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LAWS OF 1878.

An act to distribute the law books now in the hands of the National Secretary.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act that the National Secretary be and is hereby authorized and directed to furnish any Chickasaw with a copy of the laws of the Chickasaw Nation that may want the same free of charge.

Approved October 10th, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act to remove Sandy Creek School in Pontotoc County.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Superintendent of Schools be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract with some responsible person or persons at the lowest and best bid to build a good and substantial house suitable for school purposes at or near Luffy Mosely's place in Pontotoc County and report the cost of same to the next annual session of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That after the completion of said schoolhouse ready for use, the superintendent shall remove the school now taught at Sandy Creek to the place described in Section first of this act and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 12th, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act authorizing the distribution of the funds now in the hands of the National Treasurer, interest accruing on certain U. S. stocks from 1861 to 1866 amounting to fifty-six thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine dollars and thirty-two cents (\$56,729.32).

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That an election be held in the same manner as other elections in each county of this Nation on Friday, the 25th day of October, A. D. 1878, to elect a registrar to register all Chickasaws entitled to annuity.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor be and is hereby authorized to appoint one registrar in Puck Shamubby District, one registrar in Push-ma-ta-ha District and one registrar in Mo-sho-lu-tubby District, Choctaw Nation, to register all Chickasaws in their respective districts entitled to registration.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That said registrar shall receive for their services five cents per head for each and every Chickasaw they may register.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That immediately after each registrar shall have completed his registration he shall notify the National Treasurer, and when all the registrars shall have made their returns the National Treasurer shall appoint a day as early as possible when he will distribute said fund and the registrars shall meet the National Treasurer two days prior to the day appointed in Tishomingo City, C. N., to compare and rectify their rolls, at which time and place the Treasurer shall employ two clerks to assist in distributing said fund, and the National Treasurer and clerks shall each receive four dollars (\$4.00) per day during the distribution.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the National Treasurer shall pay said fund to the head of families or their orders, provided the order is held by good and responsible persons and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 12th, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

Joint resolution in regard to the establishment of a United States Court for the Chickasaw Nation.

Whereas, Complaints have been made to the Congress of the United States to the effect that there are many wrongs committed by non-citizens of the Nation against the persons and property of citizens of the Nation, of which the courts of the Nation have no jurisdiction, and

Whereas, The United States court which alone has jurisdiction of the causes is holden at Fort Smith in the State of Arkansas, a distance of more than one hundred and sixty miles from our Capital, which renders it impossible for our citizens to prosecute many of these minor offenses, and

Whereas, Our people are in constant commercial intercourse with Denison, Texas, a point easy of access to all our people, where jurors can be easily obtained, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, that in case the Congress of the United States shall deem it wise and expedient to establish a United States court having jurisdiction of such causes for our Nation, that Denison, in the state of Texas, would be the most convenient point for the same.

Approved October 12th, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,

National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,

Governor.

An act to increase the salaries of the Academy Trustees.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the salaries of the Trustees of the several academies of this Nation be increased to fifty dollars per annum for their services as such from and after the passage of this act.

Approved October 17th, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,

National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,

Governor.

An act to increase the number of scholars for Lebanon Orphan Academy.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the number of scholars at the Lebanon Orphan

Academy be and the same is hereby increased to sixty, the contractor to receive the additional number upon the same terms now governing the contract for thirty.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That when orphans attend **any** of the other schools of this Nation they are to receive no compensation for clothing, but shall be on the same terms as other scholars who are not orphans.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and that this act take effect from the 1st of November, 1878.

Approved October 17th, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act authorizing Jo Moore, of Pickens County, to establish a ferry on the Washita river above old Fort Washita.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the right to establish a ferry on the Washita river above old Fort Washita, be and the same is hereby granted to Jo Moore, of Pickens county, C. N., his heirs and assigns, and to charge and collect thereat the following rates of toll, to-wit: On all wagons drawn by two horses, mules or oxen fifty cents; on all extra horses, mules or oxen attached to such wagon twelve and a half (12½) cents; on wagons, buggies or other vehicles without team, twenty-five cents; on all loose stock, either horses, mules or cattle, per head, ten (10) cents; on all sheep, goats and hogs two and one-half (2½) cents; for man and horse, twenty-five (25) cents; footmen, each, ten (10) cents; on all other animals not enumerated, each five cents.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the right of ferry herein granted is upon condition that the said Jo Moore, his heirs and assigns, or legal representatives shall keep a good and substantial ferry boat at said ferry capable of accommodating the traveling community, with a skillful and safe ferrymen to manage the same, and that he or they will keep the banks of the river at the ferry in good repair from the waters edge to the top of the bank, and shall be responsible to any and all persons crossing on or using his ferryboat, for losses or damages occasioned ^{by}

neglect on the part of the said Jo Moore, his heirs or assigns, or their ferryman, and this right of ferry shall cease at the expiration of twenty-five years from the passage of this act.

Approved October 19th, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

Relief bill for member of the Legislature and other officers detained in attendance on the Legislature during the present session.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, Clerks and Sergeants, interpreters and National Treasurer, Auditor and Secretary, Attorney General and Governor, be allowed one dollar per day for board during their attendance on the present session of the Legislature, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money now in the hands of the National Treasurer not otherwise appropriated, and the National Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrants accordingly.

Passed October 17th, 1878.

FLETCHER FRAZIER,
Speaker of the House.

HEKEYUBBI, President of the Senate.

Passed over the Governor's veto by two-thirds majority, October 18th, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

Amendment to election law.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That in annual and general elections by the people the polls shall be opened and kept open two consecutive days and closed at 5 o'clock P. M. of the second day.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, and that this act be in force from its passage.

HEKEYUBBI,
President of the Senate.

FLETCHER FRAZIER,
Speaker of House.

The above amendment became a law by reason of adjournment.

An act entitled an act amending permit law.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That where twenty-five dollars occur in the permit law, passed and approved October 17th, 1876, be amended to read ten dollars.

Sec. 2. That Section 8 of said act be amended to read that all freedmen not owned by the Chickasaws and Choctaws and residing in the nation at the date of the treaty of Fort Smith shall be required to get permits under citizens of the Chickasaw Nation as other non-citizens.

Sec. 3. That all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with these amendments be and the same are hereby repealed and they take effect from and after the first day of April, 1879.

Passed the House March 14th, 1879.

Attest: M. V. CHEADLE,

Clerk.

FLETCHER FRAZIER,

Speaker.

Amended by the Senate to read five dollars in place of ten.
Passed the Senate with the above amendment March 14th, 1879.

Attest: W. H. BURLAND,

Secretary Senate.

HEKEYUBBI,

President of Senate.

Passed the House as amended by the Senate March 15th, 1879.

Attest: M. V. CHEADLE,

Clerk.

FLETCHER FRAZIER,

Speaker.

Approved March 14th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,

National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,

Governor.

An act making an appropriation to pay for legal services rendered and to be rendered the Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of (\$5,000) five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of legal services rendered and to be rendered the Nation by B. F. Grafton, Esq., of Washington, D. C., in resisting all attempts to establish a territorial form of government over us by the Congress of the United States and for services in defending the Nation against the claims of John H. B. Latrobe, of Baltimore, Maryland, for

twenty-five (25) per cent. of all monies paid our Nation by the United States on account of arrears of interest paid by act of Congress, approved June 20th, A. D. 1878, or that may be paid on account of orphan, incompetent or misapplied funds.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Chickasaw Nation shall issue his warrant on the Treasurer of the Nation in favor of B. F. Grafton for said sum of (\$5,000) five thousand dollars, payment in full of the services aforesaid and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 23d, 1878.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

LAWS OF 1879.

An act amending an act to prohibit the disposal of timber within the limits of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That section second of an act to prohibit the disposal of timber in this nation, approved October 17th, 1876, be amended by striking out the words (without the consent of the owner) and that the Governor is hereby directed to see this law is fully carried out and that all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with this act is hereby repealed and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 18, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act in regard to physicians and mechanics obtaining permits.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That if any non-citizen of the Chickasaw Nation who wishes to practice medicine in this Nation, shall be required to get a recommendation from three resident citizens of this Nation that he is a sober and man of good moral character, and file with this recommendation a recommendation that he is a

practicing physician from the board of the county and state from whence he came, and if the Governor is satisfied with said recommendation shall order the clerk to issue him a permit to practice in the county and Nation, from the county he applies, upon the physician paying five dollars to the clerk, which money shall be applied as other permit money, and said physician shall not charge for medicine and professional visits more than is charged in the states by regular practicing physicians.

Sec. 2. That all non-citizens who wishes to follow his trade as mechanic in the limits of this nation, shall apply under the provision of section first of this act, and that all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same is hereby repealed, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 17th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act appropriating money to repair National jail and build a house for jailor.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the National treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to contract for or cause to be repaired the National jail by putting in an iron cage, with one lock in the upper room of the jail, two upright iron doors, with first-class locks (used for jails), with thick iron casing for each door, and the door of the dungeon to be reopened and door placed therein.

Sec. 2. That a good and substantial box house to be built in the jail yard, twelve feet square, ceiled overhead, covered with first-class shingles, free from sap, two glass windows, one door with lock, for the use of the jailor who shall live therein.

Sec. 3. That the sum of six hundred dollars or so much thereof that is necessary be and is hereby appropriated to repair the national jail and build the house as provided for in this act, and upon the certificate of the treasurer the auditor shall issue his warrant on the treasurer for the amount, who shall pay

the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. That the treasurer is hereby required to have the work done as provided for in this act, at an early day as possible, and that this act take effect from and after its passage, and all acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with this act be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved March 18th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act authorizing the Governor to appoint five commissioners to meet the Choctaws.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor be and is hereby authorized and directed to appoint five commissioners to meet like commissioners of the Choctaws, to confer on the freedman question and all questions that may affect the joint interest of the Choctaws and Chickasaws, and report in writing to the Governor who shall lay it before the next meeting of the Legislature, and to be approved by them before it shall be binding on the Chickasaw people.

Sec. 2. That the commissioners under this act shall appoint one clerk, whose pay shall be the same as the commissioners, who shall keep a complete record of all their official proceedings, which shall be reported with the proceedings of the commissioners. That the commissioners and clerk shall be entitled to the same pay as members of the Legislature during the time while actually attending and going to and returning home from said meeting of the commissioners, which shall be certified to by the clerk, and upon his certificate the auditor shall issue his warrant on the National treasurer, who shall pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. That the Governor be and is hereby requested to accompany said commission, as provided in Section one of this act, and that this act take effect and be in force after its passage.

Approved March 17th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That J. A. Smith, of Colbert station, Panola county, Chickasaw Nation, be granted the privilege of hiring some person skilled in the culture of fruit to introduce, grow and ship all the varieties of fruit adapted to this soil and climate, and that the person so hired shall confine himself exclusively to the joint nursery business for the period of five years from the date of his contract with the said J. A. Smith.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the person so hired shall for any violation of his contract or any of the laws of this Nation shall be dealt with as an intruder and removed from the limits of this Nation.

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

Approved September 4th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act to appoint a committee to investigate all claims for citizenship.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That there shall be appointed a committee of three from each house of the Legislature to investigate the claims of all persons claiming to be Chickasaws and to report the same to the Legislature for their action on the same.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That when the committee are sitting for that purpose they shall have power to appoint a secretary and sergeant-at-arms to wait on them; also to summons any and all witnesses that they may deem necessary in any case that they may have under consideration, and the secretary, sergeant-at-arms and witnesses shall each receive two dollars per day for their services, to be paid out of the National treasury.

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

Approved September 10th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act to repeal an act entitled an act in relation to slander.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the act entitled an act in relation to slander, approved October 12th, 1876, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved September 10th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act to repeal an act entitled an act to relieve the blind and helpless of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the act entitled an act to relieve the blind and helpless of the Chickasaw Nation, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved September 10th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act to punish persons that assist prisoners in their escape from the custody of officers.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act any citizen of this Nation who shall assist prisoners in their escape from the custody of any officer having them in charge, shall, on conviction by the district court of the county where the offense was committed, be fined in a sum not less than twenty-five nor exceeding five hundred dollars, and if the offender is not able to pay the said fine he or they shall be imprisoned in the National jail with hard labor for a period not less than two nor more than six months, at the discretion of the court, and should he or they refuse to work, then the prisoner or prisoners shall be placed in the dungeon of the jail until he or they shall have served the time so adjudged.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the fine so assessed shall

be collected as other fines and placed in the National treasury for public purposes.

Approved September 16th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act to restrict citizens of the Chickasaw Nation in the employment of non-citizens.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any citizen of this Nation to employ non-citizens as farmers or laborers on more than one farm and one stock ranch in this Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That this act shall not be so construed as to interfere with the employment of non-citizens to work at mills, cotton gins or machinery of any kind, or clerks in the mercantile business.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That any person violating the first section of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to a fine of five hundred dollars by the court having jurisdiction, and all fines collected under this act shall be paid into the National treasury for National purposes.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the sheriffs and constables to report all such cases to the district court of the county in which the offense was committed.

Approved September 18th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act entitled an act for the relief of jurors and witnesses in civil suits.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That in all civil cases where any witness or juror may serve, the Nation shall pay the cost of the suit and the Nation shall be reimbursed out of the parties losing the suit.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That in cases where a person is summoned as a witness or juror in two or more cases they shall

only receive two dollars per day and mileage while attending any court to which he is summoned, and all laws or parts of laws coming in conflict with the provisions of this act, the same is and are hereby repealed, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved September 23d, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act entitled an act requiring all persons to give bond for maintenance of civil suits.

Sec. 2. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That any person or persons bringing civil suits in the courts of the Nation shall give a good and sufficient bond with one or more securities, for the cost of the suit and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, that this bond shall be collected as all other bonds are collected and the money placed in the National treasury for national purposes.

Approved September 25th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act making Henry Allen an heir at law of Jonas Wolf.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act, the child known as Henry, son of Allen, deceased, be and the same is hereby adopted as one of the legal representatives of Jonas Wolf, and shall be entitled to all the rights, privileges and immunities as one of his own bodily heirs, and in case the said Jonas Wolf dies intestate the aforesaid Henry shall be considered as one of the heirs of Jonas Wolf and he shall be entitled to have an equal right with the bodily heirs of the aforesaid Jonas Wolf's estate.

Approved September 18th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act to change the name and contract of the Lebanon Orphan Institute.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act, the Lebanon Institute for the education of Orphan Children shall be called the Chickasaw Orphan's Home.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That there shall be held at the Home monthly examinations of the school instead of yearly examinations, which shall be attended by the Trustees and competent persons whom he may invite to witness the examination.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the children selected for the Orphans' Home shall remain there for the full term of years to which they are entitled under the establishing act, but may visit their friends on leave of absence granted by the Trustee. And should they fail to return at the time specified in the leave of absence, it shall be the duty of the sheriff of the county in which they live to return them to the Home.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That for and in consideration of the additional expense of keeping the children two months longer in each year the pay of the contractor shall be two hundred and ten dollars per scholar per year or twelve thousand and six hundred dollars per annum for sixty scholars.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That it shall be a part of this contract that the contractor have religious services at the Home at least one Sabbath in each month.

Approved September 27th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

An act granting A. H. Law the privilege to contract with Dr. J. R. B. Watterson, a citizen of the United States, for the term of ten years in the erection of a mill and gin.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, that A. H. Law, a citizen of Pickens county, Chickasaw Nation, be granted the privilege to contract with Dr. J. R. B. Watterson for the term of ten years for the purpose of erecting

and operating a mill and cotton gin at or near Rocky Point in Pickens county, C. N.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the said Dr. J. R. B. Watterson or A. H. Law shall not be allowed to charge for grinding more than one-fifth of one bushel, or in other words, the said Dr. J. R. B. Watterson or A. H. Law shall for every bushel of corn give one bushel of meal.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That for any violation of law the said J. R. B. Watterson shall be immediately removed from the limits of this Nation, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved September 25th, 1879.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. C. BURNEY,
Governor.

LAWS OF 1880.

An act authorizing the Finance Committee of 1880 to appoint two persons to assist said committee in the discharge of certain committee duties.

Sec. 1. Resolved by both branches of the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the financial committee of the Chickasaw Nation be and the same is hereby empowered to appoint a committee of two persons not connected with the present session of the Legislature to assist the said financial committee in posting up the accounts of the National treasurer and auditor of public accounts.

Sec. 2. Resolved further, That the National treasurer and auditor of public accounts are hereby directed to turn over all books, vouchers and papers belonging to their respective offices when called upon by said committee so to do.

Resolved further, That the persons so appointed shall receive the same pay as a member of the Legislature while in actual service.

Resolved further, That the aforesaid committee is hereby directed to report the result as soon as practicable.

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

Approved September 10th 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act repealing an act creating governor's expressmen.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the act creating governor's expressman be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the sheriff and constable of the county in which the governor resides shall perform the duties of the governor's expressman, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved September 15th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act to repeal an act providing for an enrolling clerk.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the act providing for an enrolling clerk be and the same is hereby repealed.

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

Approved September 14th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act to repeal Section 21 of the act approved October 12th, 1877, in relation to juries.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That Section 21 in relation to juries be and the same is hereby repealed, and the foreman of the grand jury shall perform the duties as clerk without extra fees and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved September 16th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to repeal an act in relation to inter-marriage of citizens of the United States and members of the Chickasaw Tribe or Nation of Indians, approved September 20th, 1872, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the words "one dollar and fifty cents" after the word "fee" in the eighth line of section second of an act to repeal an act in relation to inter-marriage of citizens of the United States and members of the Chickasaw Tribe or Nation of Indians, approved September 20th, 1872, and for other purposes be and the same is hereby stricken out and insert the following words: "Fifty dollars, five of which shall be retained by the county judge and forty-five dollars to be placed in the National treasury for National purposes."

Approved September 20th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act authorizing the execution of bills of sale of stock and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation; That any citizen of this Nation trading for or buying stock from any person other than a citizen of this Nation shall execute such trade or sale in the presence of two good and reliable witnesses (citizens) by bills of sale (in writing) of said stock, fully describing the kind, marks, brands, etc., and any stock so transferred shall not be held as collateral for the fulfillment of said obligation on the part of the citizen.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That no citizen of this Nation shall take a mortgage, lien or deed of trust on stock of any kind belonging to any person or persons who are not citizens of this Nation, to be held on the common domain of the Chickasaw Nation until the obligations specified in said mortgage, lien or deed of trust be effected and completed on the part of the mortgager.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That all bills of sale made and executed for sale of stock shall be recorded in the county clerk's office where said citizen resides within ten days after execution.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That no citizen of this Nation

shall employ any non-citizen for the purpose of raising or attending as herder of any stock whatever in the limits of this Nation and any person or persons violating any part of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined in any sum from five hundred to two thousand dollars, and if the party or parties are not able to pay said fine he or she shall be lodged in the dungeon of the National jail for the period of twelve months, and all fines collected under this act one-half shall go to the informant and one-half to be placed in the National treasury for National purposes.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved September 20th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

Resolution providing for the prosecution of D. L. Payne.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor (B. F. Overton) be and he is hereby authorized with full powers and directed on the part of the Chickasaw Nation to co-operate with the Cherokees and other Indian tribes in representing the separate or common interests of the people of the Indian Territory which is now already involved in the prosecution of one D. L. Payne, a citizen of the United States, for violating the intercourse law, now therefore

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of one thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to carry into effect the purpose or design of the above resolution before the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That should there be no money in the hands of the treasurer, the Governor is hereby authorized to borrow the means necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the above resolution, paying at the rate of ten (10) per cent interest per annum for the same until paid, and upon the presentation of the Governor's certificate for the said

amount the Auditor of public accounts shall issue his warrant on the treasurer for the same.

Approved September 24th, 1880.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to amend an act defining the duties of the treasurer.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That for the better protection and security of the National funds, the treasurer of this Nation shall be required hereafter to let all monies deposited in the sub-treasury at St. Louis to the credit of the Chickasaw Nation remain there and give his drafts on the same whenever warrants are presented to him for payment until all of said monies shall be drawn out of the sub-treasury.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the treasurer to receive orders on officers salaries, school certificates or any other evidences of National indebtedness into the treasury as revenue except jury and witness fees.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That whenever the treasurer shall violate the provisions of this act, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor in office and shall be suspended from the duties of the same until he can be tried by the court having jurisdiction in such cases and shall forfeit all pay during the time he was suspended.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That all parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved September 24th, 1880.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to collect royalty on prairie hay shipped out of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That any citizen of this Nation wishing to ship prairie hay beyond the limits of the Nation may do so by first paying a royalty of one dollar per ton into the hands of the National Agent for the use and benefit of the Chickasaw government.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That any citizen shipping prairie hay or causing the same to be shipped out of the Nation without first paying the royalty shall be fined five dollars (\$5.00) for every ton so shipped by the county court of the county where the offense is committed, the informant shall receive one half the fine when collected and the other half shall be placed in the National treasury for National purposes. But should the offender not be able to pay the fine, then he or she shall be lodged in the National jail for six (6) months.

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

Approved September 28th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act repealing Section 1st of an act entitled an act defining the power of the Governor in suspending officers.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That Section 1st of an act entitled an act defining the power of the Governor in suspending officers be and is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall have power to suspend officers of this Nation where charges of neglect of duty or misdemeanors in office are preferred against them in writing by reliable persons, or when such neglect of duty or misdemeanors shall come within the personal knowledge of the Governor.

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

Approved September 29th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act authorizing the National Secretary to purchase stationery for the use of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of thirty dollars be and the same is hereby

appropriated annually out of any monies in the National treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of purchasing books and stationery for the National secretary and the different district probate and supreme clerks of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the said sum of thirty dollars shall be placed in the hands of the National secretary who shall purchase all the books and stationery needed for the use of the Nation, and shall furnish the clerk for each county, and the supreme clerk with the amount necessary for his office, taking the clerk's receipt for the same which receipt shall be the secretary's voucher for the amount furnished, and no claim for stationery made otherwise than provided for in this act shall be allowed by the Legislature.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the auditor of public accounts is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the National treasurer for the amount named in this act, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved September 29th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act appropriating eight hundred and twenty-two dollars due R. S. Bell for services in teaching school in favor of the Carter heirs.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of eight hundred and twenty-two dollars due R. S. Bell for board and tuition of scholars be and the same is hereby appropriated in favor of the heirs of Colbert Carter deceased out of any monies in the National treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the auditor is hereby authorized and directed to issue his warrants for the same.

Approved October 2d, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary, C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act for the relief of Harris McLean.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Na-

tion, That the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the National treasury not otherwise appropriated for the relief of Harris McLean and the National auditor is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant on the treasurer for the same.

Approved October 5th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

An act to suspend the neighborhood schools.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the superintendent of public schools is hereby directed and instructed not to make any appointments to carry on the nine neighborhood schools of this Nation before September the 1st, 1881, and also not to make any contracts for carrying on the four Academies until authorized by law, except to fill vacancies that may occur before the present contracts expire, and then only for the unexpired time specified for said contracts to close.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That no claim for attending schools in the states or elsewhere (except the four academies) during the scholastic year of 1880 and 1881 shall be allowed and all parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby suspended for one year from the 1st of September, 1880, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 8th, 1880.

Attest: THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

B. F. OVERTON,
Governor.

LAWS OF 1881.

An act giving the Governor power to appoint a National interpreter.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the governor shall have the power to appoint a competent person to act as National interpreter, whose duty it

shall be to interpret all official and public business for the governor.

Sec. Be it further enacted, That the National interpreter's term of office shall expire with the term of the governor by whom he is appointed, and his compensation for such services shall be three hundred dollars per annum.

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

Approved September 28th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, Governor.

An act amendatory to an act prohibiting ball playing and horse racing on the Sabbath.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That an act approved October 12th, 1876, prohibiting ball playing and horse racing on the Sabbath be and the same is hereby amended so as to include hunting and fishing.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That any citizen having any non-citizen or non-citizens under his employ violating this act be the citizen, shall immediately report such non-citizen to the sheriff or constable of the county wherever the offense was committed, and any citizen failing to report such case or cases shall be fined five dollars by the court having jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted that all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this act be and the same are hereby repealed, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 3d, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, Governor.

An act to defray expenses of the National agent to Washington City, D. C.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act the sum of \$400.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses

of the National agent to visit Washington City, D. C., to prosecute the claim of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company.

Approved October 7th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, Governor.

An act granting J. J. Reed permission to locate in the Chickasaw Nation as a minister.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Rev. J. J. Reed, a Presbyterian minister and citizen of the United States, be and he is hereby granted the privilege for the term of five years to settle in the limits of the Chickasaw nation as a missionary and shall be allowed to make such improvements as are necessary for the comfort of himself and family and the use of a sufficient quantity of land for home consumption not to exceed twenty acres.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That whenever the said J. J. Reed withdraws from or is removed from the Chickasaw Nation as a minister, he shall not be allowed to dispose of his improvements to any person except he be a regular ordained minister permitted to locate in the Chickasaw Nation, or to a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 7th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, Governor.

An act authorizing J. R. Maupin to proceed to Washington on National business.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the governor be requested to direct John Maupin, collector of revenue for the Chickasaw Nation, to proceed forthwith to Washington City, D. C., to look after and prosecute a claim now pending between the Chickasaw Nation and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad company.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the said John Maupin be authorized and empowered to contract with some reliable and competent attorney to assist in the prosecution of said claim, whose fee shall be contingent upon the collection of the same.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the said John Mauphin be instructed to act in conjunction with representatives from the Choctaw Nation, and that one-fourth of the expense attending the collection of said claim shall be paid the Chickasaw Nation only.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted that this act be in force from and after its passage.

Approved October 5th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, Governor.

Stationery bill.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of seventy-five dollars and ninety-seven cents be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money now in the hands or which may hereafter come into the hands of the National treasurer not otherwise appropriated to reimburse the National secretary for stationery furnished the different officers of the Nation for the year ending August 31st, 1881, and that the National auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the treasurer for the same.

Sec 2. Be it further enacted, That the sum of one hundred and five dollars is hereby annually appropriated out of any money in the hands of the National treasurer not otherwise appropriated to purchase stationery for the use of the different officers of the Chickasaw Nation, and the auditor of public accounts is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the treasurer for said amount to be placed in the hands of the National secretary; and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 10th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, Governor.

An act to have the manuscript laws printed.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the National secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with J. M. Harley, of the Chickasaw Academy, to print and bind in pamphlet form all the manuscript laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the National secretary is hereby required to furnish the said J. M. Harley a certified copy of all the laws now in manuscript.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That in order to carry out the provisions of this act the sum of forty dollars is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the hands of the National treasurer not otherwise appropriated or which may hereafter come into the hands of the National treasurer to be paid when the printing is complete and delivered to the National Secretary, and the auditor is hereby authorized upon the certificate of the National secretary to issue his warrant on the National treasurer for the amount specified in the certificate.

Approved October 10th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, GOVERNOR.

An act making Wahpanuka Academy an exclusive school for the use and benefit of the Chickasaw children in the Choctaw Nation.

Whereas, There having been a great deal of controversy and some unnecessary hard feeling about the tuition of the Chickasaw children in the Choctaw Nation, owing to their identity and uncertainty of their having been to school out of the jurisdiction and control of the Chickasaw Nation in justice to their children,

Sec. 1. Therefore, be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the 30th of September, 1882, the Wahpanueka school is hereby set apart for the exclusive privilege for the Chickasaw children in the Choctaw Nation. Hereinafter the school shall be a mixed school for male and female in such proportion as the superintendent and trustees may deem right. In the event the school should not be filled from the Choctaw Nation, then it shall be filled with children from the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That parts of laws that may come in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Added to the first section by the Senate, "And all Chickasaw children in the Choctaw Nation must come to school in the Chickasaw District."

Approved October 10th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, GOVERNOR.

An act to amend an act restricting citizens in employing non-citizens in this Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the first section of an act restricting citizens of this Nation in employing non-citizens, be amended by striking out after the word "any" in fourth line and insert the following "none but adult citizens of this Nation shall be allowed to contract with non-citizens, and they shall use that class of labor only on one place."

Approved October 11th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, GOVERNOR.

An act to prohibit fencing up the public domain.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That no citizen of this Nation, shall fence for pasturage more than six hundred and forty acres of land in one body and any person or persons enclosing more than that amount shall be compelled to remove said fence to the prescribed limits.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That in all cases where wire is used for fencing the person or persons using wire shall be compelled to put up a blind on said fence of plank, board or rail.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That none but adults shall be allowed to build a pasture, nor shall any two or more citizens join fences, but shall leave a space of forty feet between all pastures and for a violation of any part of this act the offender shall be compelled to pay a fine of not less than one hundred nor exceeding five hundred dollars at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction, and all fines collected under this act shall be placed in the National treasury for National purposes, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 11th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, GOVERNOR.

An act in regard to neighborhood schools.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the superintendent of schools be and is hereby authorized to have the different neighborhood schoolhouses re-

paired and put in good comfortable condition where he can find the number of scholars as the law requires and that he have the work done in as reasonable terms as possible and completed by the 20th of January, 1882, the payment of the same to be appropriated at the next meeting of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the law suspending the neighborhood schools be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the school superintendent shall open the schools on the 1st of February, 1882, and close them the last of June, 1882, and after this session the neighborhood schools shall commence annually on the first Monday in September.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the 8th section of an act establishing of neighborhood schools be and the same is hereby amended by inserting that "the pay of neighborhood school teachers shall be at the rate of four hundred and fifty dollars each for a ten months session."

Approved October 11th, 1881.

HICKEYUBBEE, Governor.

LAWS OF 1882.

An act for the relief of the Chickasaw people.

Whereas, there has been for the last season a failure in the corn crops and the Chickasaw people are in great want of breadstuff, and whereas, the failure of the crops make it necessary to provide for the future wants of the people, many of whom are now without bread and destitute of means to buy the same.

Sec. 1. Therefore, be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars which may be in the hands of the National treasurer or which may hereafter come into his hands, not otherwise appropriated, be and the same is hereby appropriated for distribution to the Chickasaw people to relieve them of their wants.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the governor is authorized to appoint one captain in each county in the Chickasaw Nation and one registrar in Puckshannubbee district and one registrar in Pushmataha district, one registrar in Molsholatuby dis-

trict, Choctaw Nation, to register all Chickasaws entitled to annuity.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That said registrars shall receive for their services five cents per head for each and every Chickasaw they may register.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That immediately after each registrar shall have completed his registration he shall notify the National treasurer of the same; then the National treasurer shall appoint a day as early as possible when he will distribute said fund, and the registrars shall meet the National treasurer two days prior to the day appointed, in Tishomingo City, C. N., to compare and rectify their rolls.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the National treasurer shall pay said fund to the heads of families or their orders, provided the order is held by good and responsible persons, and this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved May 5th, 1882.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act entitled an act granting the delegates now at Washington City, D. C., full authority to represent all interests of the Chickasaw people before the department and Congress of the United States.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That Wm. L. Byrd and B. F. Overton, delegates of the Chickasaw Nation, are hereby fully authorized and directed to enter their protest in behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, against the ratifying by Congress of the United States of an act passed by the general council of the Choctaw Nation adopting and granting to the freedmen of the Choctaw Nation full rights of citizenship without conferring with the Chickasaws or obtaining their consent to said adoption; and said delegates are hereby fully authorized and directed to represent the Chickasaw people in any and all measures that might be presented before the department and Congress of the United States affecting the interests of our people and country.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That Wm. L. Byrd and B. F. Overton, Chickasaw

delegates to Washington City, D. C., be allowed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars each as full compensation for their services and this amount shall apply to the money already borrowed by the governor from the treasurer to defray the expenses of the delegates.

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

Approved May 6th, 1882.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act authorizing the finance committee of 1882, to appoint two persons to assist said committee in the discharge of certain committee duties.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the financial committee of the Chickasaw Nation, be and the same is hereby empowered to appoint a committee of two persons not connected with the present session of the Legislature to assist the said financial committee in posting up the accounts of the National treasurer and auditor of public accounts.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the National treasurer and auditor of public accounts are hereby directed to turn over all books, vouchers and papers belonging to their respective offices, when called upon by said committee so to do.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That persons so appointed shall receive the same pay as a member of the Legislature while in actual service.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the present special committee is hereby empowered and directed to cancel all warrants that may be by them found that have been paid and not cancelled.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the aforesaid committee is hereby directed to report the result as soon as practible.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved September 7th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to amend an act in relation to maiming, wounded, etc.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That section first of an act in relation to maiming and wounding approved October 7th, 1876, be amended by striking out the word "one" in fourth line and insert "one hundred and fifty" and "one thousand" in fifth line and insert "fifteen hundred."

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

Approved September 26th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to remove Sandy Creek school from its present location.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the neighborhood school known as the Sandy Creek School be and the same is hereby removed from its present location to the settlement of Burney McAllister on Sandy Creek in Pontotoc County and to be called and styled the Chickika school, and that this act take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved September 29th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to repeal an act allowing Watt Holford, his wife Amanda Holford and their children to remain in the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the act granting Watt Holford, his wife Amanda Holford and their children the right to remain in the Chickasaw Nation during good behavior be and the same is hereby repealed.

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

Approved September 26th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to authorize the superintendent of public schools to sell the Sandy Creek neighborhood school house, benches, etc.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Na-

tion, That the superintendent of public schools be and is hereby authorized to sell to the highest bidder for cash or national scrip the school house known as the Sandy Creek neighborhood school. The proceeds of said sale shall be placed in the National treasury for national purposes.

Approved October 2d, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act for relief of B. F. Overton.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of six hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to reimburse B. F. Overton for money paid out by him for the benefit of Joseph Hardwick in the case of the United States against the said Hardwick.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the auditor of public accounts is hereby directed to issue a warrant to the said Overton for six hundred dollars, and the treasurer to pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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

Approved October 5th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act for the relief of Samuel Paul and Joseph Hardwick.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated or so much thereof as may be necessary to employ council and defray other necessary expenses for the benefit of Samuel Paul and Joseph Hardwick.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the auditor of public accounts is hereby directed to issue a warrant for the same payable to the governor, who shall disburse the same for the benefit of the said Paul and Hardwick taking receipts for all disbursements and returning said receipts to the next Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation.

Approved October 7th, 1880.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to authorize William P. Worthington to establish a ferry at Worthington Crossing on Red River.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That William P. Worthington be and he is hereby authorized to establish and keep up a ferry at Worthington's Crossing on Red River for the accommodation of travelers, emigrants and the public generally, and to secure him against fraud he is hereby authorized to fence in the landing on this side of the river, and to put up a gate, to be styled a ferry gate, and any person or persons wishing to cross said river shall be required to pay the rates of ferriage provided for in this act, at the afore mentioned ferry gate, and every person paying their ferriage at the gate shall not be made to pay at the ferry, and any person or persons that refuse or fail to pay their ferriage may be stopped any where on this side of the river and be made pay to their ferriage, provided however, such stoppage shall be within the limits of the Chickasaw Nation, and the said William P. Worthington or his representatives shall have the right to collect the ferry rates from any and all persons, citizens excepted, fording said river one mile each way from the ferry, just the some as if he, she or they crossed on the ferry.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the said William P. Worthington shall keep at all times good and trusty and efficient boatmen at the said ferry for the use of the traveling public and he shall be responsible to every person crossing on his ferry for any and all damages sustained by the negligence of his boatman, or the inefficiency of his boat.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That for the privileges in the first section of this act, the said William P. Worthington shall at all times keep the roads leading to the ferry for a reasonable distance in good traveling condition and give bond and security biennially to the district court of Pickens county in the sum of five hundred dollars for the requirements specified in this act, and conditioned that the said bond and security shall be for the benefit of the party or parties injured either in person or property resulting from a violation of this act.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the following table of

rates shall be the legal allowance and it shall be kept posted at the ferry gate for the information of the public.

FERRY RATES.

Wagon and two horses or mules,	-	-	-	50cts.
For all extra stock,	-	-	-	10cts.
Sheep, goats and hogs,	-	-	-	2½cts.
Man and horse,	-	-	-	25cts.
Footman,	-	-	-	10cts.

Approved October 10th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, GOVERNOR.

An act to amend act entitled an act in relation to roads, approved October 12th, 1876.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That any road overseer who refuses or neglects to have the roads worked in the time specified in Section 1st of an act in relation to roads without a lawful excuse rendered to the county judge, shall be fined in any sum not less than ten nor over twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That said fine shall be collected as other fines, and when collected shall be placed in the county treasury for county purposes; and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Amended by the House by striking out "fifty cents" in Section 3d and third line and inserting "three dollars."

Approved October 17th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, GOVERNOR.

Proposed amendment to the constitution.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the fourth section of public education of the constitution be amended by striking out the words "have been" in the first line and inserting the word "be."

Approved October 17th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, GOVERNOR.

Joint resolution in regard to the establishing of a United States Court for the Chickasaw Nation.

Whereas, Complaints have been made to the Congress of the

United States to the effect that there are many wrongs committed by non-citizens of the Nation against the person and property of citizens of the Nation, of which the courts of the Nation have no jurisdiction, and whereas, the United States Court which alone has jurisdiction of the causes, is holden at Fort Smith in the state of Arkansas, a distance of more than one hundred and sixty miles from our capital, which renders it impossible for our citizens to prosecute many of these minor offenses, and whereas, our people are in constant commercial intercourse with Gainesville, Texas, a point easy of access to our people where jurors can be easily obtained, therefore be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That in case the Congress of the United States shall deem it wise and expedient to establish a United States Court having jurisdiction of such causes for our Nation, that Gainesvill, Texas, would be the most convenient point for the same.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That the governor is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Congress of the United States through the delegates and also instruct the delegates to urge upon Congress the passage of an act to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Approved October 7th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act appointing delegates to visit Washington City, D. C.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint and commission two competent persons of good judgment and business qualifications to visit Washington City, D. C. during the next session of the Congress of the United States, with full and efficient power to represent the Chickasaw people in all things touching their interest and welfare under any treaties existing between the government of the United States and the Chickasaw Indians, wherein the interest and happiness of the Chickasaws may be involved.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor be and is hereby authorized and requested to accompany said delegates

and render all the assistance necessary in his power in the prosecution and settlement of any and all claims and demands held by the Chickasaws against the Government of the United States and if necessary to employ counsel to assist in recovering any and all claims, and the settlement of any question wherein the interest of the Chickasaws may be advanced.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the delegates and governor are authorized to employ or cause to be employed such additional clerks as may be deemed necessary to assist and enable the department of Indian affair at Washington City in preparing the Orphan, Incompetent and Misapplied Claims of the Chickasaws against the Government of the United States, so as to bring them before the Congress of the United States at as early a day as possible for final settlement.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the delegates and governor are authorized and directed to protest against the passage by Congress of any bill in favor of one Eli Ayers or any other person or persons to quiet land titles in the State of Mississippi.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That any and all awards made by the United States on Orphan, Incompetent or Misapplied claims or any other claims of a National character, shall be paid over to the National Treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation, taking his receipts therefor, and giving him an exhibit and statement of the source from whence derived together with such other items of information as may be necessary and advantageous to the Chickasaw Nation, and it is hereby made the duty of the National treasurer to lay all exhibits of money received by him before the Legislature or any authorized committee for their inspection and action.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the Governor and said delegates are hereby authorized to advise if necessary with the delegates and representatives of the different Nations of the Indian Territory and negotiate such measures as might be to the best interest of the Chickasaw people, and they are further required to protest against all territorial forms of government which may be introduced into the Congress of the United States for the purpose of extending the same over the Indian Territory, or any bill introduced into the Congress that may be

detrimental to the interest of the Chickasaws and are required to report their proceedings to the next session of the Legislature and for such services they shall each receive the sum of two thousand dollars out of any money now in the hands, or which may hereafter come into the hands of the National treasurer not otherwise appropriated and the auditor of public accounts is hereby authorized to issue his warrant accordingly.

Approved October 17th, 1882.

B. F. OVERTON, GOVERNOR.

LAWS OF 1883.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation: That a special committee be appointed (three from each house), with full power to cause the attendance of the several clerks of the different counties of this Nation, with all their books, papers and vouchers pertaining to their different offices and to force all witnesses to attend as though they were summoned to appear before a court, said witnesses to be paid as though they were in attendance at court, said committee to take into consideration the right of citizenship and other matters of interest with full power to force all witnesses that may be necessary, with sufficient clerks, interpreters and other officers to carry out the provisions of this act, and this act to take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Approved September 5th, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, GOVERNOR.

Whereas, A number of the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation are holding stock on the public domain which they claim they have bought and which the bills of sale are recorded in the clerk's office, and whereas, it is believed that many of the bills of sale are fraudulent, and that the citizen has reconveyed the stock to citizens in Texas to evade the laws of the Nation, and it is believed that the fact could be ascertained by sending an agent to Texas to examine the records. Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation that the district attorney H. F. Murray, be instructed and is hereby instructed to proceed

to Gainesville, Texas, to examine the records there and see if such stock has been so conveyed.

Resolved further, That the said Murray be allowed the same pay as members of the Legislature in going to and returning from Gainesville.

Resolved further, That the sum of fifty dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the hands of the National treasurer not otherwise appropriated to cover all expenses of obtaining copies of said records.

Resolved further, That the said Murray keep a record of the expenses in obtaining the records and in case there be any money left in his hands he shall turn it back to the National treasurer.

Approved September 11th, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That whereas, at the February term of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Arkansas in the year 1883, Samuel Paul, a Chickasaw Indian, was convicted of manslaughter for killing John Harkins in April, 1882 and was sentenced to ten years imprisonment, and

Whereas, Said Samuel Paul was at the time of the alleged killing constable of Pickens County in the Chickasaw Nation, and sergeant of United States Indian Police by appointment of Col. J. Q. Tufts, Indian Agent, and was required by law under the instruction of the agent to arrest all lawless persons and non-citizens in the Nation and deliver them into the custody of some United States marshal and to preserve the peace in the country, and in pursuance of his official duty had lawfully arrested said John Harkins upon a charge of stealing horses in the Chickasaw Nation from Calvin Greenwood and Shotubbee, of which charge he was at the trial of said Paul proven to be guilty, and

Whereas, After his lawful arrest for stealing and while Paul and the guards with him were interrogating him as to the whereabouts of one Cox and one Studivant, who were also charged with horse stealing, said Harkins seized the gun of said Paul and attempted to escape and was shot and killed by some of the guards to prevent his escape, and

Whereas, We, the Legislative Council of the Chickasaw Nation, believe said Paul to be one of the most honorable, law abiding and useful citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, and one of the most faithful vigilant and efficient officers of the country having the confidence and esteem of all law abiding citizens and only the ill will of desperadoes and lawless persons, and believing that his punishment is unjust, and that its tendency is to weaken the law abiding and strengthen the lawless, and to diminish public confidence in the justice of law,

Therefore, we do hereby most earnestly petition the President of the United States to grant to said Samuel Paul a full and complete pardon and thereby restore him to the country and usefulness.

Became a law by limitation, September 17, 1883.

An act to amend an act entitled an act to prohibit the disposal of timber within the limits of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That section 4th of an act entitled an act to prohibit the disposal of timber within the limits of the Chickasaw Nation be amended thus: In the last line after the words "saw mill" insert the words "to citizens of this Nation residing within the limits of this Nation."

Approved September 18, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act amendatory to an act to increase Bloomfield Academy.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That Bloomfield Academy be increased fifteen additional scholars, on the same terms as under the present contract, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 17th, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to repeal the sixteenth session of an act defining duties of sheriff, approved October 2d, 1876.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Na-

tion, That Section 16 of an act defining the duties of sheriff be and the same is hereby repealed and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 17th, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, GOVERNOR.

An act in relation to appropriations made for repairs on the different schools of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act that in all cases when money is appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of repairs on any of the different schools of this Nation said money shall remain in the treasury until the repairs shall have been completed and examined by the school superintendent, and upon the certificate of the superintendent to the auditor of public accounts, shall draw his warrant on the treasurer for the amount according to said certificate, not to exceed the appropriation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the school superintendent is hereby required to enter into contract with some suitable person or persons at as reasonable rates as can be done and shall keep an itemized account of the disbursements of all monies and report the same to the succeeding Legislature, and if there be any money left after the work is complete the same shall remain in the National treasury for National purposes.

Approved October 17th, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, GOVERNOR.

An act changing the time of holding the district courts in the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the time and place of holding the district courts in the Chickasaw Nation heretofore be and the same is hereby changed so that the said courts shall hereafter be organized and held at the capitol in the city of Tishomingo commencing on the first Mondays in the months of January and July in each

year and continue until all cases on the docket are disposed of, but no term of said court shall last longer than thirty days.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the district judge shall appoint a clerk of the district court who shall hold his office for two years and whose duties shall be the same as heretofore provided for by law and who shall give bond in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, with two or more good securities for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond shall be approved of by the district judge and deposited in the National secretary's office and also take the oath of office as provided for in the Constitution.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, that the county clerks of each county shall at least sixty days before the meeting of said court select in the manner now provided for by law twelve jurors from each of their respective counties and transmit the names of the jurors thus selected to the district clerk who shall issue subpoenas for the jurors thus selected by the county clerks and return the same to the sheriff or constable of their respective counties who shall serve the subpoenas at least ten days before the meeting of the court and make return of the same to the clerk of the district court at least five days before the meeting of the court, and twelve of said jurors shall constitute the grand jury to be drawn by lot by the clerk as is now provided for.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the sheriff or constable of each county shall attend each term of the district court and act as officers of said court.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the district judge shall appoint a clerk for the grand jury and interpreter for said court who shall receive the same and mileage as jurors.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the salary of the district clerk shall be four hundred dollars per year to be paid out of the National treasury.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That the clerks of the several counties shall on order of the district judge turn over to the district clerk all the books, records and papers belonging to the district court of their several counties.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That the several clerks of the

different counties shall act as clerks of the county and probate courts of their respective counties and whose duties shall be the same as is now provided for by law and shall receive the same pay.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, That at the next general election there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each county a clerk for the county and probate courts who shall hold their office for two years and be governed by the same rules and regulations and receive the same pay as is now provided for by law.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same is hereby repealed, and this act take effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of November, A. D. 1883.

Approved October 17th, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act appropriating the sum of \$36,015 to pay the expenses of the Academies for the ensuing year ending June 30th, 1884.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of thirty-six thousand and fifteen dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the hands of the National treasurer or may hereafter come in his hands to defray the expenses of the different Academies for the ensuing year, ending June 30th, 1884, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 22d, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act to regulate the marking and branding of stock in the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That all citizens owning or claiming of stock of any kind whatsoever in this Nation, except goats, shall be required to brand the same with letters or figures and shall have but one brand and shall have the same recorded, if not already recorded, in the office of the county clerk in the county where the stock runs or is kept.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That any citizens using any

marks, circles, crops or hieroglyphics of any kind for branding of stock shall be deemed guilty of felony and on indictment and conviction shall be punished as hereafter provided for in this act.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That if any citizen of this Nation shall alter, deface or obliterate in any manner whatever any mark or brand shall be deemed guilty of felony and on conviction in the District Court shall be punished as may be hereafter provided for in this act.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That if any citizen of this Nation violating any of the provisions of the 1st, 2d or 3d sections of this act, shall, on indictment and conviction in the District Court, be sentenced to receive not less than thirty or more than fifty lashes on the bare back and pay a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars for each and every offence at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That if any person shall neglect to have his or her brand or mark recorded as provided for in the 1st section of this act, in sixty days after the passage of this act, shall pay a fine not less than five nor more than ten dollars for every sixty days they may neglect to have his or her mark or brand recorded, and the fine when collected by the sheriff or constable shall be paid into the county treasury for county purposes.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That all persons having their marks and brands recorded shall pay the clerk twenty-five cents for such services and all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed and this act take effect and be in force in sixty days after its passage.

Approved October 17th, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act amendatory to an act in relation to the execution of bills of sale of stock, etc.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That an act authorizing the execution of bills of sale of stock and for other purposes, passed and approved September 20th, 1880, be amended thus: "That no bills of sale for stock be

recorded by the clerk unless such citizen having the same recorded shall bring the witnesses before the clerk who shall take an oath to be administered by the clerk that said bill of sale for stock was made and executed in their presence."

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That any person or persons violating any of the provisions of said act shall be guilty of felony and on conviction by the District Court shall in addition to the fines imposed receive not less than thirty nor more than one hundred lashes on the bare back.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That in all cases of a violation of said act circumstantial evidence shall be sufficient to convict and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Passed the House October 10th, 1883.

Attest: A. T. MCKINNEY,
Clerk.

F. FRAZIER,
Speaker of the House.

Passed the Senate October 11th, 1883.

Attest: J. BROWN,
Sec'y Senate.

JONAS WOLF,
Pres. of the Senate.

The above act became a law by limitation.

THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

An act repealing an act granting citizenship to the heirs of W. H. Bourland.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasa Nation, That the right of citizenship granted to the following named children and nephews of W. H. Bourland, Amanda Matilda, Gorduria and Run Hannah, approved October 7th, 1876, the same is hereby repealed and annulled.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, that the governor is hereby directed and required to remove said parties and their descendants beyond the limits of this Nation, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Passed the Senate October 11th, 1883.

Attest: JO. BROWN,
Sec'y Senate.

JONAS WOLF,
Pres. of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives October 13th, 1883.

Attest: A. T. MCKINNEY,
Clerk.

F. FRAZIER,
Speaker.

The above act became a law by reason of limitation.

THOS. W. JOHNSON,
National Secretary C. N.

An act restricting the amount of ties to be furnished Rail Road.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the National Agent be and is hereby directed and required to ascertain the number of ties that is required for the rail road from Red River to Island Bayou, being within the limits of the Nation and he contract only for one fourth the number of ties annually to keep the rail road bed in repairs in this Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That if the National Agent shall contract for more ties than is provided for by this act shall be guilty of felony and upon conviction shall be fined by the court having jurisdiction in any sum not less than five hundred and not more than two thousand dollars and be lodged in the National jail not less than one month not more than three months at the discretion of the court trying the case and his bond be put in suit by the District Attorney for the benefit of the Nation as other bonds and when collected be placed in the National treasury for National purposes.

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

Approved October 17th, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

Joint resolution in regard to the establishment of a United States Court for the Chickasaw Nation; an act memorilizing the Congress of the United States to establish a U. S. Court at Gainsville, Texas.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That a joint resolution approved October 16th, 1882, memorilazing the Congress of the United States to establish a U. S. Court at Gainsville, Texas, be amended by striking out the word Gainsville, Texas, and inserting the word Denison, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 21st, 1883.

An act to procure a seal for the District Court.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the National secretary is hereby authorized and di-

rected to procure a seal for the District Court, to be engraved District Court of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the sum of six dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the hands of the National treasurer not otherwise appropriated to pay for said seal and the auditor of public accounts is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the treasurer for the same and the treasurer shall pay the amount as specified in this act and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 22nd, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act directing the School Superintendent to sell the Colbert neighborhood school house.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the school Superintendent is hereby directed to sell the Colbert neighborhood school house in Payola county to the highest bidder by giving at least ten days notice and place the proceeds of said sale in the National treasury for National purposes, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 22nd, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

An act authorizing and directing the School Superintendent to keep the academies of this Nation full as directed by law.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the school superintendent and trustees are hereby authorized and directed, where any scholar in any of the schools in this Nation shall vacate his place for fifteen days, except in case of sickness, the school superintendent or trustee shall declare said place vacated and fill said vacancy, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 22nd, 1883.

B. F. OVERTON, Governor.

Resolution to procure evidence in Eli Ayers' claim.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the law committee be and is hereby authorized to pro-

cure evidence in relation to the Eli Ayers claim against the Chickasaws, which is now pending before the court of claims at Washington City, D. C.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That said committee is hereby authorized to summons such persons before their body as they may deem qualified to give the desired evidence and that after said evidence is given before said committee it shall be forwarded through H. E. Paine, attorney for Chickasaws, to said court of claims at Washington as soon as practicable.

Sec. 3. Be it further resolved, That the witnesses so summoned before said law committee shall receive the same pay and allowances as witnesses attending the courts of this Nation.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved May 9th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

Whereas, A proclamation was made and promulgated on the 15th day of January, 1884, offering a reward of \$300.00 each for the apprehension and delivery to the proper officers of this Nation the two murderers of Mr. David Seely, constable of Pontotoc county, C. N., and

Whereas, One Frank Pearce, of the United States detective force, did on the 26th day of January and the 5th day of February, 1884, capture and deliver to the County Judge of Pontotoc County, (as accompanying receipts will show) the said murderers of Mr. David Seely, and were identified as the identical two persons who murdered the said David Seely, by good and lawful witnesses of the Nation; thererore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the sum of six hundred (\$300.00) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay Frank Pearce the reward offered by the proclamation made and promulgated January 15th, 1884 by the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and the Auditor is hereby authorized to issue his warrant for the same.

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

Approved May 10th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act to prevent obstruction of stage or mail routes.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act, any citizen obstructing the United States mail routes through this Nation by fencing, ditching or otherwise without making a better and shorter road around the obstruction made or placed in said route, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and reported to the county court and if proven guilty or confessing the fact be fined in any sum not less than fifty dollars, and sheriff or constable of the county where offence was committed ordered to have offenders to immediately remove or open up the obstructions for the free and unmolested transit of the United States mails through the country.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That if there should be repetition of the offense at the same or any other place on same route by the same offender he shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction in the case and for every other offense he commits thereafter be fined in the sum of five hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted that all fines imposed under the provisions of this act one half shall go to the informer and the other half into the National treasury for National purposes.

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

Approved May 12th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

Preamble and resolutions requesting the Governor to demand troops, etc.

Whereas, There are a great many intruders within the limits of this Nation contrary to treaty stipulations, ignoring with unmistakable indifference the many orders to get out, and still linger among our people to our great annoyance and inconvenience, and detriment to the general interest and prosperity of our people, and

Whereas, We are anxious to get rid of this class of people, and with the least possible trouble to all concerned, and to carry

out in good faith treaty stipulations with the United States Government; therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor be and is respectfully requested to demand forthwith of the United States Indian Agent, at Muskogee, the necessary amount of United States troops to remove all such intruders from our limits, agreeable to list of names of such as will be furnished to them by the proper officers of this Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That the Governor is requested further to have the sheriffs or constables accompany the troops in their operations to pilot them over the country and assist in recognizing the proper persons or intruders.

Approved May 13th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, GOVERNOR.

An act authorizing the Governor to order sheriffs and constables to cut wire fence pastures, etc.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to order one sheriff or constable from each county of this Nation to select five good, reliable and well mounted men from their respective counties, and proceed as soon as practicable to assist in cutting any and all (so-called) wire drift lines and wire fences, pastures, in excess of the law down to the prescribed limits of law in relation to fencing public domain, and arrest the owners or offenders and bring them before the proper jurisdiction for trial under provisions of the aforesaid law, except such persons as have already been indicted for similar offences and are awaiting a hearing before the court.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That all men selected as provided for in the preceding section and performing the duties required as directed by their superior officers, shall receive as a compensation for their time and services, two dollars per day and paid as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That after the required number of men, as previously provided, have been chosen, the officers in charge shall report with his men to the constable of Pickens county immediately at the time and place of rendezvous, that

shall be previously designated by said constable, who shall act as captain or commander of the whole posse, and is hereby invested with such authority in addition to his local duties, as sheriff of his county.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That said constable commanding posse is further authorized to purchase provisions, ammunition and hire transportation and provide all other necessaries for their maintenance and use as he may deem necessary for their successful operation under the orders and instructions of the Governor as required in this act, and that all expenses incurred by and in consequence of aforesaid order, shall upon a certified account of the commanding officer, be paid at the next regular session of the Legislature, if passed on favorably by the committee.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved May 13th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act to define the rights of citizenship in the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That any and all persons claiming the rights of citizenship in this Nation, whose rights are disputed, shall be required by the District Attorney of the Chickasaw Nation to appear before the Judge of the District Court by citation from the clerk of the court with their evidence and prove their rights as citizens.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted that all persons whose rights are thus determined by the court, and wishing to appeal from the decision of the District Court, may do so by petition on oath setting forth their reason for the appeal, and giving bond as is now required by law.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That in all suits for the rights of citizenship, the parties claiming citizenship shall pay the cost that may accrue in the prosecution of such suit.

Sec 4. Be it further enacted, In all suits for the rights of citizenship, the District Attorney shall represent the Nation, and all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act, be and the same

are hereby repealed, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved May 14th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act amendatory of an act passed and approved September 28th, A. D., 1880, to collect royalty on prairie hay shipped out of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That section 1 of an act to collect royalty on prairie hay, be so amended as to read *fifty cents* in place of *one dollar per ton*.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act, be and is hereby repealed, and this act take effect from after its passage.

Approved September 17th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act to repeal the law creating the County Treasurer, passed October 17th, 1876.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the law creating the County Treasurer, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the sheriff shall hold all county money, and pay the same out upon the order of the County Judge, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved September 20th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act amendatory to an act to appoint an agent to collect money from the M., K. & T. Railroad Company or other persons, for ties, passed and approved October 18th, 1876.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That it shall be unlawful for the National Agent to appoint or take bond of any person to attend to the duties of national agent as his agent or representative.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the National Agent shall make out an itemized account every three months of all the monies received by him, and from what source received, to the Governor and Treasurer, under oath, and turn all monies over to the Treasurer and take his receipt therefor, and any failure

on the part of the National Agent to comply with this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and notice being filed with the Governor, he shall suspend and investigate the same, and if said agent be deemed guilty, he shall be removed from office and the office filled as provided for.

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

Approved September 20th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act creating a collector of permits, and defining his duties.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation. There shall be elected by the joint vote of both Houses of the Legislature, a collector for permits, to be commissioned by the Governor and whose office shall be held at the seat of Government, and shall serve for the period of two years from the date of his election, or until his successor is elected and qualified unless sooner removed for misdemeanor in office.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the collector before he shall enter upon his duties, shall give a good and sufficient bond to the Governor in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, to be approved by the District Judge, and take the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution for the faithful performance of his duties as provided for in this act and make a quarterly report under oath to the Governor and National Treasurer, and pay over all monies he has collected on permits after deducting twenty-five per cent. for his services for that quarter and take his receipt therefor.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the collector shall receive twenty-five per cent. of all monies he may collect for his services, and shall have the right to appoint deputies to assist him in collecting permits, who shall give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars to the collector to be approved by any judge of this Nation and take the oath of office as provided for in the constitution before they shall enter upon their duties as Deputy Collector and for their services they shall be paid out of the fees of the collector as provided for in this act.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That the National Secretary

shall furnish the collector with four bound, blank books, one for each county to register all permits granted, and in whose employ and place of residence, and with blank certificates book form with stubbs attached, and upon turning over said books and certificates will take his receipt therefor.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the collector and deputies shall receive only cash, or witness and jury tickets for payment of permits.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the collector shall lay before the Legislature, at every annual session all his books for the inspection and information of the Legislature, and at the expiration of his office turn the same over to his successor in office.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That any citizen who has a non-citizen in his or her employ more than fifteen days without a permit shall be fined fifty dollars by the court having jurisdiction, and cost of the suit. Provided further, That where any citizen hires the same non-citizen the second time without taking out a permit shall be fined in any sum not less than fifty dollars and not exceeding one hundred dollars and cost at the discretion of the court, said fines to be collected as other fines, and when collected one-half shall go to the sheriff or constable and collector, the other half paid in the National Treasury for national purposes.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the collector of permits and his several deputies to report all intruders that may be found within the limits of this Nation to the Governor of this Nation whose duty it shall be to ask the immediate removal of all such intruders by the proper authorities or the United States government.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, That in case the collector resigns or his office becomes vacant, the Governor shall appoint some competent person to fill out the unexpired term, and all acts or parts of acts, coming in conflict with the provisions of this act the same is hereby repealed and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved September 22d, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act granting John Wolner a charter for a ferry boat on Washita River at Cherokee Town.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the right to establish a ferry boat on Washita River at Cherokee Town, and the same is hereby granted to John Wolner, his heirs and assigns at the following rates of toll:

TABLE OF TOLL RATES.

For any vehicle drawn by two horses, mules or oxen	-	50cts.
And for each additional span	- - - - -	25cts.
For any vehicle drawn by one animal	- - - - -	35cts.
For man and horse	- - - - -	25cts.
For footman	- - - - -	10cts.
For loose cattle, oxen, horses or mules, per head	- -	10cts.
Sheep, goats and hogs, per head	- - - - -	2½cts.

And 5 cents for all animals not enumerated in this act.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That John Wolner shall give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of one thousand dollars to the District Judge for any person that may sustain damages while crossing on his boat by negligence of Walner or his ferryman.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That John Walner shall keep the banks in good repair and the road worked one-half mile each way from his ferry.

Sec. 4. Be it further enated, That John Walner, his heirs and assigns, shall have the right to exclude any person from putting in a ferry boat one mile above and one mile below his ferry, and that this charter shall expire in September, 1894, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved September 25th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act granting the Methodist Episcopal Church South the right to establish a church and school building in the Chickasaw Nation, for a term of years.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Methodist Episcopal Church South, be and are hereby granted the privilege for the term of ten years, from the

passage of this act, to establish at White Bead Hill in Pickens County, Chickasaw Nation, a church and school building to be under the direct supervision and control of the Methodists.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the said Methodist Missionary Board, having control of said church and school building, shall have the right and privilege to make such improvements as are necessary for the use, comfort, maintenance of the church, and the successful operation of a first class school, and the use of a sufficient quantity of land surrounding said church, and the school building for the support of the same, not to exceed ten acres.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That whenever the Methodist Episcopal Church South shall cease to use said building for religious or school purposes, or shall abandon the same, the buildings and all improvements, thereunto belonging shall be open to the free use of the citizens of White Bead Hill for school and religious purposes, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 1st, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act to regulate the driving of stock through the Chickasaw Nation, and to collect a tax on the same.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That all persons, citizens of the United States and non-citizens of the Chickasaw Nation driving stock through the Chickasaw Nation shall be required to pay a tax of fifteen cents per head on all stock driven through the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That all persons, citizens of the United States, and non-citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, driving stock through the Chickasaw Nation shall be required to drive at least eight miles per day, and shall not leave the main road of travel more than one mile either to the right or left.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the collector of permits to collect the tax assessed in the first section of this act, and to make a report to the Auditor Treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation once every three months, the amount of

money collected, and pay over to the Treasurer all money he may collect under the provisions of this act, after retaining ten per cent out of said money for his services.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That any stock that may be left or dropped out of any herd of stock driving through the Chickasaw Nation and taken up by any citizen of the Nation, the citizen taking up said stock shall be allowed one dollar per month for each head of stock so taken up, to be paid by the owner or owners claiming the same.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That no non-citizen living in this Nation under permit shall be allowed to take up any of said stock and hold the same for any other non-citizen, and any non-citizen living under permit in this Nation violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and his permit revoked, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 6th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act to prohibit the carrying of pistols within the limits of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person, citizen, non-citizen or freedman, to carry any revolver or pocket pistol of any kind within the limits of this Nation, and any person violating this act shall upon conviction before the county court, where the crime may have been committed, be compelled to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That persons legally summoned by any of the officers to assist in executing the laws of this Nation, or any person or persons in pursuit of horse thieves or other fugitives from justice shall be exempt from the provisions of this act while on such duty.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the fines collected under the provisions of this act, shall one-half go the informer and the other half be placed in the hands of the sheriff for county purposes.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That any person or persons convicted under the provisions of this act, not being able to pay their fines shall be lodged in the National jail for not less than one month nor more than three months, with or without hard labor at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the National Secretary be, and is hereby directed to furnish the United States Indian Agent with a certified copy of this act immediately after the Governor's approval and ask for his assistance in removing all non-citizens beyond the limits of the Chickasaw Nation that fail to comply with this act.

Approved September 30th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act to authorize and direct the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to renew the contract for general services between the Chickasaw Nation and Holbert E. Paine.

WHEREAS, The contract for general services between the Chickasaw Nation and Holbert E. Paine, dated February 23d, 1883, will expire before the next annual meeting of the Legislature; therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to renew said contract for a period of two years from February 23d, 1885, with a modification providing for payment of said Paine, compensation in quarterly installments of six hundred and twenty-five dollars each, on the 23d days of May, August and November, 1885, the 23d days of February, May, August and November, 1886, and the 23d day of February, 1887.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to said Paine the several installments specified in the foregoing section as they shall severally become due.

Approved October 1st, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

Resolution protesting against the establishing of a United States Court within the limits of the Indian Territory.

WHEREAS, A bill is now pending before the Congress of the United States, proposing to establish a United States Court in the Indian Territory; at Muskogee, Creek Nation, with full jurisdiction over the entire Indian Territory; and,

WHEREAS, The establishing of such a Court either at Muskogee or any other point in the Indian Territory would be detrimental to the best interests of the Indian people, and would finally result in a general disruption of the whole Indian Government; Therefore,

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That we do hereby, most solemnly and earnestly remonstrate and protest against the establishment of a United States Court at Muskogee or any other point in the Indian Territory, for the reasons set forth in the foregoing preamble.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That we do hereby reaffirm the action of former Legislation in the matter designating the City of Denison, Grayson County, Texas, as the point most convenient and accessible, and in every way most suitable for the United States Court, having jurisdiction over the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 3. Be it further resolved, That the Governor is hereby authorized and requested to forward an authenticated copy of these Resolutions to the President of the United States that he may truly understand the sentiments of the Chickasaw people in the premises, and that he make the same known to the Congress of the United States before final action by that body is had upon the aforesaid bill.

Approved October 6th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members from each house to take an inventory of the guns, pistols, tents, ammunition, etc., of the late militia that was secured by the Govern-

nor, and report the same without delay to the finance committee and that this resolution take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 31st, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act authorizing the National Agent to contract for the sawing of walnut logs on the Washita and Red Rivers and collecting royalty therefor.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, assembled, That the National Agent be, and he is hereby authorized to contract with parties owning saw mills in this Nation to saw up the walnut logs that are now cut on the Washita and Red River, to saw up said logs and sell the lumber or ship it beyond the limits of this Nation for sale and collect the royalty therefor at the rate of eight dollars per thousand feet for National purposes.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That any acts or parts of acts coming in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved October 31st, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

An act authorizing the Governor to have the Capitol Building repaired, and appropriating money therefor.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to have the Capitol Building repaired both inside and out, with a good roof of cypress or white pine shingles, and painted on the inside and the building reguttered with tin guttering, and the walls on the outside painted and penciled, repair the plastering and floors wherever needed.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor shall let the contract to the lowest and best bidder, or by private contract, to the best interests of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated or so much thereof as necessary for the completion of the Capitol Building, and when completed the

Governor shall give a certificate to the contractor, of the amount due on the National Auditor, who shall issue his warrant on the National Treasurer, who shall pay the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated in the National Treasury.

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

Approved November 1st, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor

An act authorizing the Governor to appoint five Commissioners to meet the Congressional committee who will visit the Indian Territory.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint five Commissioners to meet the Congressional committee who will visit the Indian Territory this winter.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Governor is hereby requested to accompany the Commission with his National interpreter to meet the Congressional committee, and to represent the Nation in all things that touches the welfare of the Chickasaw people.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the Governor and Commissioners shall make a full report in writing the object of the Congressional committee visiting the Indian Territory and the position taken in presenting and representing the interests of the Chickasaw people to said committee.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted that the Governor will notify the Commissioners the time and place of meeting to take place with the Congressional committee, and if the meeting is outside of the limits of this Nation, the Governor and Commissioners in behalf of the Chickasaw people, will extend to them an invitation to visit the Chickasaw country and come to the Capitol of this Nation.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the Commissioners, Governor and the National interpreter for services rendered going to and returning from the meeting of the Congressional committee and the time attending the same shall be entitled to four dollars and actual expenses incurred per day out of the National Treas-

ury, and upon the certificate of the Governor, the number of days served, the National Auditor will issue his warrant on the National Treasury for the same, who shall pay the same out of any funds in the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved November 1st, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, GOVERNOR.

An act to sell the arms, amunition and camp equipage used by the late militia.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the arms, amunition and camp equipage used by the late militia be sold to the highest bidder for cash, or National Scrip by the Sheriff or Constable of Tishomingo County at the Capitol door on Thursday, the 6th day of November, 1884, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the proceeds of said sale shall be turned into the National Treasury for National purposes, and this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved November 5th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, GOVERNOR.

Whereas, L. H. Roberts, Manager of the Indian Champion, published at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, has submitted the following proposition to the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation for their consideration: to make the Indian Champion, published at Atoka, Ind. Ter. the official paper of the Chickasaw Nation, to publish all the laws as passed at this and each subsequent legislature in Choctaw and English, the Governor's annual message and proclamations, bids for contracts and other official business which your government may want brought to public notice, for an annual appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars; to print all the stationary or legal blanks required by the National officers from August 30, 1884 to August 30, 1885, not to exceed in amount used last year, for one hundred and fifty dollars, to print one thousand copies of the laws of the Chickasaw Nation from 1878 to 1884 inclusive in the Choctaw and English lan-

guages as follows: One hundred to be bound in sheep for the use of the National officers, and nine hundred copies to be in paper covers, four hundred and fifty in Choctaw, and four hundred and fifty in English, for four hundred and twenty dollars, this amount to include translating. Therefore

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, That the Governor be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with L. H. Roberts, Manager of the Indian Champion published at Atoka, Indian Territory, to print and translate the laws as he proposes to do in his proposition.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars be appropriated, out of any money now in the treasury or that may come into the treasury not otherwise appropriated to carry out the provisions of the contract and the Auditor of public accounts of the Chickasaw Nation will issue his warrant on the treasury for the payment of the same as soon as the Governor certifies that the work is completed according to contract.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That the National Secretary shall furnish L. H. Roberts with certified copies of all the laws to be translated and printed as soon as he is notified by the Governor that the contract for the printing of the same has been entered into and this act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved November 4th, 1884.

JONAS WOLF, Governor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing are true and correct copies of the original acts and resolutions now on file in this office.

{ SEAL. }

Given under my hand and seal of office this the
5th day of December, 1884.

ROBT. L. BOYD,
National Secretary Chickasaw Nation.

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