be the same as that of the marshals and sheriffs, but they shall be confined within their respective bounds in exercising their official duties; and each of the above named officers are hereby authorised, when in pursuit of criminals, to summons as many men as may be necessary to arrest such criminals, and any person or persons refusing to obey, without any reasonable excuse, such summons, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of twenty five dollars for every such offence, to be recoverable in the same way and manner as all other debts, and the fines so collected, shall be paid into the national treasury. The person or persons obeying such summons, upon presenting the officer's certificate before the national treasury, for the service so performed, shall be entitled to receive one dollar per day for the time so engaged from actual necessity. The constables, when executing their duties in arresting and conducting criminals to the place of trial, shall also be entitled to one dollar per day for the time actually engaged. Each marshal shall be entitled to receive forty dollars, and each principal sheriff, shall be entitled to receive thirty dollars per annum, for their services from the public funds, in addition to their fees of eight per cent.

for collections. The deputy sheriffs and constables shall also be entitled to receive eight per cent. fees for collections.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH X KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 9th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all written wills, bearing the signature of the testator, and signed by one or two respectable witnesses, and the same appearing to the satisfaction of the court of the district wherein the testator lived, or where the most of his estate may be situated, that it is the last will and testament of the deceased, such will and testament, shall be valid and binding to all intents and purposes.

Be it further resolved, That nothing shall be construed in the foregoing, so as to impair or destroy the validity of any will having no witnesses, which may be found among the valuable papers of the deceased, bearing his or her signature, which will and signature, shall be satisfactorily proven to be the hand writing of the deceased.

Be it further resolved, That nuncupative wills, where witnesses are called, and the testator, in the presence of two or three respectable persons, at his or her last sickness, make known his or her will, and one of the witnesses being a disinterested person, such nuncupative wills, being committed to writing in ten days, after the testators decease, and the same appearing to the satisfaction of the district court to be agreeably to the testators last will and testament, such wills shall also be valid and binding.

Be it further resolved, That where a person possessing property and dies intestate, and having a wife and children, the property of the deceased, shall be equally divided among his lawful and acknowledged children, allowing the widow an

equal share with the children, after all just debts of the deceased shall have been paid, by those obtaining letters of administration, agreeably to law, and in case the deceased leave a wife without children, then, in that case, the widow shall be entitled to receive one fourth of the estate, after said estate shall have been freed from incumbrance of all just and lawful demands, and the residue of the estate to go to his nearest kin, and in case a woman claiming and having exclusive right to property, dies and leaving a husband and children, her property shall revert to her children and husband, in the same manner as above stated and provided for.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker of Council.

Approved—PATH ^{his} ✕ KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 10th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That any person or persons, whatsoever, who shall lay violent hands upon any female, by forcibly attempting to ravish her chastity contrary to her consent, abusing her person and committing a rape upon such female, he or they, so offending, upon conviction before any of the district or circuit judges, for the first offence, shall be punished with fifty lashes upon the bare back, and the left ear cropped off close to the head; for the second offence, one hundred lashes and the other ear cut off; for the third offence, death.

Be it further resolved, That any woman or women, making evidence against any man, and falsely accusing him of having laid violent hands upon any woman, with intent of committing a rape upon her person, and sufficient proof having been adduced before any of the district or circuit judges to refute the testimony of such woman or women, she or they, so offending, shall be punished with twenty-five stripes upon

her or their bare back, to be inflicted by any of the marshals, sheriffs or constables.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

Approved.—PATH ^{his} KILLER,
mark.

OH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 10th, 1825.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to the general council, that much injury is sustained by the inhabitants living on the boundary lines, from citizens of the United States, feeding and keeping their stock of property on Cherokee lands, whereby horses, cattle, hogs, &c. belonging to the citizens of this nation, are exposed to be taken off by such person or persons, trespassing; therefore,

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the circuit judges are hereby authorised and directed, to appoint an assistant ranger in their respective districts, which border on the boundary lines with the United States, whose residence shall be nearest to said boundary line, and whose duty it shall be, solely to pay strict attention to such trespasses herein complained of, and to forwarn the frontier inhabitants of the United States in the adjoining counties, from placing, keeping and feeding, their horses, cattle, hogs, sheep or goats on Cherokee lands; and to take up, post, and dispose of, all such property which may be found within their respective bounds, agreeably to the laws respecting estrays, and any citizen or citizens of the United States reclaiming and proving away any such property, and be unable to produce satisfactory proof, that he, she or they, did not wilfully place such property on Cherokee lands, to feed and graze thereon, the assistant ranger, in that case, is hereby authorised and required, to exact a fine of two dollars, for every horse, gelding or mare, and one dollar, for every head of black cattle, and twenty-five cents for every head of swine, sheep or goats, so proven away.

Such fines shall be in addition to the fees allowed by law, to the rangers for their posting, keeping and selling estrays; but in case sufficient proof can be adduced to shew that such property was not wilfully placed on Cherokee lands to feed or graze thereon, and that such property had merely strayed thereon unknown to the owner or owners; then, in that case, the fine herein imposed, shall not be exacted; excepting the necessary expenses and fees allowed by law in such cases.

Be it further resolved, That the assistant ranger is hereby required to observe and pay, strict attention to the same rules and regulations required of rangers by law, and who shall also be entitled to the same fees and eight per cent. on the amount collected for the fines herein imposed, the remainder for the benefit of the national treasury.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 10th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the law imposing a tax upon citizen merchants of the Cherokee nation be, and the same is, hereby suspended for the term of two years.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk. N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 10th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the law prohibiting persons choosing to emigrate to the Arkansas country, from selling their improvements, and all others, from purchasing improvements from such persons under the penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars, passed on the 27th October, 1821, be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 10th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the law authorising the circuit judges to appoint light horse companies, under certain circumstances, passed on the 13th November, 1822, be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

JNO ROSS, Pres't N. Com

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 10th, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the children of Cherokee men and white women, living in the Cherokee nation as man and wife, be, and they are, hereby acknowledged, to be equally entitled to all the immunities and

privileges enjoyed by the citizens descending from the Cherokee race, by the mother's side.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,

mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

Article

New Town, November 10th, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the section embraced in the law regulating marriages between white men and Cherokee women, and making it unlawful for white men to have more than one wife, and recommending all others, also, to have but one wife, be, and the same is, hereby amended, so that it shall not be lawful hereafter, for any person or persons whatsoever, to have more than one wife.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,

mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

Article

New Town, 10th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a fence of four inches crack between each rail, for two and a half feet up from the ground, shall be considered a lawful fence, and the hogs of any person or persons whatsoever, breaking into the field of a person having such a fence, the owner or owners of such property shall be responsible for all

the damages sustained; and the courts of the several districts shall have cognizance of such cases.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,

mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 10th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all the duties required by the subsequent laws to be performed by light horsemen, shall be performed by the several officers, superseding the light horse companies, excepting; so far as performing express services.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,

mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 10th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the treasurer of the Cherokee nation be required to enter into bond with ten good and approved securities, in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties according to law, and that the bond and securities be renewed at the end of every two years.

Be it further resolved, That the salary of the treasurer of the Cherokee nation, shall be three hundred dollars per annum.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.
CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 10th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all improvements which may be left by any person or persons removing to another place, and the improvements so left, remain unoccupied for the term of three years, such improvements shall be considered abandoned and any other person or persons, whatsoever, may take and go in possession of such improvements, in the same manner as if there were no improvements.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,
mark.
CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 12th, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all lawful contracts shall be binding, and whenever judgment or judgments shall have been obtained from any of the courts of justice in the Cherokee nation, against any person or persons whatsoever, on a plea of debt, it shall be lawful for such person or persons to stay such judgment or judgments by giving bond with sufficient security within five days after such judgment shall have been issued; and the stay shall not exceed

for all sums under ten dollars, twenty days; for all sums from ten and under thirty dollars, sixty days; for all sums from thirty and under fifty dollars, ninety days; for all sums from fifty dollars and under one hundred, six months; and for all sums over one hundred dollars, nine months; and in case the person or persons against whom judgment or judgments shall be issued, fail to give bond and security as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the officer or officers, in whose hands such judgment or judgments may be placed, to levy upon his, her or their property, and advertise the same for public sale. For all sums from one to one hundred dollars, ten days; for all sums over one hundred and fifty, twenty days; for all sums over two hundred and fifty dollars, thirty days indulgence shall be given for the redemption of such property, and should the property so advertised for sale be not redeemed in the periods herein stated, it shall be sold at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for ready money. The property so sold, shall become the rightful property of the purchaser or purchasers, and the lawful officers disposing of the same shall be, and are, hereby authorised to issue bills of sale for all such property sold, agreeably to their official authorities. All sums over the amount of the debt for which the property is sold after deducting officer's fees, shall be returned to the proper owner or owners.

Be it further resolved, That it shall not be lawful for any officer or officers to attach, and sell the following property of any person or persons, on any account whatsoever, to wit: houses, farms and other improvements; household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils; and also, one cow and calf, one sow and pigs, and one gun, shall be reserved.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

his
Approved—PATH ~~X~~ KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 12th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That

mechanics of the several branches of trade, of good character and sobriety, and well skilled in their respective professions, are hereby privileged and admitted to come into the Cherokee nation for the term of four or five years, under the request and superintendance of such respectable individuals as are interested in the improvement of the youths of this country, who shall obtain from the proper authority a permit for them; such mechanics when brought into the nation, shall be bound to set up a shop and carry on their trade regularly, for the time permitted, and shall further be bound to take under their care for instruction, as many apprentices as practicable, and to learn them their respective crafts; and

Be it further resolved, That the district courts be, and they are, hereby authorised to bind out such youths, with the consent and approbation of their parents or guardians, as may apply for admission as apprentices to any of the aforesaid mechanics, such mechanics entering into bond and giving such person or persons introducing them into the nation as securities, that they will honestly and faithfully, instruct such apprentices as may be bound under them, in their trade; and the mechanics and securities are authorised to call upon, and it shall be the duty of any public officer to arrest and return, any apprentices, that may run away; and further, the various mechanics introduced, under this law, shall be amenable to the authorities and laws of this nation, for any offence they may commit.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

his
Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER,**
mark.

CH R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, November 12th, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That all persons who may be subpœnaed by the clerk of any of the courts, to appear before any of the courts as evidence in any

case, and such person or persons refusing to appear and bear evidence, and he, she or they being unable to make any reasonable or lawful excuse for not appearing, such person or persons, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of twenty dollars for every such offence, to be collected for the benefit of the person or persons non-suited, or cast in consequence of the want of that person or person's testimony; and

Be it further resolved, That such witnesses, attending agreeably to the summons, he, she or they, shall be entitled to receive seventy-five cents per day for each day's attendance, including the time for going and returning, and to be levied off the person or persons against whom judgment may be issued. These resolutions to be considered as an amendment to the law passed Nov. 12th, 1824; and to supercede the section embracing similar cases.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

Approved.—^{his}**PATH** ✕ **KILLER,**
 mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

New Town, 12th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That one hundred town lots of one acre square, be laid off, on the Oostenallah river, commencing below the mouth of the creek, nearly opposite to the mouth of Caunausauga river. The public square to embrace two acres of ground, which town shall be known and called Echota; there shall be a main street of sixty feet and the other streets shall be fifty feet wide.

Be it further resolved, That the lots, when laid off, be sold to the highest bidder. The purchaser's right shall merely be occupancy, and transferrable only to lawful citizens of the Cherokee nation, and the proceeds arising from the sales of the lots shall be appropriated for the benefit of the public buildings in said town; and

Be it further resolved, That three commissioners be ap-

pointed to superintend the laying off the aforesaid lots, marking and numbering the same, and to act as chain-carriers, and a surveyor be employed to run off the lots and streets according to the plan prescribed. The lots to be commenced running off on the second Monday in February next, and all the ground lying within the following bounds, not embraced by the lots, shall remain vacant as commons for the convenience of the town; viz: beginning at the mouth of the creek, opposite the mouth of Caunasauga, and up said creek to the mouth of the dry branch, on which George Hicks lives, up said branch to the point of the ridges, and thence in a circle round along said ridges, by the place occupied by the Crying Wolf, thence to the river.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER**,
 mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

November 12th, 1825.

Judge Martin, George Saunders, and Walter S. Adair, are elected commissioners to superintend the laying off the lots in the town of Echota.

By the national committee.

JNO ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

Echota, 12th November, 1825.

The subject of the improvements made, and now occupied, by individuals, on the public ground selected for the jurisdiction of the town of Echota, have been taken up by the national committee. The question arising is, whether the nation is bound to pay for any such improvements made by individuals since the site has been selected by the nation

for the establishment of a town as the seat of government. The decision of the committee on this question is, that the nation is not bound to make compensation for any such improvements; but in order to extend indulgence toward Alex. M'Coy, and E. Hicks, who are now living within said bounds, and are in possession of dwelling houses of some value, it is hereby agreed and

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That should the dwelling houses of the aforesaid Mc'Coy and E. Hicks, fall within lots which are to be laid off, they shall have the preference of occupancy to said lots, Provided they pay for the same, at the rate which any other lot of equal value and advantageously situated may sell for; it is further agreed and admitted, that the improvement lately occupied by War Club, and the one now in the possession of the Crying Wolf shall be paid for at the public expense; agreeably to the valuation made by Wm. Hicks, George Saunders and Joseph Crutchfield.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

Approved—PATH ^{his} KILLER,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

Echota, 14th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That a memorial be drawn up and presented, through the United States' Agent for this nation, to the congress of the United States, claiming, and respectfully soliciting, the allowance of interest on the twenty years annual instalment of one thousand dollars per annum, arising from the treaty of Tillico, 24th October, 1804, which has recently been ratified on the part of the United States; and that the proper papers showing, that this nation had heretofore demanded of the United States' government the fulfilment of the treaty, with interest, also to accompany the memorial.

Be it further resolved, That a communication be addressed to the United States' Agent, for this nation, touching the non-compliance, on the part of the Unicoy turnpike company, to make the annual payments, promised under the articles of agreement granting the opening said road, and to request that measures may be taken to coerce the said Unicoy turnpike company to comply with the articles of agreement which have been ratified by the treaty of 1819.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved.—PATH ✕ KILLER,

mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

Echota, 14th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That John Ross, E. Hicks and E. Boudinott, are hereby authorised to draft a memorial in behalf of the Cherokee nation, to the congress of the United States, soliciting and praying, interest to be allowed on the \$20,000 accruing from the treaty of Tillico, 1804; and also, to draw up a communication to the United States' Agent of this nation, on all important matters touching the interest of this nation; and also to arrange and prepare the revision of the laws of this nation for the press.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. com.

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker,

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Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,

mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

Echota, 14th November, 1825.

Resolved by the National Committee and Council, That the commissioners appointed to superintend the surveying, in

carrying chains, laying off lots and staking the same, in the town of Echota, shall be allowed and paid the sum of two dollars per day.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved.—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER**,
mark.
CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

Echota, November 14th, 1825.

ALEXANDER Mc'COY is hereby authorised and permitted to cultivate and raise a crop the ensuing year, in the field lying on the river below the ferry, and also the one lately owned by the War Club, on the river below the mouth of the spring branch, which improvements belong to the public, and lie within the town of *Echota*; *Provided*, said Mc'Coy do not suffer the stakes to be removed; which are to separate the town lots, to be laid off in said fields, and that said Mc'Coy surrender possession of those fields to the public on or before the second Monday in October next.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't N. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

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Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER**,
mark.
CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.

Echota, 14th November, 1825.

The National Committee have elected **WALTER S. ADAIR**, circuit judge for Hickory Log and Hightower districts, in place of James Daniel, resigned.

The committee have also elected **MOSES PARRIS**, as district judge for Hickory Log district, in place of Thomas Saun-

ders, resigned. The committee have also elected **W. M. HICKS**, as a member of council for Coosawatee district, in place of **White Path**, removed.

Submitted to the council for concurrence.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.
MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker.

his

Approved—**PATH** ✕ **KILLER**,
mark.

CH. R. HICKS.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk N. Com.

E. BOUDINOTT, Clerk N. Council.



Know all men by these presents, That we, G. Hicks, Elijah Hicks, and Lewis Ross, securities, are held and firmly bound in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, well and truly to be paid to Charles R. Hicks, treasurer of the Cherokee nation, or his successors in office. The condition of the above bond is such, that, the said G. Hicks is appointed Marshal of Coosawatee district, for the purpose of executing and carrying the laws of the nation into effect, without favor or affection, and to exact no more fees for collection, than what is allowed by law; and further, the said Hicks, is bound not to take interest in behalf of any person or persons engaged in law suits so as to influence the decision of such suit or suits, either by selecting partial jurors, or pleading in behalf of either party, or using any means whatever, or causing the same to be done, so as to defeat a fair and an impartial trial and just decision, during the time he, the said Hicks, shall be in commission; and this obligation being duly and faithfully observed and carried into effect, shall be null and void, when the commission expires; or otherwise, the said Hicks, Elijah Hicks and Lewis Ross, securities, their heirs, &c. shall be firmly bound in the penalty herein stated, and the same shall be recoverable in any courts

of justice. As witness our hands and seals, this 9th day of November, 1825.

GFO. HICKS, Pl.
E HICKS,
LEWIS ROSS, } SECURITIES.

WITNESSES.

JNO ROSS,
A. Mc'COY,
JAS. DANIEL.

The form of the Oath administered to the Several Officers.

You do solemnly swear, by the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that you, as Marshal of Coosawatee district, will strictly support and observe the laws of the Cherokee Nation, and to execute the decisions of the courts, and make collections without favor or affection, to any person or persons, whatsoever, to the best of your knowledge and abilities; so help you God.

Creek nation, at Gen. William Mc'Intoshes, in council between the Creeks and Cherokees have this day made a Treaty about their boundary line; viz:

ARTICLE 1st. A line we do hereby acknowledge, shall be run from the Buzzard Roost, on the Chattahoochee river, a direct line so as to strike the Coosa river, opposite the mouth of Will's creek, thence down the bank of said river opposite to Fort Strother, on said river; all north of said line is the Cherokee lands, all south of said line is the Creek lands.

ARTICLE 2d. WE, THE COMMISSIONERS, do further agree that all the Creeks that are north of the said line above mentioned, shall become subjects to the Cherokee nation.

ARTICLE 3d. All Cherokees that are south of the said line shall become subjects of the Creek nation.

ARTICLE 4th. If any chief or chiefs of the Cherokees, should fall within the Creek nation, such chief shall be continued as chief of said nation.

ARTICLE 5th. If any chief or chiefs of the Creeks, should fall within the Cherokees, that is, north of said line, they shall be continued as a chief of said nation.

ARTICLE 6th. If any subject of the Cherokee nation, should commit murder and run into the Creek nation, the Cherokees will make application to the Creeks to have the murderer killed, and when done, the Cherokee nation will give the man who killed the murderer, \$200.

ARTICLE 7th. If any subject of the Creek nation, should commit murder and run to the Cherokees, the Creeks will make application to the Cherokees to have the murderer killed, and when done the Creek nation will give the man who killed the murderer \$200.

ARTICLE 8th. If any Cherokees, should come over the line and commit murder or theft on the Creeks, the Creeks will make a demand of the Cherokees for satisfaction.

ARTICLE 9th. If any Creeks should come over the line and commit murder or theft on the Cherokees, the Cherokees will make a demand of the Creeks for satisfaction.

ARTICLE 10th. All claims of theft from the time of the meeting held at Hickory ground, Coosa river, near Fort Jackson, with the Four Nations, at the time Bools was taken, up to this date, it is agreed by the commissioners of both nations that they shall be foreclosed by this treaty.

ARTICLE 11th. All individual debts, the creditors will look to their debtors.

ARTICLE 12th. The Commissioners of both nations do agree the lines described in the foregoing treaty, shall be ratified, when the heads of both nations sign the treaty.

WE, THE COMMISSIONERS, do hereby set our hands and seals this eleventh day of December, 1822.

The above treaty of boundary run by Gen. Wm. Mc'Intosh and Samuel Hawkins, commissioners duly authorised by their nation, and Thomas Pettit and John Beamer, authorised

commissioners of the Cherokee nation, is forever hereafter acknowledged by both nations to be permanent.

CHEROKEE NAMES.

Chuliod, (Seal)
 Old Turkey, (Seal)
 Ta,car,sut,tah, (Seal)
 Walking Stick, (Seal)
 Thos. Woodward (Seal)
 Ta,car,sen,na, (Seal)
 Oo,ta,le,tah, (Seal)
 Will Interpreter, (Seal)
 The Boot, (Seal)
 Small Wood, (Seal)

his

Approved.—**PATH ✕ KILLER,**
 mark.

CREEK NAMES.

Gen. Wm. Mc'Intosh, (Seal)
 Es,tun,e,tus,tun,e,gee, (Seal)
 Ts,us,he,hou,lock, (Seal)
 Cau,chau,tus,tun,e,gee, (Seal)
 Tuskinhou, (Seal)
 Tus,tin,e,gee, (Seal)
 Na,han,lockopy, (Seal)
 Chau,the,se,tus,tin,e,gee, (Seal)
 Is,po,go,mico, (Seal)
 Dick, Interpreter. (Seal)
 Ha,be,he,lus,tin,ne,gee, (Seal)
 Tus,ten,ne,cho,poy, (Seal)
 Ha,poy,e,hau,gee, (Seal)
 Tus,ke,he,now, (Seal)
 John Stedhouse, (Seal)
 William Hambly, (Seal)
 his
 Big ✕ Warrior, (Seal)
 mark.

WITNESSES.

Major Ridge,
 Dan'l. Griffin.

A. M'COY, Clerk N. Com.

JOSEPH VANN, Clerk to the Commissioners.

Be it remembered, This day, that I have approved of the treaty of boundary, concluded on by the Cherokees, east of the Mississippi, and the Creek nation of Indians, on the eleventh day of December, 1821, and with the modifications proposed by the committee and council, on the 28th day of March, in the current year. Given under my hand and seal at Fortville, this 16th day of May, 1822.

CH. R. HICKS, (Seal)

WITNESS,

LEONARD HICKS.

WHEREAS, The treaty concluded between the Cherokees and Creeks, by commissioners duly authorised by the chiefs of their respective nations, at General Wm. Mc'Intosh's on the eleventh day of December, (A. D.) one thousand eight hundred and twenty one establishing the boundary line between the two nations, has this day been laid before the members of the national committee, by the head chiefs and members of council of the Cherokee nation, and Samuel Hawkins, Sah,naw,wee, Ninne,ho,mot,tee & In,des,le,af,kee chiefs, duly appointed & authorised by the head chiefs of the Creek nation, for a friendly explanation and full understanding of the constructions to be placed on the different articles contained in the aforesaid treaty, and to make such alterations as may be conceived necessary for the peace and harmony and friendship existing between the two nations; therefore, **WE THE UNDERSIGNED,** in behalf of our respective nations, do hereby enter into the following agreement; viz:

The first Article of the aforesaid treaty, establishing the boundary between the two nations from Buzzard Roost, on the Chattahoochee river, in a direct line to Coosa river, opposite to the mouth of Wills creek, thence down said river opposite to Fort Strother, is hereby acknowledged and shall forever be permanent.

The 2d and 3d articles, making provision for the citizens of both nations, who may fall within the limits of the other, after running the line, to become subjects thereof shall not be construed so as to compel the individuals falling within the lim-

its of the other to become subjects of that nation, but it shall be left entirely to their own choice.

The 4th and 5th articles providing for the chiefs of both nations who may fall within the limits of the other, and choose to become subjects thereof, shall not be construed so as to compel either nation to keep such chief or chiefs in the authorities of their respective councils, but the two nations shall exercise their own authorities in the selection and appointments of their own chiefs.

The 6th and 7th articles are hereby repealed and made void and the following agreement substituted; viz: In case a citizen or citizens of either nation, committing murder in their own nation, and escaping to the nation of the other party for refuge, and the chiefs of the nation from whence the murderer or murderers so absconded, should, in their council, issue a proclamation offering a reward for the apprehension of such murderer or murderers, the chiefs of the contracting nations agree to use every measure in their power to have the offender or offenders apprehended and delivered over to the chiefs of the nation from whence such murder or murderers may have escaped.

The 8th and 9th articles, so far as relates to crossing the line and committing murder on the subjects of the other, is approved and adopted; but respecting thefts, it is hereby agreed that the following rule be substituted, and adopted; viz. Should the subjects of either nation go over the line and commit theft, and he, she or they be apprehended, they shall be tried and dealt with as the laws of that nation directs, but should the person or persons so offending, make their escape and return to his, her or their nation, then, the person or persons so aggrieved, shall make application to the proper authorities of that nation for redress, and justice shall be rendered as far as practicable, agreeably to proof and law, but in no case shall either nation be accountable.

The 10th article is approved and adopted and all claims for

thefts, considered closed by the treaty as stipulated in that article.

The 11th article is approved and adopted, and it is agreed further, the contracting nations will extend their respective laws with equal justice towards the citizens of the other in regard to collecting debts due by the individuals of their nation to those of the other.

The 12th article is fully approved and confirmed. We do hereby further agree to allow those individuals who have fell within the limits of the other, twelve months from the date hereof, to determine whether they will remove into their respective nations, or continue and become subjects of that nation; and it is also agreed, that in case the citizens of either nation, who may choose to remove into the nation of the other and become subjects thereof, such person or persons shall be required to produce testimonials of their good character from the councils of their respective nations and present the same before the councils of the other nation; and should the chiefs thereof then think proper to receive and admit them, it may so be done.

In behalf of our respective nations, **WE DO HEREBY ADOPT** the above modifications and explanations of the several articles of the treaty establishing the boundary line between the two nations, and also, the additional agreement now made, shall hereafter be considered the basis on which our respective citizens shall be governed. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 30th day of October, 1823.

JNO. ROSS, Pres't. Nat. Com.

**Geo. Lowry,
Richard Taylor,
Tho's. Fareman,
Tho's. Pettit,
The Hair,
John Bawldridge,
Sleeping Rabbit,
John Downing,
Kelechulah,**

Cabbin Smith,
 Chu,wal,o,kee,
 John Beamer,

his

Approved—PATH ✕ KILLER,
 mark.

Going Snake,
 C ickesaw tee,

MAJOR RIDGE, Speaker N. Council.

CREEK COMMISSIONERS.

Sam'l. Hawkins,

In,de,le,af,kee,

Sah,now,wee,

Nin,ne,ho,mot,tec,

ELIJAH HICKS, Clerk N. Council.

A. Mc'COY, Clerk. N. Com.

A STATISTICAL TABLE,

Exhibiting the POPULATION of COOSAWATTEE DISTRICT,
in the Cherokee Nation, as enumerated in 1824, agree-
ably to a resolution of the Legislative Council—also,
of PROPERTY, &c. &c. &c. as stated.

Population.											
Female slaves,	168	}	Total.								
Male slaves,	127										
Grand total of males and females											
Total number of females.											
Females over 40 years of age.											
Females from 15 to 40 years.											
Females under 15 years of age.											
Total number of males.											
Males over 59 years of age.											
Males from 18 to 59 years of age.											
Males under 18 years of age.											
	529	515	67	1111	476	174	539	1205	2316	2,611	

REMARKS.

In this District, there are twenty-seven white men married to Cherokee women, and twenty Cherokees married to white women.

There are in this District, 2,944 black cattle—1,207 horses—4,965 swine—369 sheep—ninety-one goats—113 looms—397 spinning wheels—thirty-three wagons—461 ploughs—five saw-mills—five grist mills—ten blacksmith shops—two Missionary Schools in operation, in which twenty-one scholars of both sexes are educating.

A STATISTICAL TABLE,

Exhibiting the POPULATION of TARQUAAH DISTRICT,
in the Cherokee Nation, as enumerated in 1824, agree-
ably to a resolution of the Legislative Council—also,
of PROPERTY, &c. &c. &c. as stated.

Population.											
Female negroes	17	}	Total.								
Male negroes	7										
Grand total of males and females.											
Total number of females.											
Females over 40 years of age.											
Females from 15 to 40 years.											
Females under 15 years of age.											
Total number of males.											
Males over 59 years of age.											
Males from 18 to 59 years of age.											
Males under 18 years of age.											
	357	301	35	693	301	328	37	666	1359	24	1,383

REMARKS.

There are in this District, eight white men married to Cherokee women, and one Cherokee man married to a white woman.

There are in this District, 211 spinning wheels—one grist mill—one blacksmith shop—308 ploughs—fifty-three looms—323 sheep—2,419 swine—1,506 black cattle—554 horses.

A STATISTICAL TABLE,

Exhibiting the **POPULATION** of **CHICKAMAUGA DISTRICT**,
in the Cherokee Nation, as enumerated in 1824, agree-
ably to a resolution of the Legislative Council—also,
of **PROPERTY, &c. &c. &c.** as stated.

Population.										
Female negroes,	90	}	Total.							
Male negroes,	97									
Grand total of males and females										
Total number of females.										
Females over 40 years of age.										
Females from 15 to 40 years.										
Females under 15 years of age.										
Total number of males.										
Males over 59 years of age.										
Males from 18 to 59 years of age.										
Males under 18 years of age.										
	484	396	43	923	298	374	131	803	1726	1,913

REMARKS.

There are in this District, fifteen white men married to Cherokee women, and four Cherokee men married to white women.

There are in said Chickamauga District, four Schools and seventy-two scholars of both sexes—a grist-mill—two saw-mills—one cotton gin—121 looms—368 spinning wheels—eighteen wagons—354 ploughs—1,175 horses—2,505 black cattle—8,900 swine—111 goats—eleven blacksmith shops—five ferries—four stores, and 397 sheep.

A STATISTICAL TABLE,

Exhibiting the POPULATION of AQUOHEE DISTRICT,
in the Cherokee Nation, as enumerated in 1824, agree-
ably to a resolution of the Legislative Council—also,
of PROPERTY, &c. &c. &c. as stated.

Males under 18 years of age.	607	77	1245	699	522	98	1319	2564	19	2,583
Males from 18 to 59 years of age.										
Males over 59 years of age.										
Total number of males.										
Females under 15 years of age.										
Females from 15 to 40 years.										
Females over 40 years of age.										
Total number of females.										
Grand total of males and females										
Female negroes,	9							Total.		
Male negroes,	10									

REMARKS.

There are in this District, only four white men married to Cherokee women, and two Cherokee men married to white women.

There are in this District, one Missionary School of fifty scholars—the Unicoy turnpike road—1,191 horses—1,799 black cattle—5,544 swine—765 sheep—thirty-seven goats—one saw-mill—one grist-mill—446 ploughs—145 looms—346 spinning wheels—five blacksmith shops—seven wagons.

A STATISTICAL TABLE,

Exhibiting the POPULATION of AMOHEE DISTRICT,
in the Cherokee Nation, as enumerated in 1824, agree-
ably to a resolution of the Legislative Council—also,
of PROPERTY, &c. &c. &c. as stated.

Population.										
Female slaves	69	}	Total.							
Male slaves	73									
Grandtotal of males and females.										1412
Total number of females.										695
Females over 40 years of age.										58
Females from 15 to 40 years.										299
Females under 15 years of age.										338
Total number of males.										717
Males over 59 years of age.										31
Males from 18 to 59 years of age.										300
Males under 18 years of age.										386

REMARKS.

There are in this District, eleven Cherokees married to white women, and twenty eight white men married to Cherokee women

There are in this District, five Schools and twenty seven scholars of both sexes—seven blacksmith shops—one turnpike—five ferries—six public roads—one thrashing machine—one store—ninety-three goats—243 sheep—6,080 swine—1,730 cattle—845 horses—372 ploughs—seventy looms—327 spinning wheels—twenty-nine wagons—three saw-mills—six grist-mills—two cotton gins.

A STATISTICAL TABLE,

Exhibiting the **POPULATION** of **CHATTOOGA DISTRICT**,
in the Cherokee Nation, as enumerated in 1824, agree-
ably to a resolution of the Legislative Council—also,
of **PROPERTY**, &c. &c. &c. as stated.

Population.			1,941
Male negroes,	122	}	Total.
Female negroes,	170		
Grand total of males and females			
Total number of females.			799
Females over 40 years of age.			95
Females from 15 to 40 years.			365
Females under 15 years of age.			339
Total number of males.			850
Males over 59 years of age.			30
Males from 18 to 59 years of age.	400		
Males under 18 years of age.	420		

REMARKS.

There are in this District, eighteen white men married to Cherokee women, and three Cherokee men married to white women.

There are in this District, six Schools, in which are educating ninety two scholars of both sexes; and 1,318 horses—7,018 cattle—4,654 swine—335 sheep—fifteen goats—124 looms—307 wheels—446 ploughs—eleven blacksmith shops—five mills—two cotton gins—one saw-mill—and two stores.

A STATISTICAL TABLE,

Exhibiting the POPULATION of **ETAHWAH DISTRICT**,
in the Cherokee Nation, as enumerated in 1824, agree-
ably to a resolution of the Legislative Council—also,
of PROPERTY, &c. &c. &c. as stated.

Males under 18 years of age.	347	Males from 18 to 59 years of age.	325	Males over 59 years of age.	26	Total number of males.	698	Females under 15 years of age.	300	Females from 15 to 40 years.	306	Females over 40 years of age.	71	Total number of females.	677	Grand total of males and females.	1375	Female negroes	36	Male negroes	43	Total.	79	Population.	1,454
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REMARKS.

In this District, there are four white men married to Cherokee women, and two Cherokee men married to white women.

There is in this District one School, in which are educating twenty scholars of both sexes; and 818 horses—3,170 cattle—3,777 swine—298 sheep—67 goats—67 looms—65 ploughs—five blacksmith shops—two mills—240 wheels, and eleven wagons.

A STATISTICAL TABLE,

Exhibiting the POPULATION of the CHEROKEE NATION,
as enumerated in 1824, agreeably to a resolution of
the Legislative Council—also, of PROPERTY, &c. &c.
&c. as stated.

Population.		15560	Add for those who have since removed into the nation from North Carolina, who were living in that State on reservations. } 500
Male negroes	610	} Total.	
Female negroes	667		
Grand total of males and females.		13783	
Total number of females.		7826900	
Females over 40 years of age.		7826900	
Females from 15 to 40 years.		30103108	
Females under 15 years of age.		30103108	
Total number of males.		3526883	
Males over 59 years of age.		3526883	
Males from 18 to 59 years of age.		30543027	
Males under 18 years of age.		30543027	

REMARKS.

There are one hundred and forty seven white men married to Cherokee women, and sixty-eight Cherokee men married to white women.

There are 18 Schools in the nation, and 314 scholars of both sexes—36 grist mills—13 saw-mills—762 looms—2,486 spinning wheels—172 wagons—2,923 ploughs—7,683 horses—22,531 black cattle—46,732 swine—2,566 sheep—430 goats—62 blacksmith shops—9 stores—2 tan-yards and 1 powder-mill, besides many other items not enumerated—and there are several public roads and ferries, and turnpikes in the nation.