

ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

JUNE 8, 1872.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BURDETT, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom were referred the sundry papers, documents, and memoranda appertaining to certain transactions of John W. Wright and others with members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Interior, with his letter of April 30, 1872, in response to the following House resolution: "Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit to this House copies of all letters, telegrams, and reports of special agents and other official papers or records of his Department pertaining to the payment of bounties, back pay, and pensions to the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Home Guards, together with copies of all letters in the case, taken from the pension agency at Fort Gibson, Arkansas;" submit the following report:

That from the voluminous papers submitted by the Secretary of the Interior, and the complicated nature of the transactions involved, they have not found it possible, in the limited time allowed for their consideration, to make such a critical examination of the case as to enable them to lay before the House a full report of their conclusions in the matters involved; nor do they think it necessary, at this time, so to do, since there is to be found, among the documents submitted, elaborate and full presentations of the facts and the law in the case, as made by a former Secretary of the Interior, the Solicitor General of the Department of Justice, Hon. Louis B. Gunkle, specially appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to investigate and report upon the whole matter; as well as the reports of experts Williamson and Foster.

The committee have, however, so far examined the proofs as to become satisfied that frauds of a most extraordinary character have been so perpetrated, as that eventually Congress may be called upon to make good losses sustained by the Indian soldiers through the wrongful acts of the said Wright, claiming to have been a duly authorized Government agent; and that it becomes highly important that these records should be put in form for easy access and reference; and they have therefore arranged them with a view to publication, and recommend that the usual number be printed; and they ask leave to make further report upon the matter should a more extended examination of the case seem to require it.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., April 30, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following

resolution, adopted by the House of Representatives, December 11, 1871:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit to this House copies of all letters, telegrams, and reports of special agents and other official papers or records of the Department pertaining to the payment of bounties, back pay, and pensions to the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, together with copies of all letters in the case taken from the pension agency at Fort Gibson, Arkansas, (Indian Territory.)

The voluminous papers herewith transmitted, will, I trust, be a sufficient apology for the delay in forwarding reply.

I have the honor to submit herewith copies of the documents called for, which for convenience of reference have been numbered. I also present, as briefly as the nature of the case will admit, a statement of the causes which led to the condition of things set forth in those documents, and the action of the Department from time to time relative thereto.

INDIAN TROOPS.

During the war of the rebellion a number of the residents of the Indian Territory, members of the various tribes therein located, were organized into regiments for military service in the armies of the United States, and were designated as the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards. They were regularly mustered into the United States service, borne upon the rolls of the Army, and paid upon the monthly muster and pay rolls by paymasters of the Army. Numbers 1 and 2 of accompanying documents show that those troops were regularly recognized as in service.

Being thus regularly in the military service, and subject to the military laws and regulations, it was assumed that they were entitled to the pay and allowances of other troops, including bounties and pensions.

There seems to have been some doubt, however, as to their being entitled to bounty, as I find that by joint resolution passed June 18, 1866, (United States Stat., vol. 14, p. 360,) Congress directed that the bounty of \$100 should be paid to those Indian troops under the same regulations as governed the payment of bounties to other volunteers in the service of the United States. This joint resolution is believed to be the only special legislation relating to those Indian regiments.

BOUNTY AND BACK PAY.

On the 1st of August, 1865, a letter, (No. 1 A,) was received at this Department from John W. Wright, introducing the subject of the claims of members of the Indian regiments to back pay and bounty. That letter was referred to the office of Indian Affairs, and after some inquiry and correspondence a letter of appointment and instruction, (No. 2 A,) was sent to Mr. Wright by the Secretary of the Interior, dated July 11, 1866, authorizing him to collect claims for Indians when duly authorized by them, and to pay said claims upon the conditions and within the limitation as to time named in said letter. Mr. Wright also executed a bond (No. 3 A) to the United States, in the penal sum of \$100,000, conditioned upon the faithful compliance with the instructions contained in his letter of appointment.

The conditions of Mr. Wright's appointment and the general manner in which he performed his duties are fully set forth in the letter of Mr. Secretary Cox to the Attorney General, dated September 6, 1870, (No.

4 A.) That letter submitted the case to the Attorney General for his opinion as to Mr. Wright's liability to the Government. No reply was received from the Attorney General until his attention was called to the subject by Secretary Delano in a letter dated December 9, 1871, (No. 5 A.) The reply of the Attorney General transmitting the opinion of the Solicitor General is numbered 6 A.

It will be observed by reference to documents Nos. from 7 to 48 B, that much complaint was made by the Indian claimants relative to the manner in which payments were made; at the great delay in making them, while, in many cases, it is alleged that no payment has ever been made.

It will also be seen from the reports of Messrs. Foster and Webster, (Nos. from 49 to 186,) special agents to investigate the pension claims, that great irregularity prevailed in the conduct of the business, and that many of the claims were improperly made up. Those reports present these irregularities in detail, and, as they exhibit a very thorough examination of the business by gentlemen who were experts in the manner of examining such claims, I invite special attention to them.

PENSIONS.

Among the Indians there were, of course, many invalid soldiers, and the widows and orphans of those who had died of wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty, who were entitled to pensions under existing laws. Owing to the peculiar habits of the Indians, the character of their marriage laws, and the difficulty of settling questions involving the legitimacy of their children, it was very difficult, and, in a majority of cases, perhaps impossible for pension claimants to establish their claims under the laws and regulations governing the Pension-Office. For this reason, and to do justice to those claimants, many of whom were suffering for the amounts due them, Mr. Secretary Harlan appointed Mr. George C. Whiting, an ex-Commissioner of Pensions, as special agent to visit the Indian Territory for the purpose of examining those claims for pensions. Mr. Whiting's letter of appointment, dated 15th March, 1866, will be found numbered 187 A.

Under the same date (No. 188 A) the Secretary directed the Commissioner of Pensions to inscribe upon the pension-rolls the names of all persons who had filed claims in the Pension-Office. Again, August 21, 1866, (No. 189 A,) the Secretary directed an additional number to be placed upon the rolls for the purpose indicated in his letter of March 15, 1866.

The action of the Department placing these names upon the pension-rolls was brought to the attention of the Acting Secretary of the Interior in July, 1871, who, after an examination of the questions involved, under date of July 11, 1871, directed the Commissioner of Pensions to suspend payment in all such cases until the whole matter could be investigated, (No. 190 A.) Those claims are still suspended, and but few of them can ever be admitted under existing laws and regulations. I shall make this matter the subject of a special report to Congress in a few days.

By reference to the report of Mr. Secretary Cox to the Attorney General, heretofore referred to, (No. 4 A,) it will be seen that Mr. Wright had received previous to that time, from the Pay Department, the sum of \$420,754.42, which amount may be increased as the investigation progresses.

Judging from the documents herewith transmitted, and the manner

in which claims were prepared and payments made, it is fair to presume that a very large portion of that amount of money has never reached the persons for whom it was intended. How much of it has been misappropriated can only be ascertained, if at all, by examining each claimant, which is practically impossible.

In the month of October, 1871, I appointed Hon. Lewis B. Gunckel, of Dayton, Ohio, a gentleman of high character, and a lawyer of eminence, to conduct the investigation into the nature and amount of Mr. Wright's liability in the matter of these payments and the system adopted by him in making the same.

After an exceedingly laborious examination, in which Mr. Wright was invited to participate in person or by counsel, Mr. Gunckel filed his report, and I beg that the accompanying copy may receive your close perusal and consideration. (See copy marked A A.)

There is a mass of correspondence transmitted herewith, which has but an unimportant bearing upon the questions involved, but I do not feel justified under the terms of your resolution in withholding any portion thereof.

The letters taken at the seizure of the pension agency, referred to in your resolution, are also sent, and will be found following the Department documents. That correspondence is submitted without comment. Among the papers seized was a private memorandum-book belonging to A. Clapperton, former United States pension agent, a copy of which, when completed, will be immediately transmitted to your committee.

On the 20th March last the whole case was referred to the Department of Justice, in accordance with the act of Congress creating said Department, June 22, 1870, for such action as the Attorney General may deem requisite. (See copy of letter of the Secretary of the Interior herewith, marked B B.)

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. J. G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

No. 1 A.

FORT GIBSON, C. N., August 1, 1865.

DEAR SIR: I have been here for a month attending to business for the Cherokees and Creeks, particularly for back pay of deceased soldiers and pensions for widows.

The three Indian regiments were mustered out the 31st of May, 1865, and each company had a white lieutenant, and I am the attorney for them all.

It is reported here that these lieutenants and others are now making out papers in Kansas to draw the pay of deceased soldiers and the bounty of those who were not paid, and that General Blunt is certifying to such claims as well as others.

I write this to request you to withhold all action on any claims of these regiments of Indian Home Guards until my arrival in Washington, which will be about the 1st of October.

My authority is derived from the Indians, officers, and soldiers, the chiefs, and the United States Indian agents.

Judge Harlan, Dunn, and Coleman are here, and are well qualified to fill those places. As to Mr. Sell, I will say nothing until I see you.

Yours,

JOHN W. WRIGHT.

Hon. JUSTIN HARLIN.

No. 2 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., July 11, 1866.

SIR: It having come to my knowledge that a considerable number of Cherokees, Creeks, and other Indians have appointed you their attorney in fact to collect claims for back pay and bounty for military services rendered the Government of the United States before the several Departments, and you having filed in this Department a bond in the penal sum of \$100,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of your duties, you are hereby authorized and empowered, as a special agent of this Department, without compensation, except such fees as are now or may hereafter be authorized by this Department to collect and pay over to the parties in cases in which you have been constituted attorney in fact as aforesaid, in accordance with the rules prescribed by this Department, the claims of Indians before the several Departments of the Government upon the following conditions, viz: That you shall pay over promptly all money so collected by you to the parties legally entitled to the same; and if necessary go to the Indian country and tender the same to such soldier or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the rules prescribed by this Department for its collection; you to take the receipt of such claimant witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; or in case the money is not for any cause paid over within the period of four months from date of its receipt, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior; and that in all cases you faithfully conform, in the collection of claims, to such rules as have been or may be hereafter prescribed by this Department.

This appointment to be revoked at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior.

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary of Interior.

J. W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

No. 3 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., July 9, 1866.

SIR: It having come to my knowledge that a considerable number of Cherokee, Creek, and other Indians have appointed J. W. Wright, of Indiana, their attorney in fact to collect claims before the several Departments of the Government, you are requested to prepare a form of appointment and bond, such as in your judgment may be in harmony with the laws of the United States, and the rules adopted for the regulation of the service under your control, and afford security for the safe-keeping and prompt payment of all sums collected by him.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary.

Hon. D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 3 A.

Know all men by these presents that we, John W. Wright, Irwin B. Wright, John B. Wright, Thomas Ewing, jr., David P. Holloway, and John D. Defrees, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America, for the use and benefit of any Indian soldier or any negro soldier serving in an Indian regiment, who is entitled to back pay or bounty from the United States, in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Now the condition of this obligation is this: Whereas the said John W. Wright has been authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to collect claims for Indians when he is authorized by the claimant:

Now, if the said John W. Wright shall, within four months from the time of the receipt of any sum of money collected by him for any soldier or his heirs, pay over the amount so received to such person, and if necessary for the purpose, go to the Indian country and tender the same to such soldier or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior for its collection, the said Wright to take the receipt of such claimant, witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs within the time aforesaid, or in case said money is not

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paid over within the time aforesaid, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior; and if said Wright shall obey all orders made by the Secretary of the Interior as to the payment of said money or any part thereof, then the above bond shall be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

JOHN W. WRIGHT. [SEAL.]
JOHN B. WRIGHT. [SEAL.]
IRWIN B. WRIGHT. [SEAL.]
D. P. HOLLOWAY. [SEAL.]
JOHN D. DEFREES. [SEAL.]
THOMAS EWING, JR. [SEAL.]

[\$1 internal-revenue stamp canceled as follows: J. W. Wth, July 12th.]

I do hereby certify that I have made due personal inquiry and am satisfied that the sureties to the above bond are responsible men, and that collectively they are amply sufficient for the penalty of the said bond, and that they are citizens of the United States.

EDWARD C. CARRINGTON.
United States Attorney for D. C.

Filed in office of Indian Affairs July 12, 1866.

No. 4 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., September 6, 1870.

SIR: Herewith I transmit for your information a copy of a letter of this Department addressed to the Attorney General of the United States, in reference to the agency of John W. Wright in collecting and paying over certain moneys to the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX, *Secretary*

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., September 3, 1870.

SIR: I herewith transmit copies of papers and letters, numbered in red ink from 1 to 34 inclusive, relative to the agency of John W. Wright in collecting and paying certain moneys to the First, Second, and Third regiments of Indian Home Guards.

A brief statement of the matter will, perhaps, facilitate a more ready comprehension of the facts and the correspondence on the subject. On the 1st of August, 1865, a letter was received at the Department of the Interior, from Mr. Wright, introducing the subject, which was referred to the Indian Office, and after some correspondence, a letter of appointment and instructions was forwarded to Mr. Wright, from the late Secretary, Harlan, dated July 11, 1866, authorizing him, as special agent, to collect claims for Indians when authorized by the claimants, and to pay them upon certain conditions. Wright executed a bond to the United States in the penalty of \$100,000, upon the conditions set forth in the letter of instructions. One condition of the bond was, that if, for any cause, the money should not be paid to the claimant within four months after the date of its receipt, the same should be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior.

The amount of money paid to Mr. Wright for the three regiments of Indian Home Guards on account of back pay and bounty as reported by the Paymaster General, on the 19th of October, 1869, was \$323,819.40.

Mr. Wright failed to comply with the conditions of his bond, viz, to file receipts for payments made by him within the four months specified, or to deposit the money with the Secretary of the Interior. His attention was called to the delinquency, and in a letter addressed by him to the Commissioner of the Indian-Office, of December 26, 1866, he replied that he had been to the Indian country and paid about \$150,000.

On the 24th of May, 1867, in answer to a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 2d of February, 1867, upon an application of Mr. Wright for moneys collected and due for the services of enlisted Indians, the Acting Secretary of the Interior informed that officer that the Department deemed it best to adhere to the established rule, that all moneys due to the Indians shall be paid to them through the duly accredited of the Department, without abatement.

The Commissioner was also directed to communicate this decision to Mr. Wright, and notify him that he was expected to file in the Indian-Office the requisite papers conformably to the terms of his bond; and further, that proper steps were to be taken by the Indian Bureau for having the money in question paid to the Indians entitled thereto through agents, for their tribes. Of this decision Mr. Wright was informed in letter of the Commissioner, of May 25, 1867.

On the 28th of May, 1867, Mr. Wright replied, promising to furnish the information required.

Until the 28th of July, 1869, the matter remained in the same condition, Mr. Wright still neglecting to render his accounts: when, by direction of the Secretary of the Interior, Wright was again called on to settle his affairs with the Government without delay.

On the 11th and 12th of August, 1869, the first receipts were filed by Mr. Wright, in the Indian-Office. These vouchers are deficient, irregular, and illegal in several respects, as specified in the accompanying papers, but the sum total is \$136,737.04, leaving a balance unaccounted for of \$187,082.36. Independent of the defects specified in the above vouchers, it is submitted that few if any of them are in accordance with the instructions given to Mr. Wright, and the conditions of his bond, or in accordance with general usage or commercial law.

In addition to these facts, complaints, supported by affidavit, have been received at the Indian-Office from a number of Indians, that Wright had collected the moneys due to them, but that he had failed to pay it to them, and denied having received it.

August 2, 1869, by direction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretaries of War and of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Pensions were requested to consider no applications for bounty and back pay by attorneys unless the same were authorized by the Indian-Office, and that all correspondence relative to claims due and allowed for military service by the Indians be transmitted through the Indian-Office.

On the 13th October, 1869, the Secretary of the Interior, through the Indian-Office, requested the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the proper Bureaus, in all cases of bounties and back pay accruing to Indians, their heirs, &c., to remit to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the amount due, less the fees allowed by law; such fees to be paid by the respective Bureaus to the attorneys of the claimants who were authorized by the Indian-Office. Similar directions were given to the Commissioner of Pensions, in case of claims for pensions due Indians for military service. Since then, checks have been drawn, payable to the claimants for the amounts due them on account of back pay and bounty, less the fees paid to Mr. Wright, and sent to the Indian-Office, and thence to the agent to be paid to the claimants. The amount thus paid to soldiers, through the Indian-Office, is \$22,830, and the amount of fees paid to Mr. Wright, on account of same, \$4,170.

On the 28th of May, 1870, Mr. Wright was informed by the Indian-Office, under the directions of the Secretary of the Interior, of the amount of his indebtedness to the Government on the account above mentioned, together with a statement of all the material facts connected therewith, and he was told that further delay in the settlement of his accounts could not be allowed, and that on his failure to comply with the requirements aforesaid the case would be submitted to the proper law-officers of the Government for legal proceedings against him. Mr. Wright replied on the 2d of June, 1870, inclosing a copy of a legal opinion by his counsel as to his responsibilities to the Government, and adding, in substance, that he acted for the Indians in the matter under formal powers of attorney from them, and claiming to be governed, in closing the business, by his own sense of duty to his clients, to which sense of duty the instructions of the Department must be subordinate. On the 14th of June, 1870, the Paymaster General informed the Indian-Office, in reply to its inquiry of the 10th of June, 1870, that since his last report of 19th of October, 1869, (above referred to,) Treasury certificates amounting to \$96,935.02 had issued to Mr. Wright as attorney for heirs of deceased members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards by the Second Auditor of the Treasury, and had been cashed by the paymaster, and were so issued and cashed in the years 1867 and 1868, and drawn the 14th of April, 1869, since which date no payments have been made Mr. Wright, except for fees in cases where the claimants' checks were sent to the Indian-Office, as above stated.

The Paymaster General adds to the above, that payments may have been made to Mr. Wright early in 1867, by Major Rochester, then in Washington, but since absent on distant service, having his papers and records with him. These papers and records, when received, will be examined for the purpose of ascertaining whether they show any payment to Mr. Wright, and if so, they will be reported.

On the 8th of June, 1870, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs again wrote to Mr. Wright, in reply to Mr. Wright's letter of the 2d of June preceding, calling his attention to his additional indebtedness as reported by the Paymaster General.

He was informed that the office only desired to do its duty in effecting a settlement with him in accordance with the conditions of his bond. To this Mr. Wright replied June 23, 1870, repeating, in substance, his statement in his former letter of the 2d of June, 1870, and stating that he did not act as special agent of the Indian-Office, but

was merely recognized by it, and that, under the law, the Indian-Office had no control over the matter. He also inclosed a copy of a letter of the 23th of October (1867) from the late Secretary Browning, which, he claims, sustains his view of the subject.

A letter of Mr. Wright, bearing date 31st ultimo, closes the correspondence on this case, and the copies herewith inclosed are referred to as containing more fully this abstract of the subject.

The letter of Mr. Browning, above referred to, is believed by this Department to have been written without reference to the fact of Mr. Wright's appointment as special agent, and under a hasty if not mistaken view of the case, and is not regarded as intended to be a deliberate opinion upon the matter now in question.

In connection with this subject, it is further found that Mr. Wright has departed from the provisions of the act of June 14, 1866, by depositing in a private banking house in this city checks drawn to his order, as special agent, upon the United States Assistant Treasurer at New York, and causing the proceeds of the same to be carried to the credit of his private account in said bank.

The relations of the Government to the Indians are such that I am especially desirous that we may not be lacking in any proper effort to protect them.

It is my opinion that the appointment from the Department as special agent gave to Mr. Wright a practical monopoly of the collection of the claims of the Indians, and that his present assertion that such appointment was invalid, and his contract and bond without effect, ought not to be recognized unless clearly within the necessary construction of law. I have the honor to submit the case for your consideration.

If you shall be of opinion that the contract and obligation are binding, I would respectfully request your Department to assume control of the prosecution of Mr. Wright's default under the same, that full justice may be rendered to the Indians who are dependent upon the Government for protection.

The originals of the affidavits and other papers can be furnished if desired, and this Department will take pleasure in assisting you in obtaining any other testimony as to the facts that may be required.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL of the United States.

No. 5 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 9, 1871.

SIR: I inclose herewith a copy of a letter dated September 3, 1870, addressed to the Attorney General of the United States by Hon. J. D. Cox, late Secretary of the Interior, relative to the case of John W. Wright, United States special agent, against whom certain charges affecting his integrity have been filed in this Department.

It appears that there is no answer to said letter on file in this Department, and I desire you to inform me relative to the action taken in this case by the Department of Justice.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

Hon. A. T. AKERMAN,
Attorney General of the United States.

No. 6 A.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 23, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th of September, inclosing a copy of one addressed to me on the 3d of September, 1870, by the Hon. J. D. Cox, then Secretary of the Interior, in reference to transactions of John W. Wright, who had been appointed by the Department of the Interior as agent for certain Indians, and requesting my attention to the subject of Mr. Cox's letter.

Soon after that letter was received, the matter which it presented received a careful consideration in this Department, and I was under the impression that the result had

been communicated to the Department of the Interior. Learning by your letter that such was not the case, I immediately submitted the matter to the Solicitor General for examination and report. These conclusions are stated in his letter to me of the 21st instant, which I herewith transmit. I concur in his judgment.

If you desire that suit shall be brought against Mr. Wright and his sureties, I will direct the district attorney to proceed accordingly; and to put himself, for information as to the facts, in communication with such officers of your Department as you may designate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

A. T. AKERMAN,
Attorney General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 21, 1871.

SIR: I have examined the papers in the case of J. W. Wright, referred to me by you, with request for my opinion upon the following questions, viz:

First. Upon the facts stated in the letter of Hon. J. D. Cox, late Secretary of the Interior, addressed to the Attorney General, dated September 3, 1870, is the said Wright guilty of embezzlement within the meaning of the sixteenth section of the act of Congress approved August 6, 1846?

Second. Is the bond executed by said Wright and his sureties a valid obligation upon which the United States may recover and have damages for the alleged breaches thereof? 1. The penal sanction of the sixteenth section of the act of 1846 is, in terms, confined to officers of the United States and other persons charged by that act, or some other act of Congress, with the safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of public moneys. It does not appear in this case that Mr. Wright was charged by any act of Congress with the safe-keeping, transfer, or disbursement of public money. In the determination of the question first above presented, it is, therefore, only necessary to inquire whether he was an officer of the United States. The duties assigned to Mr. Wright are set forth in the letter of appointment, and instructions addressed to him by the Hon. James Harlau, late Secretary of the Interior, of date July 11, 1866. That letter is as follows:

"It having come to my knowledge that a considerable number of Cherokee, Creek, and other Indians have appointed you their attorney in fact to collect claims for back pay and bounty for military services rendered the Government of the United States, before the several Departments, and you having filed in this Department a bond in the penal sum of \$100,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of your duties, you are hereby authorized and empowered, as a special agent of this Department, without compensation, except such fees as are now or may hereafter be authorized by this Department, to collect and pay over to the parties in cases in which you have been constituted attorney in fact as aforesaid, in accordance with the rules prescribed by this Department, the claims of Indians before the several Departments of the Government upon the following conditions, viz:

"That you shall pay over promptly all money so collected by you to the parties legally entitled to the same, and, if necessary, go to the Indian country and tender the same to such soldier, or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the rules prescribed by this Department for its collection; you to take the receipt of such claimant, witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or, in case the money is not for any cause paid over within the period of four months from a date of its receipt, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior, and that, in all cases, you faithfully conform, in the collection of claims, to such rules as have been or may be hereafter prescribed by this Department. This appointment to be revoked at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior."

It will be observed that Mr. Wright is distinctly recognized in that letter as the attorney of a considerable number of Creek, Cherokee, and other Indians, for the collection of claims for back pay and bounty for military services rendered to the Government of the United States by such Indians, and, having executed to the United States a bond in the penal sum of \$100,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such attorney and agent, he was authorized and empowered as special agent of the Interior Department, without compensation, except such fees as were then or might thereafter be authorized by said Department, to collect and pay over to the Indians, whose attorney he was, their claims for military services. This is the whole extent and scope of his authority and power. Does this constitute him an officer of the United States?

In the case of *The United States vs. Hartwell*, 6 Wallace, 393, the Supreme Court

said: "An office is a public station or employment conferred by the appointment of Government. The term embraces the ideas of tenure, duration, emolument, and duties." So far as can be learned from the papers referred to me, it does not appear to be claimed that Mr. Wright was appointed in pursuance of any law of Congress, or that his compensation was fixed by law, and it seems that he was not to receive any compensation from the United States, but was to be paid out of the funds collected for the Indians such fees as the Secretary of the Interior might allow. His appointment was necessarily limited in duration and specific in its objects. It seems to me, therefore, clear that Mr. Wright did not become by virtue of this letter of instruction, or by the execution of the bond, or by any other of the acts referred to in the papers before me, an officer of the United States, within the meaning of the sixteenth section of the act of 1846. It therefore follows that he cannot be successfully proceeded against criminally under that section.

Second. Whatever conflict of opinion may have existed relative to the power of the United States to enter into contracts and to take bonds with surety in the absence of statutory direction, it can no longer be doubted that a bond voluntarily executed to the United States, and founded upon sufficient consideration and not prohibited by a statute, nor contrary to public policy, is a valid obligation, whether authorized by statute or not. (*United States vs. Hodson*, 10 Wallace, 395.) The bond in this case appears to have been required of Mr. Wright in connection with the appointment conferred upon him, upon the idea that the Government exercises a peculiar guardianship over the Indians, and it was in their interest that the bond seems to have been required. While I do not find that the taking of such bond was required or authorized by any statute, it does not appear to have been prohibited by law or by public policy. The bond having been voluntarily executed by Mr. Wright and his sureties, they would be estopped to deny, in a civil action, the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take it, or the validity of Mr. Wright's engagement with the United States. What would be the measure of damages, and whether or not the consideration of the bond could be impeached in such a proceeding, are questions which cannot be authoritatively determined otherwise than by a judicial tribunal.

I am, therefore, of opinion that the Secretary of the Interior would be justified in proceeding by civil action on the bond to hold Mr. Wright and his sureties responsible for any breach of its conditions, and to seek the recovery of whatever damages, if any, the Government has sustained.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

B. H. RRISTOW,
Solicitor General.

HON. A. T. AKERMAN, *Attorney General.*

Approved :

A. T. AKERMAN,
Attorney General.

No. 7 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., November 8, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter dated the 18th ultimo, from Lewis Downing, "principal chief of the Cherokee Nation," stating that a "man calling himself Judge Wright" (John W. Wright) had in July last represented to those Indians that he was employed by the War Department, at Government expense, to prosecute claims for bounty, back-pay, &c., for the Cherokee soldiers; also quartermaster and commissary claims, and asking information as to whether he was sent, as he represented.

Not being able to give Mr. Downing the desired information from what knowledge I have on the subject, I have the honor to ask that you request the War Department to furnish such facts as will enable me to answer Mr. Downing's letter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

HON. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 187 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 15, 1866.

SIR: A number of the surviving—and the widows and minor children of deceased—Cherokee, Seminole, Creek, and other Indians of the Southwest, who entered the military service of the United States during the late war for the Union, are entitled to, and have applied for, the benefits of the pension laws. It is difficult for them to establish their claims by the adduction of evidence of the character usually required by the rules and regulations of the Department, and in view of their commendable loyalty and pressing necessities, their ignorance of the mode of transacting business, and the absence of mail communication with their country, I have determined to send a special agent to Fort Gibson and its vicinity, to examine and determine upon their claims by such evidence as it is customary to receive and act upon with regard to Indian claims.

Your familiarity with the manner of administering the pension laws, and of establishing Indian claims against the Government, seem to point to you as a suitable person for the proper discharge of these important and responsible duties; and reposing special trust and confidence in your integrity and capacity, you are hereby appointed special agent of the Department for that purpose.

With a view to relieve the Government of their support, and to award to these Indian claimants whatsoever may be found to be justly due them as soon as possible, and in consideration of the fact that the present is probably the most necessitous season of the year with them, it is desirable that you should enter upon the discharge of the duties hereby assigned to you without unnecessary delay.

The Commissioner of Pensions will place in your possession all the claims of the Indians referred to which have been filed in his office, and will furnish you with whatever other documents or information you may require in relation to them; with these you will proceed to Fort Gibson, and see personally as many of the claimants as practicable, and take such testimony as may be necessary to enable you to determine the merits of their respective claims. Should you need an interpreter, you are authorized to employ one, and to pay him such *per diem* compensation for the time actually and necessarily employed, as you may deem fair and reasonable.

It is not deemed necessary, nor will you be required, to reduce all the evidence which may be presented to you to legal forms, but only that the material portions of it shall be stated by you in writing, in reference to each case.

It is understood that a number of the Creeks have claims against the United States for pensions which have not yet been presented nor made out.

These, if presented to you while in the Indian country, you will also examine and determine in the same manner.

You may possibly find it most convenient and expedient to give your attention, first, to those cases with a view to their payment, if allowed, as nearly about the same period the others are paid as practicable; this, however, will be left to your sound discretion.

As these duties will involve considerable clerical and other labor, George B. Whiting, a clerk in the Pension Office, will, in compliance with your wishes, be detailed to accompany and assist you. His personal expenses, as well as your own, will be counted and paid in accordance with the rule and custom of the Department.

If you should need funds for this purpose, the disbursing agent will be authorized to advance you the requisite amount until you return.

To issue and deliver to these Indians the usual pension certificate is of such doubtful expediency that the Department has determined not to do so for the present, but, in order that those entitled to pensions may be paid as soon as practicable, and be thus enabled to repair, to some extent, the waste and privations caused by the casualties they have suffered in the service of the country, I have caused the names of all those whose claims have been filed in the Department to be inscribed on the pension-rolls, so that you may, as pension agent at Fort Gibson, at once pay to the 4th of the present month those whom you may find to be entitled to pensions, which you are hereby authorized and directed to do, without requiring them to produce certificates. You will take the usual receipts for all payments made by you to the Indians, excepting and omitting the copies of their pension certificates, which are dispensed with.

In view of the peculiar circumstances of the case, your accounts as pension agent will be submitted to this Department for examination and approval, before being transmitted to the accounting officers of the Treasury for adjustment.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs will turn over to you such bounty money and back pay as may have been paid into his office for these Indians, which you will pay over to the parties entitled thereto under instructions from him.

Should you find that the money advanced to you, as pension agent, is not sufficient to pay all the pensions which may be allowed, you are authorized to draw upon the

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Department for the balance, forwarding at the same time a statement of the disbursements you may then have made, and an estimate of the further amount required.

You will report the names of such Indians as may not, in your judgment, be entitled to pensions, in order that they may be thereafter stricken from the rolls.

You are aware that Mr. John W. Wright has acted as agent or attorney for the Indians referred to, in preparing the pensions and other claims now pending, and that the Department has recognized him as such agent or attorney, and fixed the fees which he is to receive for his services, and you are hereby authorized to pay to him, out of the moneys due the several claimants, the fees which, under this arrangement, he is entitled to receive. Some of the pension claims have already been allowed. In those cases, as well as the claims to pay and bounty, which he has prosecuted to successful issue, you may pay to him at once, in compliance with the request he has made of the Department, the fees he has thus earned.

You will advise the Department from time to time, as you may have opportunity, of the progress made in the business committed to you.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

GEORGE C. WHITING, Esq.,
Special Agent, Department of the Interior.

No. 188 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 15, 1866.

SIR: In order to enable Mr. Whiting while at Fort Gibson to pay the pensions which, upon the investigation he is required to make there, may be found to be due, I have to request that you will inscribe the names of the following-named claimants upon the pension-rolls. The rates and commencement of the pensions allowed will be hereafter supplied.

The names of those claimants thus inscribed upon the rolls who may be found not to be legally entitled to pensions will be stricken from the rolls on the receipt of his report after his return; viz:

Ann Brown, widow of Isaac Brown.
Atuchita Davis, widow of John Davis.
Akey Sanders, widow of Wilson Sanders.
Arley Walter, widow of Walter.
Arley War-eksi, widow of Wales-ka-but.
Anne Tun-nee-uo-ce, widow of Tun-nee-nc-ce.
Ann Tiger, widow of Red-bird Tiger.
Akey Cochrane, widow of Wind Cochrane.
Anna Brown, widow of Thomas Brown.
Ah-yah-noo-le Bear, widow of John Bear.
Anna Ellis, widow of Nathaniel Ellis.
A-Nee-Key, widow of Sid-a-wa-gy.
Anna Baldrige, widow of Samuel Baldrige.
Anna Blackbird, widow of William Blackbird.
Aneey, widow of Os-wa-se-ty.
Aley Poor, widow of Poor.
Anna Barron, widow of Jack Barron.
Anna Cah-wah-s-sa-shi, widow of Cah-uah-s-sa-shi.
Akey Walker, widow of John Walker.
A. King Dragger, widow of Asa Dragger.
Ah-ter-yan Deer, widow of Young Deer.
Anna Balbridge, widow of John Balbridge.
Arley Oolstoo, widow of Stephen Oolstoo.
Ann Fencer, widow of Jackson Fencer.
Akego, widow of Swimmer.
Anna Fish, widow of John Fish.
Arch Killer, (invalid.)
Abot Downing.
Betsey Justice, widow of Sidney Justice.
Betsey Te-ca-ne-e-shi (ooste,) widow of Ta-ca-ne-e-shi (ooste.)
Betsey Potatoc, widow of Tom Potatoc.
Betsey Olor-uo-ti-ski, widow of Olor-nc-ti-ski.
Betsey Glass, widow of Henry Morgan.

Betsy Beamer, widow of Wesh Beamer
 Bear Brown, widow of James.
 Betsy Walts, minor of Ned Leak.
 Betsy Drywater, widow of Drywater.
 Betsy Hog Shooter, widow of Hog Shooter.
 Betsy Creek, widow of George Creek.
 Chee-co-no-lo, widow of Wah-yah-gor-lor-no.
 Co-co-than, widow of Co-wee-na.
 Charlotte Conseeme, widow of David Conseeme.
 Co-fasa-cah-ka-na, widow of Cah-ka-na.
 Chee-squah-nee-go, widow of Ato-la-he-asti.
 Chee-nah-ye Sixkiller, widow of Delaware Sixkiller.
 Chee-nah-tah, widow of Johnson Olahoater.
 Ca-ha-koh, widow of Lowly Middlestriker.
 Ca-her-kah, (Cherokee Nation,) minor of Middlestriker.
 Cla-wa-youke, widow of Opossum Sixkiller.
 Catharine Bowlin, widow of Edmund Bowlin.
 Chi-yau-see, widow of Ta-qua-ah Wolf.
 Co-no-hee-mar-thlar, minor of Tso-fil-caphar-jo.
 Chee-nagi Goodmoney, widow of Eli Goodmoney.
 Ca-loo-ci-fe-si-nigi, widow of Tsa-ga-no-rah.
 Co-ne-oh, widow of Chofalnek Harjo.
 Ca-ha-cah, widow of Red Ellis.
 Chee-yo-sa, widow of Wah-noo-see.
 Co-he-na, widow of Check-sut-to-yate.
 Ca-n-quann, (invalid.)
 Dal-ka, widow of Be-coote-she.
 De-ka-ki-ya-ski, widow of Deer in the Water.
 Darkie Pig Mike, widow of Pig Mike.
 Dianna Killernitck, widow of Killernitck.
 De-la-ko-gee, widow of Tute-ka-ha-see.
 Dirh Seller, (invalid.)
 Daniel R. Gourd, (invalid.)
 Elsa Duck, widow of Young Duck.
 Eliza Barnett, widow of Young Barnett.
 Ellen Sunshine, widow of Sunshine.
 Elizabeth Shade, widow of Johuson Shade.
 Eliza Young Deer, widow of Young Deer.
 Ezekiel Black Fox, minor of Howling Wolf.
 Ester Baldbridge, widow of Charles Big Drum.
 Elizabeth Walking Stick, widow of Samuel Walking Stick.
 Farr-sah, minor of Herr Tra-fix-eco.
 Fee-nee, widow of No-co-se-go-ho-co.
 Fin-no-teh-he, widow of Tus-cam-snick-co-cho.
 Go-lo-na-ja, widow of O-la-ya-a.
 Grass, (invalid.)
 Ho-stuc-to-shce, widow of Sumpkee.
 Ho-tah-boh-who-is, widow of Ah-wa-tul-e-co.
 Hester Dun Drum, widow of Wilson Drum.
 Ish-chom-buh, widow of Ka-pel-go-harjo.
 Jane Harling, widow of Ellis Harling.
 Jane Le Keskee, widow of John Le Keskee.
 Jenny Welch, widow of John Welch.
 Jane Killersmith, widow of Samuel Killersmith.
 Jane Wilson, widow of Joseph Wilson.
 Jemima Poor Boy, widow of Samuel Poor Boy.
 James Glass, (guardian,) minor of Ridge.
 John Smith, minor of Horace Brown.
 Jane Pathkiller, minor of William Bump.
 Jane Kee-kee, minor of Moses Vaun.
 James Creek, (guardian,) minor of Hickory.
 John Sheah, minor of Car-cah-pa-na.
 Jenny, widow of Ke-you-kah or Ground Squirrel.
 Ke-sa, widow of Hog Shooter.
 Kitty, widow of Char-co-c-o-wee.
 Katy Stealer, widow of Josiah Stealer.
 Ko-a-le-cha, widow of Moses.
 Kah-ho-ke Greece, widow of Greece.
 Kate Looney, widow of Looney.
 Keen-hah, widow of Ne-or-ha-got.

Ker-no-chee, widow of Ossquall or Bolty.
 Kah-la-neh, widow of Jimmy.
 Kah-la-yo-i Dave, widow of Dave.
 Lucinda Dry Head, widow of Senuti Dry Head.
 Lydia Walkabout, widow of Buffalo Walkabout.
 Lucy, widow of Te-char-jo.
 Lydia Cochrane, widow of Walt Cochrane.
 Louisa Pelican, widow of Leaf Pelican.
 Lydia Reese, widow of F. Joe Reese.
 Lizzie Brnsh, widow of George Brush.
 Lydia Adame, widow of George Adams.
 Lucinda Sanders, widow of Arch Sanders.
 Lydia Stand, (guardian,) minor of Staud.
 Lucy Gutler, (guardian,) minor of Gutler.
 Lucy Bend About, (guardian,) minor of Adam Dirt Seller.
 Laury Harris, widow of James Harris.
 Lockar Barrett, minor of Jack Barrett.
 Leeha Butler, widow of John Butler.
 Lansy Canal widow of Arch Crowe.
 Lucy Plow, widow of Plow.
 Lizzie Woodward, widow of Jacob Woodward.
 Lucinda Charley, widow of Charley.
 Lucy, widow of Cat-so-ha-je.
 Mariah Lawley, widow of Lawley Killer.
 Minerva Davis, widow of Jesse Davis.
 Margaret The-Kee, widow of Charles The-Kee.
 Margaret Hammer, widow of Hammer.
 Margaret Passon, widow of Stephen Passon.
 Moses Bend About, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of Bend About.
 Mary Ann Thornton, widow of William Thornton.
 Margaret Webber, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of William Webber.
 Mary A. Gooseby, widow of Joseph Gooseby.
 Money Cryer, (guardian,) minor of Knob.
 Maria, widow of Echo Harjo.
 Mary Palmer, widow of Charles Palmer.
 Mars-hce-wee, widow of Ah-pi-we-harjo.
 Martha Rogers, widow of Jackson Kennard.
 Mattie Cowa-hajo, widow of Iste Nuffee.
 Naboury Simmonds, widow of Lacy Simmonds.
 Nee-e-si-Sharp, widow of Samuel Sharp.
 Na-ke-Scraper, widow of George Scraper.
 Nancy Ben Nelson, widow of Ben Nelson.
 Nancy Johnson, widow of Jamesse-no-ga-alor-no-biska.
 Nancy Jumper, widow of Jumper.
 Nancy Downing, widow of Alexander Downing.
 Nancy Wa-ha-chi, widow of Wa-ha-chi.
 Nancy Yo-ha-to, widow of Jim Yo-ha-to.
 Nancy Ben Sanders, widow of Ben Sanders.
 Nelly Sourjohn, widow of William Sourjohn.
 Nakey, widow of Every Sort.
 Nancy Marshall, widow of Lester Marshall.
 Nancy Riley, widow of John Riley.
 Narviu Ross, widow of Daniel Ross.
 Nancy Catcher Runner, widow of Catcher Runner.
 Nally Smith, widow of John Smith.
 Nelly Allechar, widow of Allechar.
 Nelly Archy, widow of Archy.
 Nancy Christie, widow of Richard Christie.
 Nathan Fish, (guardian,) minor of George Weaver.
 Nancy Hunter, widow of Samuel Hunter.
 Nancy Six Killer, widow of John Foster.
 Naw-Yee-See Hank, widow of Isaac Hank.
 Nelly Glass, widow of Judge Glass.
 Nancy Johnson, widow of Johuson.
 Nanny, widow of Cot-so-chee.
 Nelly Doctor, widow of Doctor.
 Na-ke-Scraper, widow of George Scraper.
 No-ha-lar, (invalid.)
 Oo-ta-yi-Hider, widow of Hider.
 Oo-skoo-nee-Downing, widow of Walter Downing.

Oo-sk-ya-O-yo-dlk-a, widow of O-yo-dlc-a.
 Oker-ker-ner-you, widow of Toney.
 Owa-La-Yoke, widow of Oo-sow-wee.
 Oo-tah-yi-Wicked, widow of Wicked.
 Oua-La-Yoke, widow of Jumey.
 Oc-to-ga-Spirit, widow of Spirit.
 Ou-ne-ka-lo it; widow of Oh-e-nar-lude.
 Polly Harjo, widow of Charles Harjo.
 Polly Lowry, widow of Squirrel Lowry.
 Polly Leach, widow of Dick Leach.
 Polly Downing, widow of Dull Downing.
 Peggy Wilson, widow of Lacy Wilson.
 Peggy Cornsilk, widow of Tom Cornsilk.
 Phofack Spouna, widow of Spouna.
 Polly S. Cow-wi, widow of Si-cow-wi.
 Polly Star White Killer, widow of Star White Killer.
 Polly Dowuing, widow of George Dowuing.
 Peggy Dick, widow of Little Dick.
 Pauline Tandrum, widow of Thomas Tandrum.
 Polly Tiger, widow of Wheeler Tiger.
 Peggy Sanders, widow of Samuel Sanders.
 Polly Mankiller, widow of Scott Mankiller.
 Polly Tucker, widow of William Tucker.
 Rachel Gah-sai-heeler, widow of Gah-sai-heeler, or Rain Crow.
 Rachel Rain Crow, widow of John Rain Crow.
 Rachel Tadpole, widow of Eli Tadpole.
 Roady Elow-we, widow of Elow-we.
 Rilezas Double, widow of Jack Double.
 Rachel Catcher, widow of Catcher.
 Sally Going Smoke, widow of Going Smoke.
 Selah Leach, widow of Beaver Leach.
 Si-a-ma, widow of Blue Batt.
 Susannah John Stooty, widow of Oeach-meu John Stooty.
 Suhic Trotting Wolf, widow of Trotting Wolfe.
 Smith Christie, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of Potatoe.
 Sally Price, widow of Joseph Price.
 Sally Scraper (guardian,) minor of George Scraper.
 Susan Situwaki, widow of Situwaki.
 Sally C. M., (guardian,) minor of Burnsweet Bee.
 Sa-n-ga-cas-see-la-na, widow of Cas-see-la-wa.
 Susan Tah-la-sar, widow of Creek Tah-la-sar.
 Susy, widow of Big Torn.
 Segavi, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of Josh Turner.
 Susan Van, wife of Henry Van.
 Susannah Tick Eater, Cherokee Nation, minor of Nicholas Walker.
 Sarah Eagle, widow of Eagle.
 Sarah Horner, widow of David Horner.
 Sarah Hawkins, widow of Charles Hawkins.
 Sak-Co-la-na, (guardian,) minor of San-Yah-pah-kee.
 Swyee, (guardian,) minor of H. La-on-ta.
 Susan Ga-tu-la-sta, widow of Harry Ga-ta-la-sta.
 Sally Swimmer, widow of Joseph Swimmer.
 Sarah Charles Tick Spring, widow of Tick Spring.
 Si-e-givu-nah, widow of Ko-ai-fixeer.
 Susanna Pike, widow of Pike.
 Susey, widow of Cow-e-to-najo.
 Sallie, widow of Ah-ha-le-ma-lah.
 Suina General, widow of General.
 Sarah Arch Daniel, widow of Arch Daniel.
 Sarah Black Haw, widow of Black Haw.
 Susan Le-how Motte-harjo, widow of La-how Motteharjo.
 Soosky, widow of Steward.
 Ska-qua, (invalid.)
 To-ha Nicholson, widow of Scropes Nicholson.
 Ta-ka Hammer, widow of Tom Hammer.
 Tor-my Ye Narker, widow of Edmund Walker.
 Tah-bar-t-wa, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of In-din-is-harjo.
 Te-th-le-ke, widow of Co-wit-che.
 Te Youl-see, widow of Wa-hoo-hoo.
 da Ho-lock-e-ho-lo, widow of Ho-lock-e-hor-lo.

Ta-key, widow of Tom Hammer.
 T-Na, widow of Kus-ka-lus-ky.
 Ta-co-on-a, (guardian,) minor of Ta Cornethla.
 Ta-cha-Fog, minor of Fratt Fish.
 Tax-si-yah-tra-tra-sah, minor of Hunter.
 Tsa-gor-Nelson, widow of Nelson.
 To-ne-me-hah Tah-who, widow of Ta-marth-lo-To-ho-lo.
 Tagoo, widow of Nah-mak-co-see.
 Tawny Feeling, widow of Feeling.
 Un-cla-we, widow of Che-fix-c-cae.
 Winna, widow of W. M. Clinton.
 Wah-thla-wa, widow of Pah-lo-ca.
 Wa-ti Ya, widow of Misteala.
 Wilson, (guardian,) minor of Hawk Four Killer.
 Watty Dick Oa-tsur-lu-tah, widow of Dick Oo-tsur-la-tah.
 Witch, widow of Ta-ha-lo-chu.
 Wastee, (invalid.)
 Washington Henson. (invalid.)
 Walker Stean, (invalid.)
 Yana-chit-wa, widow of James Tobacco.
 Yalker, widow of E. Morthur-ha-jo.

As it is desirable that Mr. Whiting should proceed to Fort Gibson, and enter upon the duties with which he is charged, at as early a day as possible, I should be glad if you could have this order carried into effect immediately.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

No. 189 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., August 21, 1866.

SIR: I have to request that you will inscribe the names of the following claimants upon the rolls of the agency at Fort Gibson, west of Arkansas, in the manner and for the purpose indicated in my letter to you of the 15th of March last, viz:

- No. 129895. Jane Arnold, widow of Jesse Arnold, deceased.
- No. 129893. Polly Adair, guardian of minor children of Ah-Ha-jo, deceased.
- No. 129891. Clasia Adair, widow of Polk Adair, deceased.
- No. 129889. Milley Lowery, widow of Eli Lowery, deceased.
- No. 129886. Sally Price, guardian of minor child of Marcellus Rogers, deceased.
- No. 129883. Susan Robertson, widow of Water Robertson, deceased.
- No. 129880. Betsy Sanders, guardian of minor children of Pelican, deceased.
- No. 129879. Walker Deerhead, guardian of minor child of Oo-wah-ho-sa-ki, deceased.
- No. 129878. Sally, guardian of minor children of Oo-wo-ha-sa-hi, deceased.
- No. 129877. Nancy Otter Sifter, widow of Otter Sifter, deceased.
- No. 129975. Mary, widow of Wax-se-ha-jo, deceased.
- No. 129974. Ma-gue-a-gue, widow of Wox-se-har-jo, deceased.
- No. 129973. Wattie, guardian of minor child of Washington, deceased.
- No. 129964. Lucinda, widow of Tuf-se-fix-e-ke, deceased.
- No. 129963. Adam, guardian of minor child of Tommeh, deceased.
- No. 129962. Wiley, guardian of minor child of Jimmy, deceased.
- No. 129960. Catharine Tieska, widow of George Tieska, deceased.
- No. 129954. Betsey Perryman, guardian of minor child of Mack Milford, deceased.
- No. 129953. Kessa, widow of Ko-ha-se, deceased.
- No. 129950. Sarah George, widow of George Jefferney, deceased.
- No. 129949. Daniel Webster, guardian of minor children of William Hummingbird, deceased.
- No. 129946. Sealy Holt, guardian of minor child of Fox Holt, deceased.
- No. 129939. Nelly, widow of Go-was-ta-ye-meh-co, deceased.
- No. 129936. Sealy Daniel Foster, widow of Daniel Foster, deceased.
- No. 129933. Cloud Tickstring, guardian of minor child of Peter Emory, deceased.
- No. 129931. Ho-tul-ka-ya-ho-lo, guardian of minor child of E-mart-lo-cha, deceased.
- No. 129925. Maria Duck, widow of John Duck, deceased.
- No. 129924. Liddy Jumper Dry, widow of Jumper Dry, deceased.
- No. 129921. Hager Prince, widow of Henry Deer, deceased.

- No. 129920. Betsey Crawler, widow of Crawler, (Crawber,) deceased.
 No. 129919. Col-so-la-ney, guardian of minor children of Cot-sar-har-jo, deceased.
 No. 129917. Milly, guardian of minor child of Cho-coah-ha-jo, deceased.
 No. 129914. Oe-to-ah-chu-chi, guardian of minor child of Cah-put-sah-tuo-enn-musk-ke, deceased.
 No. 129913. Ail-cey, guardian of minor child of William Cade, deceased.
 No. 129909. Chee-coo-wee, guardian of minor child of Sunday, deceased.
 No. 129907. Thom. Spade, guardian of minors of Natt Spade, deceased.
 No. 129905. Oo-ker-wo-steel, guardian of minor children of Shade, deceased.
 No. 129900. Robert Johnson, guardian of minor children of March Bowlegs.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES HARLAN.

Secretary.

Hon. J. H. BARRETT,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 190 A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Washington, D. C., July 11, 1871.

SIR: I return herewith the copy of instructions given by Mr. Secretary Harlan on the 15th of March, 1866, to the late George C. Whiting, as special agent of this Department, relative to the payment of pensions to certain Cherokee, Seminole, Creek, and other Indians, a list of whose names is therein contained, and hereby direct that you will please cause a suspension of payment of pension in each case named in said paper, and in all other Indian cases in which John W. Wright was attorney, to be made until a full investigation of the whole matter shall have been accomplished.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN.

Acting Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

A A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 14, 1872.*

I have the honor to state that, in obedience to your instructions, I have investigated, as best I could, the charges made by the Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole Indians, against John W. Wright, late United States special agent, as to the collection and payment of the bounty and back pay due the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, and now beg leave to submit the following report; and first, as to the investigation itself.

On the 21st October, 1871, shortly after my appointment, I notified John W. Wright, in writing, of the fact of my appointment—informed him of the several matters of investigation, and added these words: "Desiring to give you the fullest opportunity to defend against these charges, the undersigned will be glad to examine any vouchers or other papers you may produce tending to prove payment of said claims, and to hear any other testimony you may choose to offer, or any argument you or your counsel may wish to make upon the several subjects of the inquiry. He also notifies you that on Monday, November 6, 1871, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of the United States Indian agent at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, he will hear testimony to be offered on the part of the Indians, and that you have the right to appear and cross-examine, and then and there to present any rebutting or other testimony you deem necessary." Under this notice I commenced taking testimony at Tahlequah at the time named, and, fortunately, when the Cherokee National Council was in session, and many of the leading and best men from every part of the nation at the capital, affording unusual facilities for our work. After examining several hundred witnesses, (only a portion of whose testimony I deemed it necessary to reduce to writing,) we went to Fort Gibson, and afterward to the Creek agency in the Creek Nation, examining numerous witnesses at each place. Up to this time John Brown Wright had assumed to represent his father, and had in some cases examined witnesses; but on the evening of the 11th of November, Irvin B. Wright, esq., of Cincinnati, another son and an attorney at law, appeared, claiming that the appearance of his brother was wholly unauthorized. For his accommodation I directed that all the witnesses within reach be recalled for cross-examination; which was done. On November 14, Mr. Irvin B. Wright asked that

the examination be postponed for six weeks, to enable him to procure papers, procure witnesses, &c., which I granted, adjourning the same until January 5, 1872. Some five weeks after he asked another postponement until January 15, which I again granted. Notwithstanding the fact that I granted him every continuance and every favor which he ever asked of me in the case, he wrote me from Washington on January 12, formally withdrawing from, and refusing longer to recognize, the investigation, and asking that his letter giving his reasons therefor be made a part of the record in the case, which is accordingly done. See Exhibits A, B, C, D, and E, hereto attached, for letter of instructions, notices to Wright, letter of withdrawal, &c.

Since that time the investigation has been, of necessity, *ex parte*. I have much regretted this, because I wanted, before coming to any conclusion, to hear from both sides, and have possession of all the facts. I have endeavored, however, to bear constantly in mind the fact that the testimony has been one-sided only, and, therefore, to give Wright not only the benefit of all reasonable doubts, but also of all such reasonable explanations and defenses as have from time to time suggested themselves. Subsequent to this withdrawal further testimony was taken at Tahlequah and Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and at Saint Louis, New York City, and Washington. While in the Indian Territory I found great difficulty in securing the attendance of the former clerks and agents of Wright. In some cases they absolutely refused, and as I had no power to compel their attendance, I am deprived of such further light as their testimony might have thrown upon Wright's transactions. The depositions taken are herewith forwarded, marked as Exhibits F, G, H, and I to this report. I also examined a very large number of documents, letters, and papers bearing on the case, in the Interior and other Departments at Washington and in the office of the assistant treasurer in New York City, and as some of these are essential to a proper understanding of the case. I have attached copies hereto. I call special attention to the communication of Secretary Cox to the Attorney General, dated September 3, 1870, marked as Exhibit J, and of Commissioner Parker to the Secretary of the Interior, dated May 24, 1870, marked as Exhibit K, as giving a full and detailed history of Wright's transactions with the Departments. I also ask special attention to the correspondence marked as Exhibit L, between John W. Wright and Alexander Clapperton, a United States pension agent at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, appointed by Wright's procurement, and employed and used by Wright to do the work hereinafter detailed. I also attach the rolls of the three Indian regiments, showing when each bounty was issued, when paid to Wright, &c. The papers not specially marked with letters are numbered in red ink from 1 to — inclusive. Before attempting to answer your special inquiries I feel called upon to state some facts as to the manner in which applications for bounty were made and executed by John W. Wright and his agents. Most of the witnesses, both Cherokee and Creek, swear that they never made, signed, or swore to any application for bounty. Some lived at remote places and sent their discharges by their wives or others, and declare they never saw Wright or any of his officers or clerks until they got their money. Others were sick at the time, and gave their discharges to their captains or members of the delegation, and are positive that they never did anything else until they signed receipts for their money. Others still, when shown the original applications, with their names and marks thereon, solemnly affirm that they never signed the name or made the mark, and never before saw the paper.

Although these statements are made by many of the best and most reliable men in the two nations, I have been slow to believe them and ready to accept the explanation of the defense: that the Indians had first executed these applications; that some months after, when it was found necessary, their discharges were called for and sent in by their wives, captains, or members of the delegation, and in the course of six years they have naturally enough forgotten the mere signing of a paper, but remembered the giving up of a document they prized so highly as their Army discharge.

But other facts tend to greatly weaken this explanation. The signatures to the original applications for bounty are, in the cases I was permitted by the Second Auditor to examine, remarkably similar, and on their face excite suspicion as to their genuineness. In Wright's office, at the time of its seizure by order of the Secretary of the Interior, were found a hundred or more applications, with the name of one witness already written, although not yet signed by the party himself, and copies of letters written to Wright by his clerks, in one of which occur these words: "If some of the papers you call for are on file, and if I make out new papers, what will be the consequence if they do not agree? The people here do not know anything about dates. I have to fix the date myself in most cases." Daniel R. Hicks, formerly one of the Cherokee district judges, says in his deposition: "While I was in his (Wright's) employ I frequently made out applications on printed blanks for both bounty and pensions by his direction, and either in his presence or his son's, John Brown Wright. These were often made without the applicant being present at all. He would simply send his name and company and regiment, and we would make out his papers and sign the mark; that is, either myself or John Brown Wright would make the Indian's mark and others would sign as witnesses. After that Albert Barnes, the clerk of the court of the

Illinois district, would come to Wright's office and sign both the name of the judge and his own, and this when the judge was not present, and in the presence of John W. Wright, and at other times in the presence of his son, John Brown Wright; and Robert Crawford, another district judge, testifies: "From 1864 to 1868 I was judge of the district court. * * * Mr. Wright employed me to sign certificates and jurats, and I had several hundred signed for him; in a few cases I administered the oath myself, but mostly it was done by Wright's clerks; that is, they said they administered the oath and had my name signed afterward, and as I could not write my own name in English, I had a clerk to sign my name for me. It was Albert Barnes, Amos Thornton, and Moses Price, at different times. These clerks often signed my name when I was not present; so it often happened that men were sworn in in my absence in my name by Wright's clerks, and my name signed by my clerk also in my absence. Judge Wright told me the Government appointed me to do these things, and that it was the right way to do them as I have above described." And Albert Barnes, referred to above, says: "Soon after John W. Wright came to Fort Gibson he paid Judge Crawford \$100 for services to be rendered by him and myself on applications for bounty. * * * Judge Crawford and myself done all the business of this kind that Wright had to do for about one year. I think we must have signed as many as one thousand in all. * * * I did not myself swear any of these parties to these applications nor see them signed myself. I do not know whether Crawford swore the parties or saw them sign the papers or not. Crawford for a part of the time lived in town, but for the rest of this year he lived some twenty miles from Fort Gibson, and occasionally came to Fort Gibson. They occasionally brought me lots of applications, and told me Crawford had sworn them, and, relying upon their word, I signed his name." And Frederick A. Kerr, who was for some time a clerk in Wright's office at Fort Gibson, says: "Our course in the business of the office was about this: if the Indian came himself we made out his papers regularly, and Wright himself would swear the party and afterward Crawford's name as judge was put to it by one of the clerks. I also supposed Wright had the right to swear these parties, because he said he had. He swore them all when I was in his employ. When John W. Wright was not there, I think his son, John Brown Wright, did the same. After this the seal of the Cherokee Nation, or pretended seal, was affixed to the paper. Wright said he had the seal made and presented it to the nation. This seal was kept in the office and used by the clerks on all papers that were sent to Washington. I frequently made out applications for Indians when they were not present, and then laid aside; what was done afterward with them I don't know. Reese and I occupied one table, and sometimes Ross and I one table. When papers required two witnesses we were in the habit, for convenience and to save time, to sign each other's names; that is, I would write Reese's name and my own, or he would write his name and mine, and the same with Ross and myself. This was done with the knowledge and sanction of said Wright. * * * I did not dream of fraud in any of these matters; first, because he was a Government officer and occupied a judicial position; and second, because the chief of the nation, John Ross, had told me that he was also authorized by the Cherokee Nation to collect the bounties for the soldiers." And De Witt Lipe swears: "I was clerk of the district court for a few months in 1868; Amos Thornton was judge of said court; I signed papers for Wright as clerk of the court; I also signed the name of the judge. They would fix up the papers in their office and would bring them over from time to time to my store, and I would sign the name of both judge and myself. The judge had authorized me to sign his name."

These scraps of testimony (reference being made to the depositions themselves for the full testimony) will prepare you for the following extract from a letter written by Alexander Clapperton to John W. Wright, dated Fort Gibson, March 23, 1870: "Jack Smith has done the same thing that the father of Long Sam did—swore falsely. I find in a great many cases of first bounty a great deal of tall swearing has been done, as in case of Alik I 1st, and in the two cases above mentioned and many more."

I will now attempt to answer your special inquiries. And first, whether payment was actually made by John W. Wright to the Indians of the moneys by him received for bounty and back pay due the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of the Indian Home Guards. The Paymaster General reports that the total amount received by Wright for said purposes up to June 4, 1870, was \$420,254.42. By the terms of his appointment and the conditions of his bond, (all vouchers for payment of these moneys were to be deposited in the Indian-Office. (See letter, appointment, and copy of bond, marked as exhibits.) The vouchers so filed amount to \$136,737.04, leaving the sum of \$283,517.38 unaccounted for. Immediately after my appointment I notified Mr. Wright to produce any further vouchers or evidences of payment for my examination. On December 12, 1871, I again notified him, in writing, of my readiness to examine any vouchers or hear any testimony touching the payment of said moneys, and in his answer that his papers were in the hands of his son and counsel, Irwin B. Wright, in Cincinnati, I notified him of my willingness to go there for that purpose. He did not grant my request, and although, by the rules of evidence as well as the

terms of his bond, the onus of proving payment is upon him, he now wholly refuses to produce any of his papers for my inspection. I am compelled, therefore, to rely solely upon the vouchers already filed and the testimony of the Indians herewith forwarded.

As to the vouchers, they are irregular and defective, and in the language of Secretary Cox, (see his letter to the Attorney General, dated September 3, 1870,) "few, if any of them, are in accordance with the instructions given to Mr Wright, and the conditions of his bond, or in accordance with general usage or commercial law." The carefully prepared report of Commissioner Parker, dated May 21, 1870, renders it unnecessary for me to speak in detail of these vouchers. I will only add that it is remarkable that, although sixteen hundred and six in number, not one of them is dated, and not one of them gives the place where it was executed.

As to the testimony, it was impracticable, if not impossible, by reason of death and removal, to call each of the two thousand or more soldiers who served in the three Indian regiments. Several hundred were examined orally, but as much of the testimony was merely cumulative, it was not reduced to writing. And it is due to Wright to say, that many of the Indians who came, and who were among the loudest in their complaints, were found, on examining the rolls, to have been reported, (whether truly or not,) as deserters, and so not entitled to or paid any bounty, and that out of all the witnesses examined, whether reduced to writing or not, not more than half a dozen denied payment, at some time or in some way, of the first bounty. Considering these facts and all the other evidence before me, and laying aside for the present all questions as to the time and manner of payment, I am disposed to believe that the first bounty was nearly, if not quite all paid by Wright to the Indians.

But as to the second bounty, I am forced to a very different conclusion. I found complaints as to its non-payment very generally, both among the Creeks and Cherokees. This was especially the case where death has intervened and the money is now due to the widow or children, or, under the treaty of July 19, 1866, to the nation. In many cases, where the records show the check of Paymaster Holmes, United States Army, on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, in payment of the second bounty, was given Wright in October, 1868, the witnesses swear that they called at Wright's office in Fort Gibson, at different times, in 1869, 1870, and even 1871, for this same money, and were each time denied payment and told the money had not yet been paid by the Government. They positively assert that they have not yet been paid, in whole or part. From all I could learn, these witnesses are as reliable and as worthy of belief as any equal number of witnesses called in an ordinary trial in any of the States. Making due allowance for the infirmity of memory and the interested motives which usually induced a denial of payment, I am still compelled to believe that the statement, so generally and positively made, is true, and that much of the money due in second bounty and back pay remains unpaid. Wright himself admitted, in a recent conversation with Daniel W. Beil, a leading merchant in Saint Louis, that he still held such checks, amounting to nine thousand dollars. (See depositions taken at Saint Louis.) The amount must either be very much larger, or many of the checks have been improperly and fraudulently indorsed and collected.

TIME AND MANNER OF PAYMENT.

The first bounty, amounting to \$164,000, was paid to Wright himself. The checks were mostly issued on 31st July, 1866, and all of them during the summer and fall of 1866, and Wright obtained the money shortly thereafter. But when did he pay the Indians? He filed no vouchers in the Indian-Office until August 11, 1869, and they are *all without date*. The Indians say he made payments to some in 1866, but many were not paid until the fall of 1867, and others still not until 1868, 1869, and even 1870. John B. Jones, the United States Indian agent for the Cherokees, a most worthy and reliable man, who had the best opportunity of knowing the facts, says that the only considerable payment of which he had knowledge was some \$30,000 in the fall of 1867, and that after that time the payments were in "small dribblets," and complaints became general because "the Indians were very poor and needy," and "from the effects of the war really in a state of destitution." The checks for the second bounty were nearly all issued on 30th of October, 1868, but the testimony shows that but few were delivered or paid by Wright to the Indians until 1869, 1870, and 1871.

Were these payments purposely delayed to compel the Indians to accept goods instead of money? The testimony of the Indians would indicate this. Three fourths of all the Indians examined by me complained that they were compelled to accept payment, in whole or in part, in goods, at prices greater than those customary in Fort Gibson, at that time. Needing money to stock their little farms or to support their large families, they often went on foot to Fort Gibson, from places fifty, sixty, eighty, or even one hundred miles distant; and although the money had long before been paid Wright, they were told by his agents that it had not yet come, but that they could give an order for goods. Many yielded and took what they could get. Others refused, and went back and in a few months returned to hear again that their money had not

come, and to take the goods they had before refused. A few held out and returned the third and fourth time, but they, too, were finally wearied out and forced by their necessities to accept the only terms possible. What aggravated these wrongs were the statements made by Wright's agents charging the delay upon the Government itself. And the Creek negroes say that Wright told them they would get no second bounty, as that would go to their former masters, and that for this reason they have never even gone for the money due them on second bounty.

These goods were first furnished through Ross, Bro. & Co., and Ross, Gunther & Co., but from and after the early part of 1867 it was done exclusively through one Florian H. Nash, an adopted Cherokee in Fort Gibson. The testimony shows that when first selected by Wright, Nash was hopelessly insolvent; that Wright paid \$39,000 to secure his release, and gave an open guarantee to H. B. Claflin & Co., of New York, for all the goods he might purchase, under which Nash bought goods in 1867, of Claflin & Co., to the amount of \$22,000, which was afterwards, partly, if not wholly, paid by Wright. The reason stated by Wright to Edward W. Bancroft, of the said firm, for giving this large pecuniary aid to Nash was, that he (Wright,) had control of the monetary affairs of the Cherokee Indians, and that Nash's store "would facilitate the transaction of his business with the Indians." Payments for subsequent purchases in Saint Louis were either made by or through Wright, or in bounty checks, payable to the Indians. Several of the clerks, formerly employed in Nash's store, were examined and say, that while they do not really know, they have always believed Wright interested as partner or otherwise. But if there remained any doubt on this point, it would be removed by the reading of Wright's letters to Alex. Clapperton, in which frequent references are made to Nash, and his business, and the money account between them. He sends lists of soldiers for Nash to pay, with the caution "to show to no one else," and tells him in one case "to pay leisurely," and in another "to pay as fast as it is economical to do so." And Clapperton, in reply to one of these letters, says, "Your (Wright's) will ought to be law to him," (Nash.) It is, however, due to these parties to say that the charge made that they had paid in whisky was not sustained. So far as the proof shows, no intoxicating liquors were ever sold at Nash's store.

CHECKS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY.

Secondly. You ask me whether the powers of attorney given to Wright were valid and the indorsements to the checks genuine. A number of the witnesses examined admit they executed and delivered to Wright powers of attorney to collect their second bounty. A greater number claim that they signed papers, (possibly powers of attorney,) which they were unable to read, and which were not read or explained to them, but which they were told the Government required before payment of the money; that they did not know that checks, worth their face in money, had been issued to their order, and if they had, they never would have authorized Wright, in whom they had lost confidence, to assign and collect such check. But a greater number still deny in toto the making, signing, or giving of any power of attorney or of any paper whatever. They are most positive in these assertions, and the closest examination did not elicit anything to the contrary, but generally brought out other facts and circumstances tending to confirm their first statement. In some cases the witnesses swear that the party who, it is claimed, gave the power, had died some months before the date of its pretended execution, and before the check was issued by the paymaster. In a few cases, the original power of attorney attached to the check, and upon the authority of which Wright had indorsed and collected the checks, was shown the witness, and he swears most positively that he is the payee of the check, but that he did not sign or give the power of attorney, nor authorize it done, and that he never before saw or heard of the check or power of attorney.

After taking this testimony, (for particulars of which I refer to the depositions themselves,) and in the hope of getting further light upon the questions raised, I carefully examined the original powers of attorney and checks, on file in the vaults of the assistant treasurer of the United States in New York city.

First, I was struck with the fact that very nearly all the Cherokees signed these powers of attorney by a mark or cross, and not by writing their names in either English or Cherokee—as I remembered, some of these very Indians had done in signing the depositions taken before me. This led to a more special examination, by which I ascertained that out of seven hundred and twenty-three powers of attorney signed by members of the second and third Indian Regiments, (made up almost entirely of Cherokees,) sixty signed their names, and six hundred and sixty-three by mark or cross—being only about one out of twelve that wrote his own name. And yet by an examination of the depositions of Cherokees by me taken, I find that out of seventy witnesses, forty-seven, about two thirds of the whole, wrote their own names in English or Cherokee, while only twenty-three signed by a cross or mark. Interested to know how the matter really stood, I sought information from the Census Office, but the returns gave no light on the question. I then called and took the depositions of

two prominent members of the Cherokee National Delegation, Colonel C. N. Vaun and Colonel W. P. Adair, who agree in saying that the Cherokees can, generally, read and write in English or Cherokee, and that in their opinion fully three-fourths of the adults can and do write their own names in either English or Cherokee. In the face of these facts must we not regard with some suspicion the signatures to these powers of attorney, eleven out of every twelve of which are signed by a mark or cross? Especially when we add to it the fact that these powers (unlike all the others we examined) fail to give the number and a description of the check, which, under its authority, is to be indorsed and collected.

Second. The powers of attorney are made out on printed forms, the witnesses are generally the clerks and agents of either Wright or Nash, and the certificate signed by one of the usual clerks of the court, employed by Wright. But I noticed that in many cases, the powers were filled in and signed with the Indian's name and mark, by a different hand and with ink of a different color from those of either the witnesses or clerk. And by a further inspection and comparison of this writing with that of N. Hayden, a former clerk of Wright's, in Washington, (and who had never been in the Indian Territory,) I was led to think they were written by said Hayden, and from the fact that witnesses had sworn they had signed papers in blank in Wright's office, and, by his direction, I was inclined to suspect that some of these powers had been signed in blank in the Indian country, sent to Washington and there filled up and signed with the Indian's name and mark to suit the particular check which was desired to indorse and collect. But not willing to trust my own judgment in so grave a matter, I asked the assistant treasurer to give me a couple of experts to further test the question. This he kindly did in the persons of George Proudfoot and Eli H. Evans, two competent and experienced clerks in his office. They confirmed fully and precisely my suspicions. They examined a package of some three hundred and selected seventy, which they believed to have been filled in and signed by said Hayden, although the signatures of the witnesses and clerk were those of well known persons in Fort Gibson and each paper had affixed to it the pretended seal of the Cherokee Nation. Determined to test it still further, we withdrew some of these powers and checks, took them to Washington and sent for and examined, under oath, the said N. Hayden himself. He recognized the writing, admitted that he had filled in the blanks, which had been previously signed in the Cherokee Nation by witnesses and clerks, and himself signed the name of the Indian and made the cross thereto, the Indian in no case being present, and that he did all this by the direction and at the dictation of John W. Wright, whose clerk he then was, and who claimed he had authority to have them so signed. Hayden says he knew nothing of Wright's affairs or the bounty business; was simply a clerk accustomed to do what his employer directed. (See his deposition, as also that of Evans and Proudfoot.)

Third. Many of the checks were paid without any power of attorney and on what appeared to be the indorsement of the party himself, made almost invariably by a cross. In a few cases Wright told the Indian's name, and then signed his own as witness to the Indian's mark, and then again as indorser. In many other cases the name of Indian and witness is in the well-known handwriting of one of Wright's clerks or agents in the Indian country. In some others, however, the Indian's name was evidently written by the N. Hayden above mentioned, and the witnesses name seemed to have been written by the same hand. This led to the examination of Hayden, who, under oath, frankly admitted the fact. On five checks he had written the name of the Indian, added the mark and then signed "Attest: John C. Smith." In five others he had written the name of the Indian, made the cross and added "Attest: J. P. Dunn." He admits that the Indian was not present when either was signed; that no such person as John C. Smith or J. P. Dunn was present; that they are fictitious names, and that it was all done by him, at the request and under the direction of John W. Wright. The five checks first above-named were indorsed by John W. Wright. In another case the name of the Indian, "David Tucker," is written without a mark or witness, as if his real signature, and Hayden admits it was also written by him, under the dictation of John W. Wright and in the absence of the Indian. He says that Wright said the checks were his and that he had the right to have them signed. It must be remembered that these are only a few special cases, in which the original checks were withdrawn from the treasury in New York and brought to Washington, to further test the question raised, as to the genuineness of the signatures. It is to be feared that there are many more of a similar character. (See deposition of Hayden, with copies of said checks and powers thereto attached.)

Fourth. We found other checks paid on the signature of Indians known to have been dead at and for months before the time when their pretended indorsements were made. In some cases the Indian was dead at the time the check was issued to his order. In such cases, under the law and the regulations of the Treasury Department, the check could not be collected by even the administrator of the deceased soldier, but must be returned to the Government for cancellation, and a re-settlement made by the accounting officer to the heir entitled. That Wright knew the men to be dead, and the

regulations to be as above specified, is shown by his correspondence. In a letter to Alexander Clapperton, under date of August 27, 1869, he says: "I got some receipts of widows for dead soldiers of Ross. If I file them to get new drafts they will be sent to claimants, and I will lose them. I wish you would send me blank receipts in the name of the soldier. I think my original power is sufficient to indorse them, and I will do so; but say nothing, and as soon as you send them I will get the money. They are as follows: Jackson Martin, M 3; Our-lay-wat-tee, B 2; Little Hawk, G 3; Duck Draper, K 3; James Tobacco, I 2; Arch Spears, B 2; Ben Blackfoot, M 3; Young Squirrel, G 3; Samuel Squirrel, I 2; John Claud, C 3; Runabout Puff, B 3; Jessey, M 3; Jack Watt, D 2; Grass, B 3; John Deerhead, G 3; Hatchet Fisher, M 3; Bark Prince, C 2. I hold the receipts of the widow in each case, but I fear it will not pass, and if I file them in Second Auditor's I may lose them; so forward me seventeen receipts with no name in them but yours as witness." We found the checks of these seventeen dead soldiers, each signed with the Indian's name and mark, and attested by one or two witnesses, except that of Jack Watt, which purports to have been written by Jack Watt himself. It is not a little singular that when Jack Watt made his application for bounty he signed by a cross—so death improved his handwriting, if nothing else! Included in the above list, given by Wright, are the ten checks which Hayden admitted he had indorsed in the Indian's name, and to which he affixed the names of the fictitious persons, John C. Smith and J. P. Duun, the Indians in each case being dead at the time such indorsement was made. As throwing further light upon this mode of doing business I quote from another letter, written by Wright to his friend Clapperton, September 13, 1869; he says: "The voucher No. 63 for John L. Shannon will not do, as Barnes signed it as attorney. Let him sign it as John L. Shannon and no more, and return it to me and it will be right." Again, on September 13, 1869, he writes: "I have received the applications of the mother of Reed Vaun, Company G, Second Regiment, and of Washington Clay of Company F, Third Regiment. These are A. A. Have Mr. Nash pay them and take receipts in soldier's name," although known to be dead. In answer to your third interrogatory, I find that the seal used in authenticating the applications for bounty, powers of attorney, and other papers filed by John W. Wright, in the several Departments at Washington, was not then and never has been the seal of the Cherokee Nation, and was never authorized by law, nor at any time or in any way recognized by the authorities of the nation. (See testimony of Lewis Downing, principal chief of the nation; Dr. W. L. G. Miller, his private secretary; and John S. Vaun, chief justice of the supreme court.) The Cherokee Nation had no seal until the spring of 1870, when one was procured by the principal chief, under authority of an act of the national council approved December 11, 1869. This act fixed the size and device of the seal, and declared that it should only be used by the "principal chief and such other officers as may be designated by law." (See authenticated copy of the act, with impress of the seal attached to deposition of Dr. L. G. Miller.) The other seal, which is totally unlike the true one, was invented by John W. Wright himself, made by his order and at his expense, brought by him into the nation, kept at his office in Fort Gibson, and used at pleasure by him and his clerks in stamping all bounty and pension-papers sent to Washington during the years 1866, '67, '68, and '69. (See testimony of Moses Price, S. S. Stephens, and Frederick A. Kerr, and impress of this fictitious seal on Exhibit A attached to deposition of Dr. Miller.)

But it is urged on the part of the defense that Robert Crawford, a judge of one of the district courts, adopted it as the seal of his court and authorized its use by Albert Barnes, his clerk, who has continued to use it ever since. Admitting this to be true, it does not excuse, much less justify, Wright, for he knew, as stated by Chief Justice Vaun, of the supreme court, that "the supreme court has no seal, neither has the circuit or district courts of the nation any seal authorized by law or the custom and usage of the courts, nor have they ever had, so far as I know. If any of said courts have assumed to use a seal they have done so without warrant of law." Judge Crawford was the simple-minded Cherokee who "contracted to swear Wright's witnesses by wholesale;" and as he could not write, allowed Wright's clerks to swear them in his absence, and sign his name to the certificate; and his court has about the same rank as that of a justice of the peace in the States, the law limiting its jurisdiction to "civil matters when the sum at issue does not exceed \$100." But, if this was the seal of Judge Crawford's court, why does not this appear on its face? Why purport to be the official seal of the Cherokee Nation? and how happened it to be used upon papers executed in other districts and before other judges? And why, for these years, in Wright's custody, and used at pleasure by him and his clerks?

But Wright who invented a seal for the Creeks bearing the words, "Seal of the Creek Nation, Muskogee." It was made for and brought by him to Fort Gibson, and kept in his office, and used solely by him and his clerks, without law and without authority. The Creek Nation at that time had no seal and no organized courts and has never had a seal, and the one so made and kept by Wright was not only never authorized or recognized by the nation, but, it is said, was never even within the territorial limits of the nation. (See testimony of S. W. Perryman, a member of the Creek

delegation; and of Samuel Checote, principal chief of the Creek Nation, with an impress of the said seal attached to each of their depositions. See, also, letter of John W. Wright to Alexander Clapperton, dated June —, 1869, in which Wright says: "You can deliver the Creek seal to any Creek judge, and take his receipt. I will collect the price of it from the nation.") At the time of the seizure of the effects of Alexander Clapperton the seal was found in his office, no delivery to a Creek judge having ever been effected.

DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

In answer to your fourth and fifth interrogatories, I find that John W. Wright did not comply with either the act of August 6, 1846, or that of June 14, 1866. He deposited the money in the banking-house of Jay Cooke & Co. in Washington in his individual name, and drew it out from time to time, as his pleasure or interests prompted. Indeed, he does not pretend to have complied with said acts in either his deposits or disbursements, denying that he was a Government agent, and holding that he is responsible for the money by him collected on bounties and back-pay to no one but his own clients—the Indians.

OPOTH-E-LA-HO-LA CLAIMS.

The only case presented (and probably the only one remaining unsettled) under the twenty-eighth article of the treaty of July 19, 1866, to indemnify the heirs of Opoth-e-la-ho-la, was that of Tom Gal Catcher, administrator of Watt Stop, deceased, and the only dispute in regard to that was whether Gal Catcher had really given a certain power of attorney held by Wright for the indorsement and collection by Wright of a certain draft for \$984.71, drawn in favor of Watt Stop under said treaty. The signature of Tom Gal Catcher looks very much like those admitted to be genuine, and, independent of any other evidence, I should be disposed so to find; but Gal Catcher swears most positively that he did not sign the power of attorney, and that, although often requested so to do, he has always refused to give Wright, in whom he had no confidence, any such authority. The testimony of several witnesses called supports Gal Catcher. The paper has no witnesses to the signature, and is dated March 6, 1869. By reference to the correspondence, frequently before referred to, I find that Wright, on the 30th of August, 1869, more than four months after the pretended execution of said power, writes Clapperton to get Gal Catcher's power of attorney for this very same claim. In a second letter, written on the same day, he says: "Get Gal Catcher to sign the P. A., or, if he refuses, return it to me; but go at him easy and get it if possible." On September 25 Clapperton reports that "Tom Gal Catcher refused to sign his paper." Wright then tried to get Gal Catcher's signature through Nash and De Witt Lipe, but it all failed, as reported by Clapperton in his letter to Wright, dated November 18, in which he says: "Tom Gal Catcher will not sign the one (power of attorney) that you sent to F. H. Nash for signature, or, rather, De Witt Lipe will not let him. I could have got him to sign the paper if it had not been for him."

Why all this effort, if Gal Catcher had really signed the power of attorney in dispute on March 6, 1869, four months before the first and eight months before the last letter was written? Considering the very loose manner in which papers were executed in Wright's office and how certificates from clerks of courts were obtained, and all the special facts of this case before me, I am compelled to believe that Gal Catcher did not sign the power of attorney on which Wright claims to collect the money due the heirs of Watt Stop.

CHEROKEE NATIONAL CLAIM.

Your inquiry as to the claim of the Cherokee Nation, under treaty of July 19, 1866, for moneys due deceased soldiers leaving no heirs, has been answered as well as I can answer it under other heads. I am well satisfied that there is a large amount of money still in Wright's hands which, under this article of the treaty, ought to go to the Cherokee Nation. But it would take years of time to enable any one to obtain sufficient *data* with which to state an accurate account between Wright and the Indians. Why should not the burden of this proof be put upon Wright himself? He got the money; let him show when, to whom, and how it was paid.

THE SEMINOLES.

Inclement weather and bad roads (almost impassable on the occasion of our visit) prevented me from visiting the Seminole Nation. It was, however, hardly necessary, as they composed but a small fraction of the three Indian regiments, and their case had already been very fully presented in complaints of their principal and second chiefs, reports of the Seminole Indian agent, and affidavits of the Indians themselves. (See Exhibits M N, hereto attached, which fully corroborate the statements made by the Creeks and Cherokees.)

IN CONCLUSION.

I hope I shall be pardoned for venturing to say, first, that it seems incredible that frauds such as those hereinbefore detailed should have so long escaped exposure, without culpable negligence or willful wrong on the part of some of the officers of the Government. After three years' business with the Departments, during which time he had violated every letter of his instructions and every obligation of his bond, we find him writing exultingly from Washington to his "Dear Sandy," (Alexander Clapperton, pension agent, &c.,) "All things are lovely here." "I am all right with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior." "There is to be great changes in your country soon, and we will profit by them." "All is right here; there will be a new government made this winter, and there will be splendid chances," &c.

Second. Without presuming to pass on the question whether John W. Wright was or not, in law, an officer of the Government, I am satisfied, as a matter of fact, that he so represented himself to the Indians, and was so received, dealt with, and trusted by us. He came to the Indian country in a Government ambulance, said he was sent by the President of the United States, exhibited his letter of appointment as a "special agent" of the Government, claimed the exclusive right to collect bounties for the Indians, and really enjoyed a monopoly of the business, the Indians generally regarding him as a "paymaster of the United States." Ought not, then, the Government (if Wright be not compelled to do so) to make good to these, the "wards of the nation," the losses they have so long and patiently suffered at the hands of this agent?

Third. The facts developed in this case seem to show the necessity of some reform in the manner of granting and paying bounties and pensions to the Indians, with a view to further safeguards against frauds.

In closing I desire to express my great obligations to Mr. Joseph A. Williamson, my most faithful assistant, without whose assistance I could hardly have gone through the case without devoting to it twice the time and labor already given.

Respectfully submitted.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL.

No. 8 B.

CHEROKEE NATION, May 1, 1866.

Received of Joseph Starr his discharge as a private in Company I of the Eighty-third Regiment United States Colored Infantry, to collect bounty thereon, and to return March 1, 1866.

JNO. W. WRIGHT.
By JOHN B. WRIGHT.

BARBARY ELLEN STAR, *the mother.*

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

MARBLE SALT WORKS AND STORE.

To ALEX. CLAPPERTON,

1870.	Dr.
April 9. To hauling	\$2 46
April 9. To 1 pound blue mass	1 25
April 28. To hauling to and from Smith, 6 days, at \$3.50 per day	21 00
May 1. To 224 pounds sugar, at 18 cents per pound	40 32
May 4. To hauling	3 00
May 10. To rent for kettles	22 40
May 11. To hauling	5 25
May 11. To 1 lamp	3 50
May 11. To hauling	2 50
May 15. To hauling	9 75
May 30. To hauling to Lick	5 62
May 31. Paid Gulcger	16 65
May 26. Paid for flour and hauling	99 75
May 31. Paid to Jouis	19 50
April 10. Paid Jim Morris	4 00
May 3. Paid Samuel McGilleroy	22 40
May 10. Paid for John Heughs	2 25
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The above has all been duly credited. True copy, less the hauling to Lipe and Bryant; Lipe, \$24.40, Bryant, \$21.24, May 25 and May 28, 1870.

MARBLE SALT WORKS,
Cherokee Nation, June 14, 1870.

SIR: Inclosed please find a copy of credits. You will find by looking over it that I have gave you credit for six days' hauling to Smith and return, at \$3.50 per day, as I had you credited in the book in that way, but overlooked it when you was here on account of its being half of it charged to the Lick. Ben was credit to \$15 instead of \$21, as I told you, and Mr. C. thinks that a great plenty, \$3.50 per day, as he paid all expenses there and back. The hauling salt and corn for Lipe and Bryant I cannot give you credit for unless you allow us to charge \$1.25 to you for it, as you will readily see that by us charging 87½ cents for the salt and paying you 37½ cents for hauling, would only leave us 50 cents for the salt. Therefore, the only way to do it is for us to charge you \$1.25 for the salt and corn delivered at Bryant's, Lipe's, or any place else, excepting when you collect the freight yourself, and then give you credit for the hauling of the same. If you collect the freight yourself, we then will only charge you 87½ cents per bushel. But if we give you credit for the freight, we will have to charge you \$1.25 per bushel.

I have only charged you 87½ cents for the salt and corn to Lipe and Bryant; therefore I omit the \$24.40 and \$21.24 in this copy of credits to be given to you, and charges to store account.

When you say so, I will charge you with the extra 3 bits, making \$1.25, and you, of course, will make Lipe and Bryant pay that to you, or give you credit for \$1.25, and then I will give you credit for 3 bits a bushel for hauling.

Hoping you will see into it and it will all be right, I remain, as ever, yours, &c.,
CHAS. HAYDEN.

MR. CLAPPERTON.

No. 9 B.

PAY DEPARTMENT UNITED STATES ARMY,
Leavenworth City, Kansas, May 28, 1866.

GENERAL: I have received information which I deem entirely reliable, although unofficial, that by and through the management of some claim agent in Washington, the payment of the Indian officers in the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards has been ordered, and that the payment was taken entirely out of the hands of the Pay Department, and the money turned over to Judge Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who has, or is about to pay out the same through the Indian agents of the tribes to which these officers belong. I am further informed that money was turned over for the payment of the whole number of officers, and that it would probably be paid out without regard to what payments might have been made by the Pay Department. Having paid these regiments from organization to muster-out, with one exception, and being familiar with the condition of their pay, I will state that I have made final payment upon certificates of non-indebtedness from mustering officer, to nearly every white officer in these regiments, and also seven Indian officers, viz:

Pa-hos-mah-la, second lieutenant, Company A, First Regiment.

No-co-so-lo-chee, captain, Company G, First Regiment.

Kot-so-gee, second lieutenant, Company G, First Regiment.

A-tam-mah, second lieutenant, Company I, First Regiment.

S. H. Downing, second lieutenant, Company G, Second Regiment.

Ta-la-lah, captain, Company D, Third Regiment.

Spencer S. Stephens, second lieutenant, Company A, Third Regiment.

On the 8th of December last I filed in your office a stoppage against the pay of William Sunday, late second lieutenant Company B, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, for the sum of \$42, which I fear has been overlooked by this remarkable system of payment. I felt it my duty to furnish the above information in order that you might take such measures as you thought proper to protect the Government against loss.

I am, general, your obedient servant,

DANIEL M. ADAMS,
Additional Paymaster United States Army.

Brevet Major General B. W. BRICE,
Paymaster General United States Army, Washington City, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, June 4, 1866.

Respectfully referred to the Hon. D. N. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with request for any information relative to the transfer of funds to the Indian

Department for paying the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, in his possession.

This office has no knowledge of such transfer, nor of any special arrangement for the payment of the regimental officers, such as is alluded to by Paymaster Adams.

B. W. BRICE, *Paymaster General.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 12, 1867.

SIR: In reply to your inquiry as to the manner in which you have made payments of bounty and back pay due the Cherokee soldiers and officers, it affords us great pleasure to state, that as far as our observation and information extends, you made payments directly to the claimants, and we have heard no complaint or dissatisfaction in any instance.

Yours, very respectfully, &c.,

WILLIAM P. ROSS,
Principal Chief.
RILEY KAYS,
JESSE BUSHYHEAD,
Cherokee Delegation.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.

No. 11 B.

Application of discharged soldier for additional bounty.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss :*

On this 4th day of March, 1867, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the nation aforesaid, Tmine-har-jo, of the Creek Nation, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is ——— years, that he is a resident of the Creek Nation, and that he is the identical person who enlisted as a private in company B of the First Regiment of Indian Home Guards, to serve for the period of three years, and was discharged from the service of the United States as a private at Fort Gibson, on the 31st day of May, 1865, by reason of order No. 110, Department of Arkansas, and that there is additional bounty of \$100 due him under the act of Congress approved July 23, 1866. And he does further declare that he has not bartered, sold, assigned, transferred, loaned, exchanged, or given away his final discharge papers, or any interest in the bounty provided by this or any other act of Congress; that he has not already received, or is entitled to receive any other or greater bounty than \$100, and that the statement of service above given is a correct and true statement of any and all service rendered by him during the rebellion, and that he has never served otherwise than as stated. And he hereby constitutes and appoints John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C., his attorney to present and prosecute this claim, and authorizes him to receive and receipt for any certificate, check, or draft that may be issued for the same, and to do any other act or thing necessary or that he might do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby countermanding all former authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose.

TMINE-HAR-JO. ^{his}
+
mark.
Signature of claimant.

JOHN BROWN WRIGHT.
ELI CLEVELAND.

Also personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the Cherokee Nation, D. R. Hicks and Henry Meigs of the Creek Nation, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn according to law, declare that they have been for five years acquainted with Tmine-har-jo, the above-named applicant, who was a private in Company B, of the regiment of Indian Home Guards, and know him to be the identical person named in the foregoing declaration; and that they have no interest whatever in this application.

D. R. HICKS.
H. C. MEIGS.

Witnesses' signatures:
JOHN BROWN WRIGHT.
ELI CLEVELAND.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of March, 1867.

ROBERT CRAWFORD.

I certify that Robert Crawford, before whom the foregoing declaration and affidavit were made, is a district judge, duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

In witness whereof I have herenunto set my hand and official seal this 4th day of March, 1867.

[L. S.]

ALBERT BARNES,
Clerk of the District Court, Cherokee Nation.

NOTE.—If the witnesses and claimant, or either of them, make their mark, let two persons who can write their names attest the signature. The officer administering the oath should not be one of the attesting parties.

\$10.

FORT GIBSON, *January 29, 1870.*

After date I promise to pay to the order of F. H. Nash ten dollars, for value received, negotiable and payable without defalcation or discount, and with interest from ——— at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum.

her
ARLEY + WATTS.
mark.

Witness: GEO. O. SEMDEL.

\$25.62.

PORT GIBSON, *September 9, 1868.*

I promise to pay to the order of F. H. Nash out of my pension \$25.62, for value received, negotiable and payable without defalcation or discount, and with interest from ——— at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum.

her
WALESA + GEORGE.
mark.

Witness: P. N. BLACKSTONE.

No. 12 B.

CREEK AGENCY, CHEROKEE NATION, *May 11, 1867.*

SIR: We have been notified by Mr. Nash, a merchant of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, that he is authorized and ready to pay us our bounties, back pay, &c., due us from the Government of the United States for services rendered as soldiers during the late war.

Some of our men have gone to Mr. Nash for their money and have been informed by him that their names were there, but unless they would trade at least one-half of the amount due them out of his store they would not be paid. Our claims, with our certificates of discharge from the United States service, were placed in the hands of J. W. Wright near two years ago, in all good faith, with a promise from him that we should have our pay in at farthest three months. Since then we have received no money, but a very prompt renewal of the old promise as often as every three months; we did not agree to take our pay in goods.

We respectfully ask you, as our agent, to investigate the matter and ascertain on what or whose authority Mr. Nash is making or proposing to make these payments and why he does not pay the money? Why he requires us to go to Fort Gibson, at considerable expense and loss of time, when he can pay us all in a few hours, by simply notifying us that he will be at some convenient point in our country with the money, and we can by far better pay his expenses to and from this place than twenty or thirty times as much, which the amount would be for each individual to go to Fort Gibson.

We pay our claim agent for getting our money and bringing it to us and we claim our right of being paid in our own country.

Again we earnestly ask that you will look into this matter. We cannot believe that it is the purpose of the Government that we should be kept so long out of the use of our money hardly earned in her service, and finally be obliged to take the one-half of our pay in goods to obtain the other half in money.

On behalf of the Creek colored soldiers who served in the seventy-ninth, eighty-third, and other colored regiments of United States volunteers during the late war, we are, very respectfully, your obedient servants.

REDMAN KEENEL,
SCIPIO GOUP,
MORRIS KEENEL.

Major J. W. DUNN,

United States Agent for Creeks, Creek Agency, Cherokee Nation.

No. 13 B.

DEEP FORK, CHEROKEE NATION, *May 14, 1867.*

SIR: We learn through various sources that Mr. F. N. Nash, a merchant of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, has notified our people who acted as soldiers during the late war, and entitled to bounties, back pay, &c., therefor, that he is authorized and ready to pay them the same, and inviting them to go to him and receive their money. Many have gone, expecting their pay, and have been informed by him (Mr. Nash) that their names were there, but unless they would trade at least one-half the amount due them out in his store, they could not be paid.

Our people, in all good faith and relying on the vehement promises made them that their pay should be forthcoming in, at the farthest, three months, placed their claims near two years ago in the hands of Mr J. W. Wright, for collection, agreeing to pay him a specific sum therefor, but did not agree to take them or any part of their pay in goods.

These promises of speedy pay must have been renewed as often as every three months since and not one-fifth part of the amount due our soldiers, their widows and orphans, has yet been paid, while others who have placed their claims in the hands of other parties for collection have long since received their money.

Last fall Mr. J. W. Wright visited our country and made some payments, but carried back with him between \$7,000 and \$8,000, which should have been paid to claimants whose names he had and whose money he acknowledged it to be. Many were sick at the time and many lived far from the place where he made the payments, but no time would be allowed them, nor would he pay the money to their friends or relatives, who were duly authorized to receive and receipt for it, and gave sufficient proofs of the facts, and you, our agent, hold yourself responsible.

Our people are destitute and actually suffering now for the actual necessities of life, with every prospect of a total failure of crops the present season, and nothing to fall back upon.

The grasshoppers are destroying every thing of the vegetable kind, and still increasing in numbers, with no prospect of emigrating, and should they have, we fear that it will be too late for crops to mature this summer. The little corn raised last year, though husbanded with the greatest care, is nearly or quite exhausted.

Many have contracted debts, relying on their bounties for payment. We have waited long and patiently, and cannot believe that it is the purpose of the Government of the United States that we should be so long and so unjustly kept out of our rightful dues, hardy and honorably earned in the support of her cause.

We ask you as our agent to look into this matter, and ascertain on what or whose authority Mr. Nash is making or proposing to make these payments, and why we are kept so long waiting for our money, and why we are requested to go to Fort Gibson, in the Cherokee Nation, at a great expense and loss of time.

Our claim agent, J. W. Wight, is amply paid for his trouble, and we claim it as our right that he pays us in our own country.

Again, in behalf of our discharged soldiers, their widows and orphans, of those who lost their lives in the service of the United States, we earnestly appeal to you who was appointed by the Government to look after its and our interests mutually, to investigate this matter, and if necessary, to go to Washington and lay the case before the proper authorities, and ask of them justice for us.

Yours, truly,

SAMUEL CHECOTO,
Chief of the Creek Nation.

Colonel J. W. DUNN,
United States Agent for Creeks, Creek Agency, Creek Nation.

No. 15 B.

Be it remembered that on this 18th day of September, A. D. 1867, before me, E. J. Brown, acting United States agent for the Seminole Indians, personally came the persons mentioned below, who being by me first duly sworn, and having the oath duly interpreted to them by Robert Johnson, United States interpreter, depose as follows:

We were members of the First Regiment Indian Home Guards, in the company and under the captain designated opposite our names, and were honorably discharged.

Some time in the months of August and September, A. D. 1865, we delivered to J. W. Wright our certificate of discharge, made and subscribed the necessary declaration for the purpose of obtaining bounty or back pay, to which we were entitled under the provisions of the act of Congress, approved the — day of —, A. D. 186—. We

also executed and delivered to the said J. W. Wright a power of attorney to act as our attorney in fact, and draw the bounty and back pay for us. We further state that up to this time we have not received the same, or any part thereof, from the said J. W. Wright, or from any person for him, or from any source whatever.

We make this declaration for the purpose of having the sum paid to us as soon as possible through the agent of our nation or some other person who will attend to the same promptly. Furthermore we ask and desire that all moneys and discharges be placed in the hands of our agent, and we hereby revoke all powers of attorney given to J. W. Wright as our attorney for bounty claims, and will not acknowledge him as our attorney from this date.

Witness :

ROBERT JOHNSON, ^{his} + *Interpreter.*
mark.

Agent's acknowledgment.

I hereby certify that these signatures were made and sworn to before me this 18th day of September, A. D. 1867, in absence of any magistrate.

E. J. BROWN,
Acting Agent for Seminoles.

<i>Signatures.</i>	<i>Marks.</i>	<i>Signatures.</i>	<i>Marks.</i>
<i>Company A.</i>		<i>Company A.</i>	
OC-CHEN-A-HOLA.	+	POT-KIS-KOYI.	+
TA-HARJO.	+	MICKE-E-HOLA.	+
LA-BITCH-O-GEE.	+	MICKE HARJO.	+
WE-HE-A-HOLA.	+	WAY-E-A-HO-LET-TE-GEE.	+
NO-COS-E-A-HOLA.	+	CON-YOT-HARJO.	+
PIN-HARJO.	+	FOS-HOLCHIE-E-MARTHLA.	+
SUMPSY.	+	LEER-NE-FIXICO.	+
POWOK.	+	FIX-SICK-HARJO.	+
<i>Company B.</i>		<i>Company C.</i>	
JOH-NEE.	+	YAH-NA-FIXICO.	+
<i>Company G.</i>		PIN-O-GEE.	
NO-LOR-E-BO-GEE.	+		
AH-GID-E-A-HOLA.	+		
<i>Company H.</i>			
NE-A-HA-JO-GE.			

No. 16 B.

FORT GIBSON, *Cherokee Nation* :

GEORGE WIEGAND, a white man, and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation by marriage, being first duly sworn, upon his oath says :

I enlisted in the Third Wisconsin Regiment, in the month of September, 1863, and served nearly two years. I was wounded in fight on the Ozark Prairie. I was sent to Prairie De Chene, and was discharged on the 29th of July, 1865.

I gave John W. Wright my discharge in February, 1867. He now informs me that on account of the governor of Wisconsin he could not get my money for two or three years.

GEORGE WIEGAND.

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 19th day of September, 1867.

J. F. MUNSON,
First Lieutenant and Adjutant, Sixth Infantry.

No. 17 B.

FORT GIBSON, *Cherokee Nation* :

LEWIS BOWERS, of lawful age, a white man, but a citizen of the Cherokee Nation by marriage ; he is well known to me to be a creditable person, and after being by me duly sworn, deposes as follows, viz :

I enlisted in Company E, Second Regiment of Indian Home Guards, in the month of November, 1862 ; I was promoted to the rank of sergeant major of said regiment, and served until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service in the month of May, 1865. In the fall of 1865 I gave my discharge and a power of attorney to James G. Blount for collection of my bounty.

General Blount was at my house some six months afterwards, and informed me that all the Indian soldier claims had been turned over to John W. Wright. I did not see Wright until about one year ago; he was here paying off soldiers. He told me then that he did not have my money, and could not tell when he could pay it. About two months ago Wright was here, and told me that the money was in Washington, ready for me, but that I would have to give him another power of attorney, and he would have my money here as soon as the mail could go to Washington and back. He left his son, John Brown Wright, here to attend to his business, as I understood. I have called on him about every week since, and he puts me off from week to week, offering to pay me in goods from Nash's store, and to-day he tells me that I must wait about one month longer, unless I take it in goods; that he could not pay me in money. After Wright returned to Washington last, John Brown Wright was at my house, and told me I did not come up to get my bounty; that his father had taken back to Washington \$25,000 that should have been paid at Fort Gibson.

LEWIS BOWERS,

Late Sergeant Major, Second Indian Regiment.

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 19th day of September, 1867.

J. F. MUNSON,

First Lieutenant and Adjutant, Sixth Infantry.

No. 18 B.

FORT GIBSON, *Cherokee Nation:*

JESSE BUSHYHEAD, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, of lawful age, to me known to be a creditable person, after being by me first duly sworn, upon his oath says:

I am a member of the Cherokee Nation by birth. I am a merchant by occupation. I enlisted in the Third Regiment Indian Home Guards on the 23d day of April, 1863. Was promoted to sergeant major of said regiment, and served as such until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service on the 31st day of May, 1865. Some time in the summer of 1865 I delivered to John W. Wright my discharge papers, and gave him a power of attorney to collect my bounty. In the fall of 1866 Wright paid me \$100, charging me nothing. He charged many others \$15, when the general understanding was, when he was taking up the claims, that he was not to charge over \$10. I also know that a great many who put their claims into his hands at the same time I did have not got anything yet. I also know that many of those who have got their pay or a part of it have had to take it in goods out of the stock of F. H. Nash, a trader in Fort Gibson, in which said Wright is generally understood to be a silent partner. I am informed and do believe that said Wright has charged all those he has paid or caused to be paid \$15 on the \$100.

Affiant further states that he was in Washington during the winter of 1866 and '67; that soon after he arrived in Washington said Wright came to him and told he had the money to pay the bounties to the three Indian regiments—had it deposited with Jay Cooke & Co., First National Bank of Washington—and made a proposition to me to hold the money and furnish me with a list of names of those who had been paid or of those whose money was in his hands, so that I might buy them at a discount or trade goods for them at the amount of \$85 for each name so furnished to me; and for giving me the names and the privilege of buying or trading goods for them I must pay 6 per cent. to his son, John Brown Wright, on all the claims so bought or taken up and sent to him or delivered to his son or agent at Fort Gibson; and that I could draw on him "at sight" through Jay Cooke & Co. every night for the amount so bought or taken up, less the 6 per cent. He also told me that Nash had a list and was paying them off in goods, and that he (Nash) paid him or his son 6 per cent. Said Wright afterwards, in the month of February or the 1st of March, proposed to furnish me \$10,000 worth of goods in New York, and to furnish me with a list as hereinbefore mentioned, if I would engage in buying up said claims and send the receipts to him until I had liquidated the debt of \$10,000 and paid the 6 per cent., and then draw on him as hereinbefore mentioned. He said that Nash was paying them on these terms. When Wright was in Fort Gibson in the fall of 1866, he paid a portion of the claims and left a large number unpaid, many of whom, from actual necessity, have been compelled to take their pay in goods, and at Nash's store, when it was the general rumor that Wright took a large amount of money back with him last fall, that he had collected and justly belonged to the soldiers, many of whom have not got their pay yet.

And further this affiant saith not.

JESSE BUSHYHEAD.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 21st day of September, 1867.

ALBERT BARNES,

Clerk of Circuit Court.

No. 19 B.

TAH-LE-QUAH, *Cherokee Nation* :

ALLEN ROSS, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows :

I enlisted in the Third Regiment Indian Home Guards on the 11th day of July, 1862, as a private of Company I, and was discharged in May, 1865. In the fall of 1865 one John W. Wright was here as an attorney to collect bounties, and it was understood that he would collect the bounty for 10 per cent. of the amount collected. Ten per cent. was the highest per cent. spoken of at any time. It was also understood that if Wright should get all of the claims of the three Indian regiments, that he would only charge 5 per cent., and I am satisfied that he got all of the claims to attend to. When he came out and commenced paying off the bounty, he only paid out \$85, and charged 15 per cent., stating that he had been at a great deal of expense in getting the bounty allowed. I received only \$85.

ALLEN ROSS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of October, 1867.

[NO SEAL.]

GEORGE M. ROSS,

Clerk of Circuit Court.

No. 20 B.

TAH-LE-QUAH, *Cherokee Nation* :

W. G. THORNTON, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, of lawful age, and to me well known to be a creditable person, after being by me first duly sworn, deposes as follows :

I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation; I am one of the associate judges of the supreme court of the Cherokee Nation. My son, Stephen Thornton, enlisted in the Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, in July, 1862, and served until some time in the summer of 1863, and died in the hospital at Fort Gibson of small-pox, in the fall of 1866. I called on John W. Wright at Fort Gibson to get my son's bounty, he being a minor, and I was his legal heir. I went into the office of Judge Wright, where two or three clerks were employed, and they looked over the books and papers and said there was nothing there for me. I then went to see Judge Wright. He asked me if I came on any business. I told him I came to see about my son's bounty. He asked me if I could not get it. I told him no. He asked me to walk with him; he went into the office where the clerks were paying off soldiers, and without saying anything counted me out \$55, and handed it to me. He then told me there was \$39 back pay coming to my son in Judge Whiting's hands that I would get some time, if he, Whiting, did not run away with it. He then asked me if there were any other soldiers in my neighborhood that had not been paid. I named three, and he paid me \$85 for each of them. Some time during last summer Judge Wright was at Tahlequah. I called on him for the bounty of Creek Watt and Ned Lasley; they were both with me but could not talk English. He picked up the book and said here it is, Creek Watt, killed in battle at Cabin Creek; Ned Lasley died in hospital at Caue Hill of fever; but said he had not the money to pay them. Some man present asked for his claim. Wright looked at his books, and told his son, Brown Wright, to pay the claim. Brown replied that there was no money to pay that claim. He then told Brown to pay it out of the money belonging to the colored soldiers, which he done. I was present, and seen Wright pay many soldiers the \$85, charging them \$15 each for his services. When any would object to his charging \$15, he would count out the \$85, throw it down, tell them that that was their bounty; take it and leave; that that was all they would get. I am well acquainted with many soldiers that have not got their pay, and I know that there is a general dissatisfaction with the way in which Wright is doing their business.

W. G. THORNTON.

Witness: GEORGE W. ROSS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of October, 1867.

[NO SEAL.]

GEORGE W. ROSS,

Clerk of Circuit Court.

No. 21 B.

TAH-LE-QUAH, *Cherokee Nation* :

BETSY STILL, of lawful age, and to me known to be a creditable person, being first by me duly sworn, upon her oath says :

I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation by birth; I am the widow of Cook Still; my husband enlisted in the Third Indian Regiment Home Guards, in the month of July

1862, and served until the — of 1863, about the 1st of January, when he was killed near Ray's Mill, Arkansas. I got Spencer Stevius to make out the necessary papers, and put them into Wright's hands for collection of bounty and back pay, if there was any due him. I came here, traveling about fifty miles, and called on Wright in July, 1867. He inquired of me my name; I told him I was the widow of Cook Still, and wanted his bounty. He said it was not there; and I sat down and waited an hour, as it was raining very hard, and he turned to me and asked me what he could do for me. I told him I wanted my bounty. He talked a while, and said he would bet \$50 he had my name. He got up and took up a bundle of papers and said, "Here it is." He said what do you call your name? I told him it was Betsey; but I could answer to either Betsey or Elizabeth. He remarked it was all right, and got the money to count it out. He then remarked to his son Brown, who had the money, to hold on, and asked me if I could tell the day my husband enlisted. I told him I could not. He then told me to go and get two good loyal men to prove the day my husband enlisted, and it would all be right. I asked Mr. Reese, but he said he did not know, but suggested to me to go and get Allen Ross and Hendrix. I asked Mr. Reese to go and get them, as it was raining, but he declined. I asked them to wait until the rain held up. He replied the sooner I went the sooner I would get my money. I went and got Ross and Hendrix and brought them down. He did not ask them any questions; but said, your husband was a bad man, and deserted, and he could not pay me anything. On the next morning I called on him again, taking a witness that was present when he got his furlough. But he still declined to pay me, or give me any satisfaction. This is five times I have come here, and twice to Gibson; the last time I was at Gibson I saw Brown Wright, and he told me it was no use to come, for there would be a commission appointed and sent out here to pay all such claims. I went to Brown Wright yesterday, and he told me he was on his way to Saint Louis after the money, and if he did not find the commission in Saint Louis he was going to Washington, and would be back in sixteen days, and if I would come in with my proof I would get my money. I had one witness here all the time, and he never asked them any questions.

her
BETSEY + STILL.
mark.

Witness:

GEO. W. ROSS.

A. N. BLACKLIDGE.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 11th day October, 1867.

[NO SEAL.]

GEO. W. ROSS,

Clerk Circuit Court.

No. 22 B.

TAH-LE-QUAH, *Cherokee Nation*:

GEORGE W. ROSS, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows:

I enlisted in the Third Regiment Indian Home Guards on the 11th day of July, 1862. I was first sergeant of Company I, from the time I enlisted until the close of the war, and was discharged in May, 1865. In the fall of 1865, one John W. Wright was here as an attorney to collect bounties. He had a contract or some instrument drawn up that we signed, which stated that he would collect the bounty for 10 per cent. of the amount collected—10 per cent. to be charged was the highest per cent. at any time spoken of—but it was the general understanding that was to be done for 5 per cent. Wright said that he thought if he could get all the claims he could afford to collect them and pay them out for 5 per cent. He got all the claims so far as I know. I do not think any other attorney has ever collected one claim, and, under the circumstances, we all expected to get \$95 of each hundred collected, but when he came here to make the payment, he would count out \$85 and hand it to them and tell them that was their bounty. If any made any objection to his charging 15 per cent., the only reply he would make would be, that is your bounty, and that he had had a great deal of trouble collecting them. When Wright came out to make payment in the fall of 1866, he gave notice that he would make payment on a certain day, and when that day came, he had some excuse and put off the payment until another day and then was not ready, and still put off the payment to another day; while there was many here from a distance of one hundred miles waiting on expenses, and got tired of waiting, and sold their claims at a heavy discount. I have understood that a number sold their claims for one-half, and two-thirds of the amount; and that many of them traded them for goods to Stapler & Reese of this place. He paid me \$85 for my bounty.

GEORGE W. ROSS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th October, 1867.

JACKSON R. GORRD,

J. D. C. T. D.

No. 23 B.

TAH-LE-QUAH, *Cherokee Nation* :

WINNY RATLIFF, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposes as follows :

I am the mother of Benjamin Ratliff and Neely Ratliff; they were slaves, and Benjamin had been sold twice; I do not know what name he enlisted under. Neely enlisted and went by the name of Joe Brown; they enlisted in a colored regiment. Benjamin died at Little Rock while in the service, and Neely was killed in the service. I am a widow, and Neely lived with me and was my main dependence for support. Ben having been sold from me, I employ J. W. Wright to get my bounty, back pay, and pension. I have been at Fort Gibson three or four times to see him, and he does not give me any satisfaction about the pay, but puts me off from time to time, giving no satisfactory reason for so doing.

her
WINNY + RATLIFF.
mark.

Witness: A. M. BLAKLIDGE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of October, 1867.

GEORGE W. ROSS,
Clerk Circuit Court.

[NO SEAL.]

No. 24 B.

TAH-LE-QUAH, *Cherokee Nation* :

JAMES SHELTON, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and an associate judge of the supreme court, having first been duly sworn, on his oath deposeth :

I was in the Army and held rank as sergeant in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, and was mustered out of the service with the company and regiment in May, 1865. In the fall following one J. W. Wright came among us to get employment to get the bounties of the soldiers and the bounty and back-pay of deceased soldiers. Said Wright then did promise and agree to render said service for 5 per centum, and the soldiers, to a man, did employ him in good faith with this understanding. When the bounty was got, and we went forward to get it, Wright counted out and paid each soldier \$25, charging 15 per cent. He would give no satisfactory explanation for so charging. A great many he put off by saying their claims had not yet been decided upon. Many of these cases were taken in to sell their claims for half money and half merchandise to the merchants who were on hand with their rolls of greenbacks, and seconded by Wright, who always had the right word to slip in to induce it. I was legally appointed guardian for John Smoker, a minor heir of John Smoker, deceased, late a private in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. Wright paid Betsy Thompson, the widow of John Smoker, after he was told that the woman had married again. After paying said Betsy Thompson the bounty and back pay, he took me out of the house and handed me \$25, and said, with a wink, that would go toward the boy's pension.

JAMES SHELTON.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of October, 1867.

N. B. SANDERS,
Associate Justice Supreme Court.

No. 25 B.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Fort Smith, February 19, 1868.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith an instrument forwarded this office by Major George A. Reynolds, agent Seminoles, intended to revoke power of attorney given J. W. Wright.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES WORTHAM,
Superintendent Indian Affairs,
Per A. C. FARNHAM,
Clerk.

Hcn. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

WE-WO-KA, *Seminole Nation, ss :*

Be it remembered that on this 13th day of September, A. D. 1867, before me, E. J. Brown, acting United States agent for the Seminole Indians, personally came the persons mentioned below, who, being by me first duly sworn, and having the oath duly interpreted to them by Robert Johnson, United States interpreter, depose as follows :

We were members of the First Regiment Indian Home Guards, in the company and under the captain designated opposite our names, and were honorably discharged.

Some time in the month of ———, A. D. 186—, we delivered to J. W. Wright our certificates of discharge, made and subscribed the necessary declaration for the purpose of obtaining bounty, or back pay, to which we were entitled under the provisions of the act of Congress approved ——— day of ———, A. D. 186—. We also executed and delivered to the said J. W. Wright a power of attorney to act as our attorney in fact, and draw the bounty, or back pay, for us. We further state that up to this time we have not received the same, or any portion thereof, from the said J. W. Wright, or from any person for him, or from any source whatever.

We make this declaration for the purpose of having the same paid to us as soon as possible, through the agent of our nation, or some other person, who will attend to the same promptly.

Furthermore, we ask and desire that all moneys and discharges be placed in the hands of our agent: and we hereby revoke all powers of attorney given to J. W. Wright as our attorney for bounty claims, and will not acknowledge him as our attorney from this date.

his
HE-BI-AH, + Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
mark.

his
NO-CO-SE-LA, + Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
mark.

his
JOHN-CHUP-COGEE, + Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
mark.

his
YA-HO-CHEE, + Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
mark.

his
CHO-MOTE-HO-E-YA, + Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
mark.

his
MA-HO-SI-KE, + Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
mark.

his
KOT-SO-HA-JO-GE, + Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
mark.

his
FUS-HARJO 2d, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
SEM-INO-CHE 2d + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
AL-BET-E-HARJO, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
CHIT-O-HARJO, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
AS-TE-HARJO, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
NO-KOS-HARJO, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
CHA-PI-KE-KE, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
LAT-TI-FIX-I-CO, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
HENRY, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
OGE-KO-JUK-NE, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

his
E-FO-LE, + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

E-MATH-LE, ^{his} + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

AP-PI-YUCK-KE, ^{his} + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

LO-NE, ^{his} + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-uukie.
mark.

NATH-KO-BUCK-KE, ^{his} + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

MIC-CO-HA-JO, ^{his} + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-uukie.
mark.

SA-FO-LE-CHE, ^{his} + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-uukie.
mark.

CO-OC-CO-CHI-HARJO, ^{his} + Company B, Captain Alex-tus-turo-uukie.
mark.

JOHNSON FACTOR, ^{his} + Company D, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

PETER BRUNNER, ^{his} + Company D, Captain Alex-tus-turo-nukie.
mark.

OL-CLA-CHEE, Company K, Captain Johnny.

WAT-KO-AH-HO-LAH, Company K, Captain Johnny.

Witness to signatures :

W. R. JOHNSON, Jr.,

^{his}
ROBERT JOHNSON, + *Interpreter.*
mark.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 13th day of September, A. D. 1867.

E. J. BROWN,
Acting Agent.

No. 26 B.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 29, 1868.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter from John Chupco, chief of the Seminoles, asking information in relation to pensions and bounty money due them and not paid. Inasmuch as many persons in the Creeks and Seminoles served in the Union Army in the same regiment, it would be difficult to determine by the rolls and names which belonged to the Creeks or Seminoles. I respectfully ask such information may be furnished me as will lead to a speedy examination and payment of the amounts justly due the Creeks and Seminoles for pensions and bounty.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. A. REYNOLDS,
United States Indian Agent.

Hon. W. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, *February 13, 1868.*

DEAR SIR: I take this opportunity to write you a few lines to inform you that all are well, except Major Armstrong, who was here when you left. He died on the 12th. We long to hear from you and to hear how you are getting along with your business. We have not forgotten your promise about writing, but fear that you have, as no word has reached us since you left. We would like you to look after our pension interests, as we are informed that the greater portion of our pension money still remains in Washington unclaimed, and if it be not claimed by the 1st of July it will be paid into our national funds, which we think would be great injustice to the individuals deserving it. We ask you also to look after our bounty money. Great inquiry is being made about it by the people, and we are unable to tell them anything; and if you can get any reliable information about it, please to inform us.

The surveyors are now here, or came to see us, and are now running the south line of the Creek Nation preparatory to dividing that country, after which they will survey the Seminole Nation. From what information they could give we think we are all

right in our selection, as they think the east line will run even farther than we had anticipated. We understood them to say that from the Eastern Creek line to Jo. Ellis's place was ninety-five miles. They say that our east line will be half way between the mouth of Little River and Ellis's.

Our respects, &c. We all get along friendly.

Yours truly,

JOHN CHUPCO.

Major REYNOLDS, *Washington, D. C.*

No. 27 B.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 18, 1868.*

SIR: I herewith enclose sundry affidavits and letters which have been placed in my hands by parties interested therein, with a request that I file them in your office and ask that an investigation may be had and that they may have justice done them.

First. Three letters to J. W. Dunn, United States agent for the Creeks, dated May 11, May 14, and June 10, 1867. These letters are from Samuel Checoto, principal chief, and other Creeks, asking him as their agent to assist them in getting their bounty, back pay, &c. I cannot learn that any notice was taken of those letters, or that they were ever sent to the proper Department for investigation by said J. W. Dunn.

Also, an affidavit of twenty-seven Seminole soldiers, asking relief and revoking all authority given to J. W. Wright to collect their bounty.

Also, an affidavit of twenty-two Creek soldiers on the same subject.

Also, sundry affidavits of Cherokees, making complaint against their attorney, J. W. Wright, to back pay, bounty, &c.

I respectfully ask, in behalf of the soldiers, whose guardians you are, that the matter may be investigated, and that they may have justice done them.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. M. BLACKLIDGE.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 28 B.

WASHINGTON, *June 3, 1868.*

SIR: Referring to the letter of May 20, 1868, from E. B. French, Second Auditor, with accompanying papers, which I have this day seen, I would request that copies be made from the lists including the members of the First Regiment Indian Home Guards, with all information therein contained, that I may inform the Creek people interested.

I note that in nearly every case of payments made, there are arrears of pay which were found due the claimants. I have to ask whether such arrears of pay were paid to J. W. Wright, and if so, whether at the same time with bounties? If in any instances arrears are still due claimants, that it be placed in my hands for payment to proper persons.

In my original request to your office, I also asked a tabular statement of all moneys due or paid to orphans or heirs for pensions due deceased or disabled soldiers. It is important that this information should be furnished.

At my agency I am constantly harassed by inquiries from different claimants respecting the situation of their claim.

They conceive it my duty to know all concerning their business with the Government. It does to me seem proper that in these cases I should be informed of all payments made to their attorney in order that their rights may be protected.

This is dictated from no desire to cast suspicion upon any person or persons, but to satisfy the inquiries and demands of the Creek people.

Very respectfully,

J. W. DUNN,

United States Agent for Creek Indians.

Colonel CHARLES E. MIX,

Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, present.

No. 29 B.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 17, 1868.*

SIR: The undersigned delegates beg leave to state that many of their people who served in the Federal Army during the late war, and have due them arrears, pay, bounty, &c., and heirs of such as have died, are constantly complaining to their chiefs

of the delay of payment of their dues. The undersigned were, among other things, instructed to ask that a full statement of payments that have been made to them or their agents, be made and furnished them. They would also state that it is very inconvenient for their people to be obliged to go to Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, for their pay, and ask that future payments be made to their people in their own country.

And as the undersigned are about to leave the city and return to their homes, they ask that the statement thus made be forwarded to their chief, Colonel Samuel Chekotee, Creek agency, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servants,
G. W. STIDHAM,
S. W. PERRYMAN,
Creek Delegates.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 30 B.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 15, 1869.*

SIR: The undersigned, members of the Creek Nation of Indians, and delegated by our people who composed the first Indian regiment in the late war to investigate the matter of their bounty claims, respectfully request that the Treasury Department may furnish us with a list of all claims settled in that Department (Second Auditor's Office) for back pay and bounties of deceased soldiers, members of the first Indian regiment; said lists to specify the name, the amount allowed, to whom the certificates were made payable, and to whom delivered, with the date and number of the certificate, and the company to which such deceased soldier belonged. We desire a list of all claims for back pay and bounties of deceased soldiers of the aforesaid regiment, which have been filed, and are suspended or not yet acted upon.

This information and data are necessary to ascertain what disposition has been made of moneys collected for bounties and back pay on account of such deceased soldier in order that the necessary steps may be taken to correct the wrongs and injustice that has been done to those to whom such claims have been allowed by the Government.

Respectfully, your obedient servants,

OK-TAR-SORS-HAJO, his + mark.
COT-CHO-CHEE, his + mark.
THLA-THLA-YOR-HOLS, his + mark.
KETCH BARRETT, his + mark.
S. W. PERRYMAN.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 31 B.

SHELBYVILLE, MISSOURI, *June 21, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: In the case of George M. Kesterson, deceased, Company L, Third Indian Home Guards, you wrote me in April last that the "claim was allowed December 29, 1868, in favor of Nancy Kesterson, as mother, and sent to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to be forwarded." I immediately wrote the Commissioner, &c., a letter of inquiry, but have as yet received no answer from him.

Please inform me how and where we are to get the money, as the old lady is becoming discouraged, and I am anxious to get it for her as soon as possible.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. R. McLEOD.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH.

No. 32 B.

SHELBYVILLE, MISSOURI, *June 21, 1869.*

SIR: I wrote you some time ago concerning the claim of Nancy Kesterson, as mother of George M. Kesterson, but have received no answer.

At the request of claimant I now write again.

The Second Auditor says the claim was allowed December 29, 1868, and sent to you

to be forwarded. I am attorney of record for claimant. If any identification of claimant is necessary, please send blanks to her or me.

Respectfully, &c.,

J. R. McLEOD.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

No. 33 B.

CREEK AGENCY, September 1, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith discharge and other papers of a Creek subject named Tef-fah.

He says that the account of his retained pay is correct, but he further states that he is entitled to bounty, and as he has not received it, he would like to know whether it cannot be added to the inclosed account.

As I know nothing about it, I respectfully refer the matter to you.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, Agent.

Colonel E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 34 B.

WE-WO-KA, Seminole Nation, ss:

Be it remembered that on this 14th day of September, A. D. 1867, before me, E. J. Brown, Acting United States agent for the Seminole Indians, personally came the persons mentioned below, who, being first by me duly sworn, and having the oath duly interpreted to them by Robert Johnson, United States interpreter, depose as follows:

We are members of the First Regiment Indian Home Guards, in the company and under the captain designated opposite our names, and were honorably discharged.

Some time in the month of ———, A. D. 186—, we delivered to J. W. Wright our certificates of discharge, made and subscribed the necessary declaration for the purpose of obtaining bounty or back pay, to which we were entitled under the provisions of the act of Congress approved the ——— day of ———, A. D. 186—. We also executed and delivered to the said J. W. Wright, a "power of attorney" to act as our attorney in fact, and draw the bounty or back pay for us. We further state that up to the present time we have not received the same or any portion thereof from the said J. W. Wright, or from any person for him or from any source whatever.

We make this declaration for the purpose of having the same paid to us as soon as possible through the agent of our nation, or some other person who will attend to the same promptly.

Furthermore, we ask and desire that all moneys and discharges be placed in the hands of our agent, and we hereby revoke all powers of attorney given to J. W. Wright as our attorney for bounty claims, and will not acknowledge as our attorney from this date.

HE-BE-ALE,	his + mark,	Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
NO-KO-SE-LE,	his + mark,	Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
JOHN, CHUP-CO-SEE,	his + mark,	Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
YAH-O-CHE,	his + mark,	Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
CHO-MOTE-HO-E-YA,	his + mark,	Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
MA-HO-SI-KE,	his + mark,	Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
KOT-SO-HA-JO-GE,	his + mark,	Company F, Captain Billy Bowlegs.
FUS-MARGO 2d,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
SOUR-IN-CHE 2d,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
AL-BET-E-WARJO,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
CHIT-TO-WARJO,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
AS-TE-WARJO,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
M. KAS-WARJO,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
CHA-FI-KI-KI,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
LALE-TO-FIX-I-CO,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
HENRY,	his + mark,	Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.

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OGE-KO-JUK-NO,	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
E-FO-LO,	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
E-MATTE-LE	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
APO-PI-YUCK-KE,	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
LO-WA,	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
NOTTE-KO-BUCK-E,	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
MIC-CO-WAR-GO,	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
SA-FO-LE-CHE,	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
CO-OC-CHE-WARGO,	his + mark, Company B, Captain Alix Tus-tin-muk-ke.
JOHNSON FACTOR,	his + mark, Company D.
PETER BRUNER,	his + mark, Company D.
OL-CLA-CHE	his + mark, Company K, Captain Johnny.
WAT-KO-AH-HO-LA,	his + mark, Company K, Captain Johnny.

Witness as to signatures :

W. R. JUDSON, Jr.

ROBERT JOHNSON, ^{his} + *Interpreter.*
mark.

Sworn and subscribed before me the 13th day of September, A. D. 1869.

E. J. BROWN,
Acting Agent.

No. 35 B.

CREEK AGENCY, *December 30, 1869.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that Sarah Jefferys, widow of George Jefferys, Company G, Eighty-third Regiment, United States Colored Troops, and applied for her bounty, or the bounty her husband was entitled to for his services. She states that J. W. Wright took the discharge of her husband, with the promise to procure the bounty for her, and that she has never received or heard anything from it.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, Agent.

Colonel E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 36 B.

CREEK AGENCY, CREEK NATION, *March 11, 1870.*

Personally appeared before me, F. A. Field, Captain, United States Army, Indian agent Creek Nation, the undersigned, a Creek woman, and a widow of Ar-har-loc-yar-hola, late of Company E, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, who testifies that she has received but \$85 on account of the services of her deceased husband, although she is entitled to the sum of \$200 bounty, and about \$100 for pay due as a sergeant up to the time of her husband's death, and that she has made repeated applications for the payment of her just dues, but has never been able to obtain it.

The affidavit now prays that the Government may send the money due her.

TILDA, ^{her} +
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of March, A. D. 1870.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, Indian Agent.

No. 37 B.

CREEK AGENCY, CREEK NATION, *March 12, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that Colonel Downing has not sent me the Creek roll up to this date, and am compelled to believe, from present appearances, that Judge Wright has had something to do with its detention, from the time you

ordered it sent to me, (November 30, 1869,) and I have no doubt but he is using every effort to stay the investigation, which will certainly result so detrimental to his honor, and to the honor of those connected with it, under him.

There are cases coming to my notice, daily, where soldiers or their representatives have been defrauded out of either their first or second bounty, and very frequently out of both; and seldom or never receiving more than \$85 at one payment.

There is one case I wish to call your attention to in particular, and that is the case of a Creek woman named Tilda, widow of Sergeant Ar-har-loc-yar-holar, Company E, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, the widow having received but \$85 in the settlement of the accounts of the sergeant as a soldier and for bounty, amounting in all to about \$313, due her.

I inclose herewith her affidavit, with a request that the Commissioner will give it his early attention.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 40 B.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, *May 17, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit, by request of John Chupco, principal chief of the Seminole Nation, affidavits of several of his people who drew pensions.

He brought these people of his own accord, and wished me to take their affidavits and forward them for your information, and said that he would like me to send a great number. I informed him that it was unnecessary.

I would respectfully state that numbers are paid in the same manner, and would ask that these papers be forwarded to the Honorable Commissioner of Pensions.

I have given the names as near correct as possible.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,
Captain, United States Army, and Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 41 B.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, July 25, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to state that a check, numbered 25467, in favor of Sarah Chickasaw, widow of Throw Chickasaw, Company K, Third Indian Home Guards, was obtained from me by a Cherokee woman named Sarah Dougherty under the following circumstances, and to ask how the amount is to be made good to the proper claimant:

Sarah Dougherty, who does not speak or understand English, applied to me through the interpreter, Mr. Benge, for bounty money due Sarah Chickasaw. No discharge accompanied the check in question, but as the letter of transmittal gave the husband's name, I told Mr. Benge to ask it of her. He informed me she gave the name correctly, and stated he had known her during the war by the name of Sarah Chickasaw, and was satisfied she was the person the check was intended for; but I learned afterwards he did not tell me what the former interpreter, Mr. Sanders, said to him in Cherokee about his suspicion that she was not the proper person. After consideration the check was paid, indorsed in my presence, and cashed with money I had borrowed from traders for the purpose and transferred into circulation. Some days afterwards the proper claimant appeared and established her identity beyond doubt, stating that she had heard that Sarah Dougherty, who lives in the same neighborhood with herself, had come to Fort Gibson to get the money payable to her. I ascertained afterwards that Sarah Dougherty had drawn the first bounty for service of a brother, and had been advised by Mr. Clapperton, the pension agent, who is also partner or personal agent of Mr. J. W. Wright, attorney for pension and bounty claimants, that she was not entitled to second bounty for service of a brother. The instructions from your office, regarding disposition of checks where the payees have died since the applications

were made, designate brothers and sisters as entitled on failure of other kin. In such case Sarah Chickasaw may be reimbursed from the proceeds of Sarah Dougherty's claim.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,

Captain, United States Army, Agent for Cherokees.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 42 B.

OFFICE OF CREEK AGENT,
Creek Agency, Indian Territory, August 4, 1870.

SIR: Some time since an application was made to Judge Wright by one Pok-hee for the back pay and bounty of her brother, whose name was Oeti-ah-chee-harjo, and a private in Company G, First Indian Regiment, who died near Fort Scott, Kansas, about two years after his enlistment. Some time after the application the money arrived at Gibson, but in the mean time the girl Pok-kee had died, since which time a brother of the deceased soldier has applied repeatedly for the money, but he has been unable to get it. He now applies to me to know where the money is, so that he may make the proper application for it.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. FIELD,

Captain, United States Army, Agent.

HON. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 43 B.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, *August 9, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor herewith to submit for your information and consideration, copy of a letter received the 5th instant, from Captain J. N. Craig, United States agent for the Cherokees at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, explaining the cause of the double applications for pension in certain mentioned cases, and directing the attention of the Department to the manner of taking evidence, and making suggestions concerning the same.

Especial attention is respectfully called to that portion of Agent Craig's letter wherein he reports the manner in which, and by whom, a seal, purporting to be that of the clerk of the Cherokee district court, has been and is now being used.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. F. CADY,

Acting Commissioner.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,

Commissioner of Pensions, Present.

No. 44 B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PENSION OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., August 11, 1870.

SIR: The facts set forth in the inclosed letter of Captain Craig, with reference of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, seem to me to warrant suspension of payment of all the pensions, claims for which were prosecuted by J. W. Wright, and which are payable at the Fort Gibson agency for paying pensions, if not of all others prosecuted by him, which are payable elsewhere.

But in the absence of the Commissioner of Pensions, I prefer not to take the responsibility of ordering such suspension, and therefore have the honor to submit the matter for instructions.

An examination of the cases shows that in attestation of all "declarations" in claim of Cherokees and Creeks, both pending and admitted, filed by Mr. Wright, said seal, to which Captain Craig refers was used, and that a majority of these pending bear marks of apparent fraud, or at least defective and often reckless swearing.

By reason of the fact stated above, abstracts of the evidence in all the pending Indian cases have been prepared, with the purpose of a consultation of the Commissioners

of Pensions and Indian Affairs as to the propriety of investigations in all said cases in the vicinity of the residence of the claimants, by Government officials, and of a change in the method of payments.

All the certificates of pensions to said Cherokees and Creeks, which have been recently paid, have been sent to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and this practice has been continued since the passage of the act of July 8, 1870, notwithstanding the provision of said act that all certificates should be sent to the pension agents, because the Commissioner of Pensions thought the anomalous condition of the Indians, as virtually minors, justified said exception.

Very respectfully, yours,

C. S. TREVITT,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. Cox,
Secretary of Interior.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, July 25, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at different times of the papers in the following-named pension cases, in which double claims for service of certain soldiers belonging to the Second and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards is supposed to have been made, viz, widows of Captain Scaper, Privates Elias Going to Mill, Jackson Rail, Benjamin Saunders, Bendabout, Jackson Bird, Osahwel, John Stooty, Edward Walker, and John Rainerow, with instructions to investigate and report regarding the rightful claimants of pensions due.

In the cases of widows of Private Saunders, the papers have been returned with report and evidence taken. In all these cases delay in making investigation and report has been inevitable, from the difficulty in finding parties and witnesses, but what has been brought to my notice regarding the circumstances attending the making out of declarations and the manner of taking evidence should, in my judgment, be submitted to the authorities. The testimony of witnesses is affirmed before the clerk of the Cherokee district court, who does not understand Cherokee. Nearly all the applicants are ignorant of English, and a voluntary interpreter serves between them and the clerk of the court and the person who makes out the papers. Both of the last two are interested in establishing a good claim, and the interpreter is apt to be overzealous, and in many cases, I am satisfied, fails to explain everything to the different parties; when, as in some cases, there are Cherokee witnesses, the possibility of errors is further increased. Cherokee women frequently have several names, those who have been married going by the names of one or more husbands by given names in English and Cherokee, and by others inherited from one or sometimes two ancestors. Under such circumstances much advantage would be secured if the papers were made out under the supervision of an official of the Pension Office.

The present pension agent at this place is very competent from experience to sift evidence in these cases, but, as I understand, he is an agent or partner of Mr. J. W. Wright, the attorney or agent who prosecutes all claims for Cherokees.

The action of the clerk of the Cherokee district court is attested by the impression of a seal with Cherokee and English words for a device. This is not, as it purports to be, a seal of the court, but was first known as being in possession of Mr. J. W. Wright, the attorney in most of the cases that have been made out at this place. Within a year past, so far as I can learn, it has been transferred to the custody of the clerk of the Cherokee district court for the Illinois district. After diligent inquiry I have ascertained that, except in the case of that above referred to, no seal of court has been known in the Cherokee country, and no law has ever been made that authorizes a Cherokee court to use one.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

JNO. N. CRAIG,
Captain, United States Army, Agent for Cherokees.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 45 B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., August 17, 1870.

SIR: I have received your letter of the 16th instant, inclosing, for my consideration, a copy of two letters, one from Captain J. N. Craig, agent for the Cherokees, and the other from John W. Wright, esq., of this city.

According to the statement of the agent, Mr. Wright, A. J. Clapperton, and R. Cuthbertson are concerned in a trading and salt-making establishment at Salt Springs, Mr. Wright being a principal party in interest, and the other persons his agents or partners. Cuthbertson was charged with selling whisky to the Indians, and would be arrested by a deputy marshal, and, in default of bail, taken to Van Buren. The goods in the establishment had been seized, and would be libeled as belonging to Cuthbertson, who was trading in the Indian Territory without a license.

Mr. Wright informs you that the goods are the property of his son, Mr. J. B. Wright, "an adopted Cherokee." The agent, however, states that J. B. Wright resides at Fort Gibson; has nothing to do with the control or management of the store, and that his habits unfit him entirely for business involving responsibility of any kind.

The seizure was not made nor the prosecution instituted at the suggestion of your office, and as the proceedings are subject to judicial control, I should not, under the circumstances, feel at liberty, even if I had the authority, to direct the discontinuance of them.

This view disposes of all the questions in the case, upon which your office is now required to act. I may remark, however, that the opinion of Mr. Attorney General Berrian, which you cite, has been concurred in by several of his successors, and that the Supreme Court, in the case of the United States *vs.* Roges, (4 Howard, 471,) in construing the intercourse act of the 30th of June, 1834, and the treaty with the Cherokees, concluded at New Echola, in 1835, held, that whatever obligations a white man may have taken upon himself, or whatever privilege he may have obtained by becoming a Cherokee by adoption, his responsibility to the laws of the United States remains unchanged and undiminished.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

The ACTING COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, *August 12.*

SIR: I have a son, J. B. Wright, who is an adopted Cherokee, and is engaged in making salt and selling goods at McKey Salt-Works in that nation.

About the first of this month his goods was seized by your agent for the reason his clerk was a white man. There is no law of the United States to justify such seizure. I wish to know if this is done by your authority; if so, you can keep the goods; if without your authority, I shall attach the property of Agent Craig for damages.

On yesterday I understood you to say that all white men in the Indian country had to procure a United States license. The rule has been different. No license has been required of members of the tribe, and no distinction of color has heretofore been made.

By treaty of A. D. 1866, about two thousand negroes are to enjoy all the rights of native Cherokees; if they cannot trade without license from the United States, then a license will be necessary for a full-blooded Indian; but perhaps a negro is preferred, and the only class that is proscribed is the white man.

By the treaty of Hopewell, a white man, a delegate, was recognized as an Indian, and by almost every treaty from that day to this.

Rev. J. B. Jones was a delegate in A. D. 1866, and he is a white man, and that treaty speaks of Cherokees as natives, and adopted, and the treaty of A. D. 1835 expressly gives jurisdiction to the council over their people, and such as are connected with them.

By act of October 15, A. D. 1855, the Cherokee national council recognized white men as citizens, and my son is a citizen under this act.

I have friends and clients trading without United States license in all the southwestern tribes, and I wish to know what class is to have licenses. I have clients that are Indians of the full blood; negroes, made citizens by treaty; half-breeds, whose mothers were white women, and white men made citizens by law or marriage. Now, have all these men to take licenses, or, if not, which class? An early answer is desired as I wish to protect my clients from the rapacity of United States officials.

If to all white men this new rule is to be enforced, I am glad my son is selected as the victim, as he has friends ready and able to defend him.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. ELI PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
November 17, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit claims of citizens of the Seminole Nation for back pay, bounty, &c.

I would respectfully state that it is impossible to make out these claims in accordance with the printed blanks, as many of the claimants have placed their discharges in the hands of John W. Wright, and are unable to get possession of them again; also, that these people know nothing about dates, and can only give any date whatever, except in case of some particular event having taken place at or about the same time.

I have witnessed their marks, for the reason that I am unable to get any one that can write his name to remain present, as there are but several persons in the whole nation who can write excepting children, who are not proper witnesses; and not being in any manner interested in the claims, I have witnessed them.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,

Captain United States Army, and Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington City, D. C.

On or about the 1st of June, 1869, I agreed that I would furnish goods, &c., to Judge James Mackey, so that the salt-works, known as the Marble salt-works, could be started again, as salt was high and scarce, and we thought it could be made profitable. Judge Wright was here at the time, and he agreed to assist us some, as he was anxious to get something started whereby his son Brown might be benefited, and said that he knew of a good man that he could send out to take charge and manage for us. Agreeable to our plans Judge Mackey and myself commenced fixing up the lick preparatory to making salt, and I furnished everything requisite for the same. We had hardly got under way before I ascertained that Judge Mackey was not the lessee of the lick, but that Ellis F. Phillips was the lessee; so I made arrangements with Mr. Phillips anew and entered into writings with him, agreeing to run it together. In the mean time Mr Cuthbertson had come out and was in charge, but I soon found out that I was not making anything by the operation, and came to the conclusion that I would close it out; either sell out or break up all together, as the concern was owing me a good deal and I did not think was being managed properly. So, on the 25th of March, 1870, I sold out everything on the premises to John B. Wright, and he agreed to pay me as fast as he could, either in salt or otherwise, he paying Mr. Phillips—or rather me for Mr. Phillips—one-third of the salt made as Phillips's share, said one-third to be credited by me against an account which Phillips and Mackey had been making with me. Matters run on in this way until the seizure of the goods. John B. Wright had replenished the goods at the lick at different times; bought some from me and some from others in town, and had kept Cuthbertson in charge of the lick and store, and at the time of the seizure matters stood in this way, to the best of my knowledge. I always looked to Wright for the account which was being made with me.

F. H. NASH.

No. 47 B.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, August 31, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to state that the commanding officer of the post of Fort Gibson, in compliance with request sent by telegraph and mail from the Secretary of the Interior, seized the papers and what funds were found in the possession of A. J. Clapperton, United States pension agent at this place, and now has them in his possession, under seal. Nearly all the papers were found in an office-building occupied by the pension agent, J. B. Wright, and Albert Barnes, clerk of the Cherokee district court. At the request of Colonel Huston I accompanied the party of soldiers sent to make the seizure at this office, an officer belonging to the post being in charge of that sent to the house of Mr. Clapperton, and indicated to a non-commissioned officer in charge what belonged to the clerk of the court before mentioned.

The papers seized were found loosely spread on tables and desks, and rather confusedly put away, as to part of them, in pigeon-holes. With my assistance Colonel Huston made a slight examination of what had come into his possession, and everything was secured in proper manner. Among the papers were a few checks of Paymaster Osborne, United States Army, supposed to be for bounties due Indians, dated in 1865. I examined but one, and saw two others placed in a package, afterward

sealed by Colonel Huston. With the papers was taken a seal, an impression from which is inclosed. Regarding the use of this I questioned Mr. Barnes, clerk of the court, and was informed by him that Clapperton and J. B. Wright used it "to authenticate papers with." From the inclosed letters of Captain Field and the private secretary of the chief of Creek Nation it appears that this nation has no seal. If this fictitious one has been used, it is presumed the evidence exists among papers in the Pension Office.

It is believed that an examination of the papers in Colonel Huston's possession would bring to light a great deal that it would be useful to the public service that the authorities should inquire into, and it is also thought that transactions that touch upon what law forbids would be brought into view if such scrutiny were made. An agent of the Interior Department has been expected by Colonel Huston, but as yet none has arrived.

There is a very strong and apparently a general desire on the part of Cherokees that connections established in the country by J. W. Wright should be broken up, and an examination of the papers above alluded to, it is thought, will suggest to you the propriety of taking measures to that end.

It is my firm conviction that justice to the Cherokees requires it should be effected.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,

Captain, United States Army, Agent for Cherokees.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 48 B.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, October 30, 1870.

SIR: In reply to the communication from your office, dated September 8 last, inclosing affidavit of J. W. Wright, relative to matters connected with the salt-making establishment and trading-place at which goods in the possession of R. Cuthbertson, a citizen of the United States, were seized for trading without a license, and giving instructions to ascertain to what extent the facts therein set forth agree with what has come to my knowledge, I have the honor to report that I have taken what steps were necessary for obtaining all information on the subject which could be relied on, and forward herewith the statement in writing of Mr. F. H. Nash, the principal party in interest in the salt-works referred to.

Mr. Wright's statement is made in such form as to make it appear that at the request of Mackey, a Cherokee, he placed capital at his disposal to enable the re-establishment of these salt-works. Mr. Nash informed me that Wright was present when Mackey applied to himself for assistance in the enterprise and signified a desire to secure an interest in it for his son. An arrangement with such object was entered into, but Nash held a two-thirds interest in the profits, and withdrew when he found he was losing money. Cuthbertson had been, at Wright's suggestion, who acted on the request of Clapperton, the pension agent, brought to the country as agent for the partnership; and goods were obtained on credit at Fort Gibson for a trading-place, under Cuthbertson's charge, at the salt-works. These goods were put in his possession, and complaint was made that he was trading in them without a license. Perpetual quarreling seemed to be going on between him and the Indians, whom he irritated very much by talking of the certainty of the settlement of the Territory by whites, and advantages that Wright and those connected with him would enjoy in securing valuable tracts of land. This had the more mischievous effect, since Wright himself, when in the country, had said a great deal about his plans for speculating in Cherokee lands when the introduction of railroads and the establishment of a territorial government should have opened them to white settlement. The feeling among the Cherokees, aroused by this, has become very intense and bitter, and the boasts made by Cuthbertson were irritating in the last degree. The Indians about the Salt Springs also complained much about loss of cattle, which, whether justly or unjustly, they laid to Cuthbertson's account. Clapperton visited the establishment at Salt Springs from time to time, and both he and Cuthbertson denounced certain Indians with whom they came in controversy, as rebels, and this they resented, both because it came from foreigners lately domiciled in the United States and revived animosities they had agreed among themselves to do away with. These two had secured appointments that fixed them in the Territory, and were engaged in enterprises that encroached on the rights of the Cherokees, and both gave out in an offensive way that they would remain in spite of the objections of the Indians.

The matter of another complaint, regarding which I have no other information except that it has been frequently conveyed to me, was that Clapperton withheld pay-

ments to constrain individuals to trade at the store he was interested in. As to this I can say nothing, further than that his connection with J. W. Wright would readily induce such complaints, and if it was ever done to a great extent it was previous to the present year.

I was informed by Indians and by several deputy United States marshals that whisky as well as merchandise was introduced from Fort Smith by Cuthbertson and sold to Indians. As he was in charge of a post-office it was not thought proper to arrest and remove him, and I desired the deputy marshal to secure the attendance of proper witnesses before a commissioner, and obtain a warrant for selling whisky to Indians, and, as heretofore reported to your office, seized the goods found in Cuthbertson's possession for trading without a license and transmitted an invoice with names of informer and witnesses to the United States district attorney for the western district of Arkansas.

The Cherokees very earnestly desire that all persons in any way connected with J. W. Wright shall be removed from the country.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

JNO. N. CRAIG,

Captain, United States Army, United States Agent.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 49 C.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

December 7, 1870.

SIR: From the correspondence in our possession, among other effects of the late pension agent, are elicited facts relative to a matter which is perhaps of sufficient importance to justify special treatment, involving, as it does, the assignment of Government gratuities for the adjustment of accounts between third parties. From various communications and the statements of those with whom we have communicated, it appears that the firm of Ross & Brother, and Ross, Gunter & Co., some time ago merchants at this place, became insolvent. Among their assets were orders and receipts from bounty applicants whose claims were then pending. The principal creditors of the firms were wholesale dealers in Saint Louis, to whom were transferred *pro rata* these evidences of indebtedness; upon which, however, nothing could be realized until Judge Wright, with a license as claim agent in one hand and a commission from the Interior Department in the other, appeared and was enlisted in their service. Being neither a Cherokee, nor the husband of one, he found it convenient to have himself represented by his son, J. Brown, whose marital relations have endowed him with the rights and privileges of a native. Possibly the consideration of his peculiar relations to the Government had some influence in inducing the appointment of a deputy. However that may have been, it was agreed between the Saint Louis creditors of Ross on the one part, and J. Brown Wright on the other, that for all moneys the latter should secure on the aforementioned warrants to the said creditors he should receive a compensation of 10 per cent., not an illiberal compensation when it is observed that one firm alone held \$5,758 in soldiers' warrants, and the peculiar facilities in the Wright family for a successful prosecution of the business. How far these influences were effectual in liquidating the obligations of Ross & Co. is probably doubtful, even to the versatile judge. Here and there throughout the papers in our possession (and they are voluminous and numerous) are scattered notes and memoranda indicating a further reduction of the insolvents' indebtedness. It would be almost impossible to thoroughly digest this mass of jottings, scraps, and hieroglyphics—many without date or signature, and expressed obscurely by private marks and initials. It is not to be doubted, however, that the project was in a great measure successful. While J. Brown Wright was the nominal contractor with the creditors, he was not allowed to execute the commission conferred by the agreement. Florian H. Nash was the party who appears to have represented the elder Wright in this adjustment, and through whose auditing fingers the cash glided to the merchants in Saint Louis, one coin in ten dropping through into the till. Clapperton's interest was confined to a judicious oversight, and the guardianship of J. B. Wright. Sometimes, however, he was paid the balances due claimants after proper deductions.

The following extracts from the correspondence relative to this matter will give some idea of the manner in which it was designed to effect the winding up of the Ross concern.

To understand the transaction in all its complicated details will require more familiarity with local minutia than we have yet been able to acquire.

Copies of correspondence relative to adjustment of accounts between Ross & Co. and their creditors.

It is hereby agreed between the creditors whose names are hereunto affixed of Daniel H. Ross & Bro., and Ross, Gunter & Co., of the first part, and Brown Wright, of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, of the second part, that for all moneys that Brown Wright shall cause to be paid in cash into the hands of F. W. Gulager as our agent, to be credited upon the debts due us from D. H. Ross & Bro., and Ross, Gunter & Co., we will allow Brown Wright a commission of 10 per cent. upon such cash payments.

Brown Wright agreeing to charge such commission of 10 per cent. only upon such moneys as he may be able to have paid us upon this indebtedness through his own influence and management.

Given under our hands and seal this 31st day of October, 1867.

HENRY BELL & SON.
SCOTT & MELLIEN.
LEWIS O. SWAN.
J. ARNOT & CO.
ORR & LINDSLEY.
CHAUNCEY J. FILLEY.
J. F. SCHIEFER.
WILLIAM G. DOWNING & CO.
BARRON, HOUSE & MENG.

SAINT LOUIS, *January 5, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: We shall send you by to-morrow's mail second-bounty warrants to the amount of \$5,758, which we had been instructed to send you by Judge Wright for collection.

We also send you a list of the warrants, showing each one separately. You will please collect the amounts as soon as possible, and remit the same to us. Should any of these warrants not be paid you will please ——— the same and return to us, as they belong to three different houses in the city to whom we have to account for same.

We will send the warrants by registered letter to you.

Yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson.

OFFICE OF ORR & LINDSLEY,
306 Main Street, Saint Louis, January 5, 1870.

DEAR SIR: We herewith hand you, inclosed by request of Judge John W. Wright, Washington City, sundry Indian orders to said John W. Wright to pay sundry sums as specified in inclosed list, out of their bounty as soldiers, said orders being in favor of Ross, Gunter & Co., and W. P. Ross & Co., and now owned by us. We inclose a full detailed list and description of said orders, with receipt annexed, which you will please sign and return to us by first mail. Judge Wright has no doubt instructed you as to manner of collecting, and what disposition to make of the funds. We solicit your kind attentions in the matter. Any assistance you can render us in closing up this long-deferred claim will be duly appreciated.

Yours, truly,

ORR & LINDSLEY.

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

SAINT LOUIS, *January 7, 1867, [1870.]*

DEAR SIR: As we wrote you, yesterday, we to-day send you by registered letter second-bounty warrants to the amount of \$5,758 per inclosed list. We wish them safe to hand. We can buy out some of the parties here who hold these warrants. Would you advise us to do so or not? Each man wants to sell his lot as it is. What do you think of the whole payment of the same? Would you advise us to purchase them; and, if so, what would you advise us to give? We wish you would find out if they have heard lately from Gulager, and where is he at; if he has sold his cattle or not. Find this out confidentially for us and write us about it. Please let us hear from you as soon as possible, and oblige yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson.

SAINT LOUIS, *January 27, 1870.*

Inclosed find second-bounty warrants, amounting to \$1,971, which we inclose to you in compliance with instructions of Judge Wright. Please let us know by return mail how many and which of these have been paid.

Yours, &c.,

WILLIAM YOUNG & CO.,
Per HOFFER.ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

We inclose these by our friend Mr. Gulliger, who originally obtained them for us. Any information you can give him from time to time will be duly appreciated.

SAINT LOUIS, *February 12, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: On the 8th of January we sent you by registered letter through our post-office here, for which we have taken receipt, all the bounty orders on the list we sent you some days previous, which you have received; and we have your letter stating the list had come to hand, but the warrants had not. The amount of the warrants sent are exactly as the list you have received, and the total amount is ———

We have seen them at the post-office here several times, and they say they have sent tracers after this package inclosing these warrants, but as yet they have not heard from them. It may be that the warrants are lost or have been stolen out of the mail. We have the post-office receipt for them, and shall hold it. Now, what we wish is that you do not let us suffer in this matter on account of not having received the warrants. You have the list, and you will please hold what is coming on that list to us, and if necessary we will give any bond required to indemnify you in the loss thereof.

We shall also write Judge Wright by this mail and ask him also to write you.

Please let us have an answer by return mail.

Yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
*Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.*WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 3, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I have this day seen Judge Wright, and he has written you. I have written our house at Saint Louis to at once make out a new list of the lost claims and swear to the loss of them, and also to send you power of attorney to collect for us from this list any claim that is on it. This they will do at once, and you will please attend to our interest, and collect this bounty. Judge Wright tells us that the Government here is satisfied of the loss of these orders, and have sent orders to the paying-agent at Gibson to pay these claims the same as if you had the orders. The only thing is, don't let Ross get any money that belongs to us. Ross transferred to us, as collateral security, pension claims of something over \$3,000. This was merely in the form of a list from his (Ross's) books. We have had a list sent from Saint Louis to Mr. F. H. Nash, and have requested him to collect them from you. Henry Meigs had the list of them last fall. We have asked Mr. Nash to call on him for the list. If he does not give it up, don't pay him any money on these pensions, as he is no longer an agent. If you can wait for the list that we send Nash for the pensions, you will oblige us. Can you collect a note of Dan Ross for us for \$75?

Yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
*Fort Gibson.*SAINT LOUIS, *April 6, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: We hand you this day a certified statement of the names and amount of the bounties which were mailed to you some two months since, which never reached you. They were sent by registered letter about the 1st of February. You will observe this memorandum is certified to, and also our power of attorney to collect and receipt for the money. We hand you this statement and power of attorney with the request that you collect the money and send it to us.

Hoping this will reach you in good time, we are yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson.

50 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

HENRY BELL & SON:

GENTLEMEN: Dan H. Ross either will not or cannot pay the money that you lent him in Saint Louis to come home on. I keep on dunning him every other day. I may be able to tire him out. Dan is bad pay. He will not pay any one if he can help it.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

[The foregoing was returned with the following on the same sheet:]

June 9, 1870.

DEAR SIR: You will please push him as much as possible, and make every effort to collect this debt. Can't you transfer it to some one in the nation, so you can get judgment on it, and sell a cow or a horse to pay it? We will give you one-third of the note to collect it in some way, as we want to make him pay it.

How do the collections of the bounties and pensions come on?

Yours, truly,

H'Y BELL & SON.

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Fort Gibson.

SAINT LOUIS, June 11, 1870.

DEAR SIR: This will be handed you by our attorney, Mr. Charles A. Davis, who is on a visit to your place in our interest, and of whom we have requested to call upon you and see what progress has been made in the collection of the second bounties, and also the pension account of the Ross collateral fund; also the Dan Ross note. You will do us a favor by giving Mr. Davis all the information possible, and also, if possible, try and collect all the money for us you can during his stay, and send the same to us by him.

Yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

SAINT LOUIS, April 20, 1870.

DEAR SIR: We sent you to-day, by mail, a quantity of Indian claims. Inclosed please find a list of the same. If you will give them your immediate attention we shall be very much obliged.

Yours, truly,

JESSE ARNOT & CO.,
Per TEASDALE.

ALFORD CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

April 15, 1870.

Received from Alexander Clapperton, one packet of Indian warrants belonging to Orr & Lindsley; one packet of Indian warrants belonging to William Young & Co.; and one packet of Indian warrants belonging to E. Milterberger, with lists of the same.

F. H. NASH.

MARCH, 1870.

In these following cases the drafts for \$85 were issued to-day in the following cases:

Names of soldiers.	Co.	Reg't.	Names of soldiers.	Co.	Reg't.
Wolf Downing	H	3	Joseph Price	I	3
Edward Bowlin	I	3	Saw-Poor-Boy	I	3
Warm	I	3	John R. Goard	I	3
John-nee	B	1	Henry Margua	I	3
Gal-ke-pu-ke	B	1	Qua-Pug-Dog	I	3
Warrody-stop	H	3	Nicholas Hun	I	3
George Downing	I	3	Sam Walking-Stick	I	3
Hary Back	H	3	George Helderbrand	H	3
Gruble Henson	I	3	Johnson Guskey	H	3
Pig Mike	H	3			

DEAR SANDY : [Clapperton :]

I send you the above list. Collect all you can for Saint Louis creditors of Ross. In the case of John-nee, there is \$185—two bounties, and I am only paid for one. I will get an order from Commissioner of Indian Affairs to collect for me \$15 to make it right. All is going on right. I hope to see you in a month, and I hope you and Nash and Rob. can fix up the salt-works. If Brown will go there and keep sober, I would take it. All well.

J. W. WRIGHT.

MARCH, 1870.

List of cases passed for additional bounty this 8th March, and drafts for \$85 sent to Commissioner. [Then follows a list of sixty Indian claimants.] You can find claimants' names from Alexander's book. Collect for Saint Louis creditors all you can. Deliver this list to Nash.

[The foregoing, without signature, is in the handwriting of J. W. Wright.]

The foregoing was gleaned from a large collection of letters (bound together) seized by Colonel Huston, among other effects of the late pension agent. They were selected as bearing more directly on the Ross settlement than others of the collection, though diffused through the whole correspondence is information which throws light upon the designs of the parties with reference to such settlement. In one communication Clapperton informs Judge Wright that Samuel Crowland owed the whole of his allowance to Ross, and that Nash had given him (Wright) credit for it, and \$30 fees. In another he acknowledges that he himself has paid (turned over to creditors) three claims amounting to \$255, for which Wright has received credit for \$45.

Nowhere in the documents in our possession does it appear that J. Brown Wright has the direction of or any participation in this business. His dissipation is frequently alluded to, and it is evident that, so far as possible, all ready-money was kept out of his hands. Of course much that is lucid to those interested is as yet unintelligible to us. We shall know more about it, however, before leaving the country, and hope in our final report to present a clear and detailed solution of what is now somewhat obscure. It is, meantime, deemed advisable to keep you informed of such revelations as may be made, especially as Wright and Clapperton are in Washington.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents Pension Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 50 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, December 7, 1870.

SIR : Through Hon. H. Van Aernam, Commissioner of Pensions, we present herewith samples of the various kinds of applications for bounty, &c., found among the papers seized at the office of the late pension agency, where the business of John W. Wright, claim agent, and of aforesaid late pension-agent, Alexander Clapperton, and of F. H. Hash, a merchant here, and others interested with them in prosecuting claims vs. the United States Government, and in disbursing funds accruing from said claims, appears to have been transacted. Those sent herewith are specimens of the classes named, in one or another of which are comprised considerably more than two hundred now in our possession, which will be retained until we shall have received instructions concerning the disposition to be made of them.

Besides those of which specimens are sent, there are many others irregularly executed, all the peculiarities of which our present information may not have enabled us to determine.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents of Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 51 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *December 7, 1870.*

SIR: Herewith please find inclosed a letter to Hon. E. B. French, Second Auditor, which will convey to him an idea of the character of the papers pertaining to claims properly presentable to his office, which we have found among those seized at the office of the late pension agent, and will add to the information elsewhere presented for your consideration concerning the transactions of Wright, Clapperton & Co. with the United States Government, the Indians, and others.

Respectfully yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents of Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 52 C.

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, December 9, 1870.

SIR: I this day transmit vouchers, abstract, and account-current for the month of December, 1870. A rigid examination of the testimony upon which pension claims in this nation were originally allowed has and is being conducted by General Foster and myself, as special agents of the Pension-Office, which has generally demonstrated its inadequacy, to which fact may be attributed the small amount disbursed. It is, perhaps, my duty to advise you that our investigations have convinced us that "judicial signatures" and the so-called "national seal," usually appended to documents in this locality, are entitled to little credit.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

Hon. ALLAN RUTHERFORD,
Third Auditor.

No. 53 C.

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, December 16, 1870.

SIR: I have to inform you that I am now ready to commence payment on the Fort Gibson roll, and request you to announce the fact to all persons interested. All Indians having pension claims pending should also call upon me with evidence to establish their titles.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent, Special Agent Pension-Office.

J. N. CRAIG, *Cherokee Indian Agent.*

No. 54 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *December 20, 1870*

SIR: Accompanying you will please find letter of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and lists of names and memoranda in cases of Creeks, as denominated in papers in our possession, as follows, viz: Cases in which pension has been granted, No. 1; claims for pension now pending, No. 2; claims for bounty land, No. 3; claims for additional bounty, No. 4.

You are hereby requested to seek communication with all the parties therein named, and to notify them, or such of them as may be accessible, of our presence here, of the necessity of the attendance of pensioners at this office, to secure payment when they are entitled to pension, and of applicants for pension, to aid in furthering proper and satisfactory investigation of those claims which are still pending. In the matter of the bounty land and bounty claims, the evidence specially desired is that of iden-

tity. But all heirs, or their representatives, desiring to establish their title to any of these claims, should bring with them witnesses who can testify as to their relationship to the party on account of whose services the claims are made, and to the time, place, and cause of death of said party.

The ages given are intended as guide to you in searching for or identifying the claimants. If, in any instances, parties should disclaim having made applications, as set forth in said lists, please obtain their testimony to that effect. Have the kindness, also, to notify us of your progress in compliance with above requests, and to return the memoranda herewith forwarded at your earliest convenience.

Mr. Webster will pay the pensions upon the appearance of the pensioners, in all cases in which the same shall appear to have been properly granted and any installments are due.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent and Special Agent.
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent of Pension-Office.

UNITED STATES INDIAN AGENT,
Creek Agency, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

The Creek agent having been absent from his post during the entire time of our stay in the Territory, no answer to above was ever received.

F. E. FOSTER,
Pension-Office.

DECEMBER 13, 1871.

No. 55 C.

PENSION-AGENCY, FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
December 20, 1870.

SIR: Your communication of the 7th was received only yesterday, having been mis-carried to Fort Arbuckle, Texas.

I have this day computed the amount due pensioners on my roll to December 4, 1870; and having cut off all spurious and suspected, and after a careful revision of the roll, attained the following result:

Number of invalids, 8; amount due, \$771.

Number of widows, 89; amount due, \$8,151.

Number of minors, 25; amount due, \$8,057.47.

Very few minors have drawn since 1868, nor do I suppose that, without special exertions to bring them in, they will appear within the next quarter. The arrears due to widows are also considerable. The full amount due to all classes, \$16,979.47.

* * * * * Five thousand dollars in addition to the amount already to my credit will suffice until March.

Again referring to your letters of the 7th instant, I have to say that I am able to give only such data as are furnished by the check, in order to enable him (Clapperton) to complete his abstracts. His record does not indicate the months in which payments were made, and I have found no file of vouchers, or other guide. The following comprises all the checks drawn by him during the months of July and August:

Check No. 197, dated July 7, order of Turnershouie, \$48.

Check No. 19, dated July 22, order of Joseph Tommek, \$93.33.

Check No. 199, dated July 30, order of Binta, \$48.

Check No. 200, dated August 10, order of Daniel Webster, \$100.

These are all pensioners, and I will enter them upon an abstract form, as I think they should be recorded. Mr. Clapperton will be able to recollect the payments, I suppose. Mr. Clapperton's account-book shows a balance of \$1,050.12 to his credit on the 1st July. If this could be relied on, and his subsequent drafts were honored, his standing could be readily ascertained. It has transpired, however, that, not only are his recent checks dishonored, but drafts drawn as early as April have been protested in Saint Louis. Who are the holders of his paper now in circulation I am not advised, nor have I any idea of its amount. Two drafts for \$48 each, dated April 11 and 12, indorsed by M. R. Schaffer, were protested on the 22d November. Mr. Schaffer is a contractor, at present stopping at this place, and has heretofore preferred, when not in immediate want of cash, to retain these drafts, taking the precaution to have them indorsed *specialy* to his order. In addition to those above referred to he has put in my possession seven others, which he desires me to retain until I have some assurance that they will be honored on presentation.

I have written to the Assistant Treasurer with reference to them, and expect an answer in a few days. The checks are described as follows:

Check No. 113, dated April 12, order of Scar Warpe, \$48.

Check No. 114, dated April 13, order of Nakee Long, \$48.

Check No. 115, dated April 13, order of Ce-ka-ya Guppy, \$48.

Check No. 116, dated April 13, order of Lucinda Grayson, \$48.

Check No. 121, dated April 15, order of Fick-ta, \$120.

Check No. 122, dated April 15, order of Caty De-ler, \$134.40.

Check No. 123, dated April 16, order of Rachel Raiurow, \$48.

All the foregoing are indorsed by the payees to F. H. Nash, and by him *especially* to M. R. Schaffer. They correspond exactly in dates and amounts to Mr. C.'s record and retained copies. I have no doubt they were issued by him in good faith. I have requested Mr. F. H. Nash to ascertain what others are outstanding.

I have this day remitted to Hall L. Davis amount of his bill for pension checks.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER, *Agent.*

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 56 C.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, INDIAN TERRITORY,
December 21, 1870.

SIR: In the case of Peggy Wilson, widow of Lacy Wilson, certificate No. 104,631, we have this day suspended further payment on account of discrepancies between the allegations of her original declaration and those of her deposition of this date. The appearance of the pensioner, her advanced age, quiet deportment, and the promptness with which she responded to our interrogations, indicate her honesty and enlist our sympathies. We are inclined to believe her entitled to pension, though not upon the declaration and testimony on which her certificate was issued. It is a case which probably illustrates the utter recklessness with which most Indian claims have been drawn and substantiated. Having every facility for attestation and verification of testimony, care was taken only to have statements correspond with the Government records, and truth was disregarded, even when it was easily attainable and would have been equally efficacious as the statements connected. A slight comparison of the two papers inclosed will satisfy you of these facts.

The original declaration is represented as made before Judge "Crofford," with his signature appended and the seal of the Cherokee Nation affixed. Such a thing as the signature of Judge "Crofford" does not exist. Robert Crawford is judge of this district, and is unable to write at all. The signature was written by Albert Barnes, who was (or is) clerk of the court, and whose office, together with the pension agency, was in the room occupied by J. Brown Wright, claim agent. The seal is the same as is affixed to most of the testimony included among the papers seized by the United States authorities, and the manner of its use and the credit to which it is entitled can be estimated only upon an examination of the documents now in our possession, upon many of which, whether entirely blank or partially filled, it appears indiscriminately. Pensioner, in her deposition, (see interrogatories 17 and 18,) avers that she knows Crawford, judge, and Barnes, clerk, of the court; that neither was present when she made her mark to her declaration, (interrogatories 18, 20, and 21;) and further, that she was not sworn at all.

2. Pensioner deposes (interrogatory 7) marriage in the fall of 1841 or '42, by a judge of one of the courts of the nation, which allegation differs from that of the declaration in respect to time and party officiating, as it does also respecting the locality.

In addition, your attention is particularly directed to the answer to interrogatories 14 and 15, wherein pensioner deposes as to place and manner of the execution of her declaration. We are both aware of the impracticability of requiring, in this country, the formalities and precision demanded of claimants in communities more highly civilized and better organized. The hardship which will be imposed upon Indian pensioners in consequence of inexcusable carelessness and dishonesty of their agents is great and regretted by us. But, on the assumption that a gratuity from the Government should not be allowed upon fabricated testimony, we can only recommend the suspension of this and similar cases.

We would be pleased to have an expression of your approval of our action, as we believe that in more cases similar to that of Mrs. Wilson, and filed through the same medium, it will be found that the evidence disagrees with the facts; and of such are a very large proportion of the admitted and pending claims preferred by the Indians of this Territory. Until the receipt of instructions, we shall continue to pursue the policy indicated by our action in this case.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER.
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 57 C.

PENSION AGENCY, FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
December 24, 1870.

SIR: There has been this day presented to me, for payment thereupon, pension certificate No. 105,261, invalid, dated September 1, 1870, in favor of William Thomas, late sergeant Company C, Eighth Missonri Volunteers, for \$4 per month from 2d January, 1864, signed, "W. T. Otto, Acting Secretary," and yourself as Commissioner. As at the time of issue of certificate Mr. Clapperton had been suspended, and his effects already seized, the notification is not found, and pensioner's name is not recorded on the roll. Please have duplicate notification transmitted.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
*Pension Agent.*Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 58 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, December 28, 1870.

SIR: Among the papers intrusted to us by you for investigation were a number of bounty claims from the pending files of the office of the Second Auditor, to which he requested our attention should be given. A large portion of the claimants therein having also applied for pension, or rather there being papers going to show, *prima facie*, that they had done so, we have compared the pension and bounty papers in said cases in our possession. As yet we have been unable to obtain the attendance of said claimants for personal examination respecting said claims. Meantime, however, we herewith inclose specimens of the memoranda induced by aforesaid comparison, and already made in all said cases. Said specimen is marked A.

We also subjoin other statements which will afford a fair illustration of the manner in which the claims have been prepared, and will convey a correct idea of the discrepancies between the various declarations purporting to have been made by the parties claiming and by their witnesses, and between the general assertions and the facts.

Besides the witnesses mentioned by Hon. E. B. French, in his note to you accompanying said bounty claims, as having attested so many of the signatures of claimants, and identifying witnesses, viz: Alex. Clapperton, late pension agent, and George O. Sanders, and F. J. Nash, there are several others, all of whom, as well as those above named, have been directly or indirectly interested with or for John W. Wright, the attorney in all the claims of Indians of this Territory vs. the United States, or F. H. Nash, (brother of F. J. Nash,) who is a trader here, formerly in partnership with said J. W. Wright, and his son, John Brown Wright.

George O. Sanders was interpreter in most of the cases, and he states that checks for both pension and bounty were taken by the claimants to F. H. Nash, (Mr. Sanders is a clerk in the store of said Nash,) or some of the other traders with whom the claimants had dealt or were then induced to deal, and were received by the traders, the amount of indebtedness deducted, and the remainder, whenever there was any, paid to the claimants, or to other creditors of said claimants.

Case of the widow of Ga-na-ga, admitted pension claim, certificate No. 104,679. original bounty granted, certificate No. 507,964, additional bounty claim pending.

The application for additional bounty, dated June 9, 1869, by Akee, age forty-three years, witnessed by Alexander Clapperton and J. H. Eiffert, executed before Judge Amos Thornton, refers to original application for bounty for date of marriage.

First application for pension, July 25, 1865, by Akey Sanders, age fifty years, witnessed by S. S. Stephens and J. B. Wright, executed before Judge Robert Crofford, gives date of marriage September 8, 1852. Second application for pension, December 9, 1867, by Akee, aged forty years, witnessed by John Brown Wright and S. H. Bengel, executed before Judge D. R. Hicks, gives date of marriage May 10, 1864.

Third application for pension, dated January 7, 1868, by Akey Wilson, age thirty-five years, witnessed by John Brown Wright and Josh Ross, executed before Judge D. R. Hicks, gives date of marriage September 15, 1852.

In the case of the widow of Walter Bottom, (Tianec,) the declaration sets forth that declarant "appeared before me, a district judge in and for the nation" aforesaid. (Cherokee,) and the jurat is signed by "Jacob Bushyhead, district judge, Cherokee Nation," which signature is designated as official. Said signature of and execution by Jacob Bushyhead, as "district judge, Cherokee Nation," are certified by Albert Barnes, clerk of the district court, Cherokee Nation, "to have been those of said Bushyhead," whereas said signature of Jacob Bushyhead is evidently in the handwriting of said Albert Barnes.

Case of Fee-nee, widow of No-co-se-ya-ho-la, for pension, application No. 117,862. Robert Crofford is declared (in the same manner as in Bushyhead named above) "a district judge in and for the Illinois district, Cherokee Nation," without any certificate of clerk of court, though the name of the judge appears to have been signed by Albert Barnes as clerk of said Illinois district court, as he (Barnes) also signs himself in other cases.

Case of Peggy Cornsilk, widow of Tom Cornsilk, pension application No. 110,614. Robert Crofford is declared to be a district judge in and for the Cherokee Nation, and one of the identifying witnesses—Robert Crawford, jr., in the body of the oath of identity, and Robert Crawford (without the "jr.") in the signature—is represented having been sworn by said Robert Crofford.

Case of Somme-hose, mother of Ak-te-yah-ge-ha-goh, additional bounty application. Original bounty certificate No. 261,864. Declaration sets forth that the declarant "appeared before me, a district judge in and for the nation aforesaid," (Cherokee,) and the jurat is signed by Robert Crawford, district judge Cherokee Nation, which signature is designated as "official." Said signature of and execution by Robert Crawford as a "district judge" are certified by Albert Barnes, "clerk of the district court, Cherokee Nation," to have been those of said "Crawford," whereas said signature of Robert Crawford is evidently in the handwriting of said Albert Barnes.

Case of Betsey Drywater, widow of Drywater, pension application No. 111,248. "Letters of administration" give Crawford's signature as "judge of Illinois district," signed Robert Crawford. The same is also so signed in letters of administration in case of "Sunday."

Case of Nelly Archy, pension application No. 111,180. Said judge's signature is as follows: Robert Crofford; in that of Polly Ann Hajo, guardian, pension application No. 129,983, it is Robert Crofford in the handwriting of John Brown Wright, while (in the same case) it is printed twice in the declaration as Robert Crawford.

Mr. John Brown Wright, *alias* J. Brown Wright, *alias* J. B. Wright, as his name occurs respectively in various papers, and whenever written in the same style showing the same handwriting, stated to us, inadvertently, that the said Judge Crawford or Crofford could not write his own name, and that it was always written by "Albert Barnes, clerk of the Illinois district court."

From the similarity of the signatures this would appear to have also been done for other judges by other clerks.

Case of Susee, widow of Wett, pension application No. 138,450. D. R. Hicks is declared to be "a district judge in and for the Cherokee Nation," and to what purports to be his signature are appended the words "district judge."

Case of widow of Wax-se-ha-jo, pension application No. 124,974. D. R. Hicks is designated as judge for the Illinois district.

In the cases hereinafter named the name of Judge Hicks is signed as here stated, D. R. Hicks.

Case of Kintal-ah-ta-ga-hol-lah, pension application No. 138,787, Daniel R. Hicks; case of Clasia Davis, pension application No. 129,896.

Case of Catie Vaun, guardian of minor children of Thirsty Tiger, for additional bounty, original certificate No. 261,864. The declaration sets forth that the declarant "appeared before the district judge of the Cherokee Nation," and the jurat is signed by "Amos Thornton, district judge." Said signature of and execution by Amos Thornton, as the district judge, are certified by William P. Bondinot, clerk of the district court, Cherokee Nation, to have been those of said Amos Thornton.

There are nine district judges in the nation, each having jurisdiction only in his respective district, and two circuit judges, presiding over the circuit courts and the aforesaid district courts, one over four of the latter and the other over five thereof.

In most of the papers we have examined, the certificate of some clerk as to signature and execution of the respective paper by the judge named is appended. In some cases purporting to have been signed by judges who are said to be unable to sign their own names, a clause is inserted setting forth that the contents of said paper have been read and explained (to the declarant and witnesses whose names are signed by mark) by the said judges. In a majority of the cases wherein the papers have been executed before judges of certain specified districts, as well as of those wherein the executions purport to have been before judges of "districts in and for the nation," the impression of the bogus seal of the "Cherokee Nation" is affixed.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents of Pension-Office.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 59 C.

PENSION AGENCY, FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

December 28, 1870.

SIR: General Foster and I have to-day united in a report which will in a measure demonstrate the character of the testimony upon which the Indian claims in this vicinity were allowed. You will not, therefore, be surprised that, before paying extensively upon certificates thus obtained, I desire, from competent authority, some intimation of the degree of latitude to be allowed in a comparison of statements with facts, as well as with other statements made at different times.

First, I assume that of the Indian cases in our possession ninety-nine out of every hundred would be rejected if the rules prescribed by the law, or dictated by the reason of a civilized community, were applied. The grand sanctions of evidence—the oath and cross-examination—are recognized as indispensable by every one: yet neither exists in this nation. The very seal which has assisted through our office such a mass of “evidence” was bought by private individuals, kept and applied by private individuals, has never been adopted or authorized by the Cherokee Nation or any court thereof, and has been applied only to the purpose of accelerating the allowance of claims against the Government. But not only is the seal a nonentity, the signatures of the judges appended to jurats are obviously fraudulent. Two of them—and those, too, most frequently used—are known to be spurious from the fact that neither of the judges is known to have written a word even by his most intimate friends.

If it be asserted that their clerks were empowered to sign for them, it is sufficient to answer that these signatures are the work of various hands, and too frequently of those supposed to be interested in the allowance of the claim. In the principal clerk's office were included both the claim agency of J. B. Wright and the pension agency of the United States; nor were the divisions of these three departments so distinct as might be desired. Moreover, several pensioners have denied that they were even sworn to the allegations of their declarations, and in one or two instances assert that neither judge nor clerk was present when their papers were made out. So much for the sanction of the oath.

Cross-examination we have indulged in ourselves, and its efficacy has been demonstrated in every case, falsifying affidavits previously made. In not one solitary instance has a pensioner been able to conform, in statements as to material facts, to allegations formerly made. I am not alluding now to facts respecting service and death of soldiers; neither am I unwilling to compromise a discrepancy of ten years in respect of claimant's age, or a variance of six or eight between the two dates of the same marriage; but I presume there should be a similarity in some one statement. For instance, a woman married with all church formalities should not allege a union by “Cherokee custom,” (which is simply cohabitation,) and we naturally regard with suspicion an affidavit setting forth that affiant was a participant in such ceremony at Tahleqnah, Cherokee Nation, when it is contradicted by a statement of the same party to the effect that she distinctly recollects the celebration at a point fifty miles distant. (Fifty miles is a long way in this country.)

If, from their nature and the circumstances surrounding them, these applicants are altogether unable to comply with legal or with common-sense requirements, what criterion shall be adopted by which to test their titles? After a labored examination of a pensioner and her witnesses, I have an *opinion* as to whether she is entitled, an opinion never without a *doubt*, however.

As to marriage, where cohabitation is a sufficient ceremonial, and where prevailing incest is notorious, what testimony shall be required to assure continued widowhood?

The nature of the Indian is in itself calculated to defeat the attainment of reliable testimony. No amount of assurance will satisfy a Cherokee that an extended inquiry does not imply an impeachment of his honesty; and from the moment that conviction strikes him he is angry, and either dumb or evasive.

For many of them the “pains and penalties of perjury” have little significance. Their moral education is defective, and their own laws are too easily evaded to admit of the terror of temporal punishment.

By such considerations as the foregoing the parties who made out the original papers were little troubled. Before them were the records of the War Department, which supplied an acceptable allegation as to service, wounds, disease, death, &c. Beyond these facts, knowing there was nothing to contradict them on the files of the Department, they were utterly reckless; and to the wisest fictions claimants (in many cases honest and perhaps entitled to the gratuity applied for) were made to narrate a biography of which they never dreamed. In this connection I may allude to what appears to me a somewhat remarkable fact, that it never occurred to the Department to demand some evidence that the interpreter translated correctly, or was sworn so to do. In the category indicated by the foregoing I include the great majority of the cases in our possession. I do not overlook the fact that most admitted claims were allowed on

the order of Secretary Harlan, upon, I presume, the report of Special Agent George C. Whiting.

The expediency or propriety of a reconsideration of his action it is not for me to determine. By the terms of Mr. Whiting's commission he was allowed a large discretion.

"It is not deemed necessary," proceeds that document, after enumerating the hardships attending the prosecution of claims of this character, and alluding to the patriotism of the Indians—"it is not deemed necessary, nor will you be required to reduce all the evidence which may be presented to you to legal form, but only the material portion of it *shall be stated by you* in writing in reference to each case." * * *

"I have caused the names of all those whose claims have been filed in the Department to be inscribed upon the pension-rolls, so that you may, as pension agent at Fort Gibson, at once pay, to the 4th of present month, those whom you may find to be entitled to pensions, which you are hereby authorized and directed to do without requiring them to produce certificates."

Of course if Mr. Whiting's action under the authority thus given is to be unquestioned, no action can be taken in cases which have received his approval.

It is unfortunate that all bounty claims, thousands of which have been paid, are apparently similar to those filed in our office, and in some respects are associated with still more aggravating irregularities.

While I regard this letter as only semi-official, intended rather to give you an impression of our situation than to incur the time of the Department, I am none the less anxious to receive some intimation of your views in the premises. To reconcile the *essential* requirements of the office with sympathy for (perhaps the deserts of) Indian claimants, avoiding at the same time the prohibitions of the statute, is indeed difficult. In this anxiety General Foster participates.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent and Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 60 C.

OFFICE OF PENSION-AGENT,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, December 29, 1870.

SIR: Please furnish us with a list of the names of the districts of the Cherokee Nation established by law, with the names of the judges and clerks of the courts therein, now incumbent.

Very respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents of the United States Pension-Office.

Dr. MILLER,
Executive Secretary Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

No. 61 C.

OFFICE OF PENSION AGENT,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, December 30, 1870.

SIR: Please furnish to us a report, if any has been published, of the superintendent of public schools of the Cherokee Nation, with such comments as your judgment may dictate to be necessary to post those unacquainted with the organization of the system in this nation.

Very respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents of United States Pension-Office.

S. S. STEPHENS,
Superintendent of Public Schools, Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

No. 62 C.

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES PENSION AGENT,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, December 30, 1870.

SIR: Please forward to us a certified copy of the act of the Cherokee national council legalizing marriages contracted "according to the custom of the Cherokees," or inform us when said act was passed, and what were its provisions.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,*Special Agents United States Pension-Office.*Colonel DOWNING,
Chief Cherokee Nation.

No. 62 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
January 2, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find a list of discharges found in the joint office of Alexander Clapperton, (late pension agent,) John Brown Wright, (claim agent. and son of John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C.,) and Albert Barnes, clerk of Illinois district court, Cherokee Nation, Fort Gibson, court-house. These discharges are all dated May 18, 1865, and are almost invariably indorsed, "Bounty \$100, paid by C. Holmes, paymaster," at various dates respectively throughout the year 1866, and also stamped by said Paymaster Holmes, "Additional bounty, act July 28, 1866, paid," (either October 30, or December 17,) in 1866.

The object of this presentation is to request that we may be informed, if practicable, to whom and in what manner said payments in each case, respectively, were made by Paymaster Holmes. The reason for this request is, not a few of the Indians are said never to have received this money, and as notice will have been given in the Indian newspapers of the possession of these discharges, (with duplicate of list,) and of desire of information in the premises, by means of such a report from the Paymaster General we can investigate the matter.

The names of all those persons resident in this Territory whose claims have been filed in the Pension-Office, with explanation of the object and manner of our mission, will also be published.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,*Special Agents United States Pension-Office.*Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 63 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
January 9, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find claim for pension, application No. 138478, of Katy Timberleg, widow of Charles Timberleg, formerly private of Company F, Third Indian Home Guards, comprising the papers therein filed by John W. Wright, and the new declaration and additional evidence taken by us, with a duplicate copy of deposition made by said claimant, (prior to "declaration,") which shows the manner in which her claim was prepared by the agents here of John W. Wright.

Said deposition is intended for the Second Auditor's information in investigating the bounty and back pay claims of said Katy Timberleg; and we have to request that it may be forwarded to him after you have considered it. The duplicate of said deposition, with the original abstract in the case, will be retained by us, (in lieu of the papers of the case sent herewith,) to enable us intelligently to take any further action that may be necessary in the case, and to accompany our general report of official operations here.

We propose to adopt this method of forwarding claims, both "pending" and "admitted," with such additions as the latter may require, leaving the briefs to be made out at the Pension-Office, as there may sometimes be no additional evidence required, (when we cannot decide,) and we request early information as to the acceptability of said method, and also as early action as is practicable upon the cases forwarded, that we may complete as many of them as possible during the time specified for our stay here.

We expect a rush upon us this week, and shall forward several claims in each batch, prepared in the same manner as is the one to which reference is made above, unless we receive notification of disapproval.

Herewith please also find claim of guardian of minors of Patrick Casey, (entirely

new claim,) white, the evidence of remarriage and birth of one child in which will be forwarded (when obtained) by guardian direct to you.

We have received but one letter (relative to Clapperton's account) from you, which was answered by Mr. Webster.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Widow's claim for pension.

CHEROKEE NATION, ss :

On this *twentieth* day of *September*, 1866, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the Cherokee Nation, *Kate Limberleg*, a resident of the *Cherokee Nation*, aged *forty-five* years, who, being duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension provided by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862, and of the acts amendatory thereof: That she is the widow of *Charles Limberleg*, who was a *private* in *Company F*, commanded by *Captain Downing*, in the *Third* regiment of *Indian Home Guards*, in the war of 1861; that her maiden name was *Kate Strong*, and that she was married to said *Charles Limberleg*, deceased, on or about the *twentieth* day of *May*, eighteen hundred and *forty-two*, at ———, in the *Cherokee Nation*, by custom of *Cherokees*, and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage. She further declares that said *Charles Limberleg*, her husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid at *Fort Gibson*, in the *Cherokee Nation*, on or about the *eighteenth* day of *June*, eighteen hundred and *sixty-three*. *Said soldier died of rheumatism*. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said *Charles Limberleg*, and that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints *John W. Wright*, of *Washington City, D. C.*, her lawful attorney, with full power of substitution, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any orders or certificates that may be issued or paid in satisfaction thereof.

her
KATE + LIMBERLEG.
mark.

Witness :

J. B. Wright.
J. O. Bird.

Also personally appeared before me *Soldier Holt* and *Ned Gruce*, residents of *Cherokee Nation*, to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said *Kate Limberleg* sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized her as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided, and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

his
SOLDIER + HOLT.
mark.

her
KATE + LIMBERLEG.
mark.

Witness :

J. B. Wright.
J. O. Bird.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *twentieth* day of *September*, eighteen hundred and *sixty-six*; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim, and I read and explained the above to applicant and witnesses.

D. R. HICKS,
District Judge.

All that was written on original is herein underscored.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation*, ss.

On this 7th day of January, A. D. 1871, personally appeared before me *George E. Webster*, United States pension-agent at *Fort Gibson*, *Cherokee Nation*, *Kate Timberleg*, aged about *forty-eight* years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension provided by acts of Congress grant-

ing pensions to widows: That she is the widow of Charles Timberleg, who enlisted under the name of Charles Timberleg at Carthage, Missouri, during the summer of 1862, (though the month she is unable to state,) in Company F of the Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards, in the war of 1861, and died (as she was informed by the surgeon present) of pneumonia, at Fort Gibson, in the summer of 1863; that her said husband, at the time of his death, bore the rank of private in Company F, in the Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards as aforesaid; that she was married under the name of Kate (being a slave she had no other name) to the said Charles Timberleg some time prior to her immigration to this country in 1838 by a white man known as John Bruce, (who was generally supposed to have authority to perform the ceremony,) in Tennessee, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that neither he nor she had been previously married; that she has, to the present time, remained his widow; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all the legitimate children of her said husband, under sixteen years of age at the time of his death, and who are yet living: Charles Clay Timberleg, born after March 4, 1855. Elnora Timberleg, born after September 4, 1857. Henry Timberleg, born after January 4, 1860.

She further deposes that the above dates are given only as approximating those on which the births actually took place, but that she is sure they are in each instance given as early as the actual dates, to her unknown. She further deposes and says that all of said children were the children of the soldier by herself; that she has not abandoned the support of any of said soldier's children, but that they are still under her care and maintenance; that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that she filed one previous application, through John W. Wright, her attorney, in which, as she is informed, there were false allegations made, though without her knowledge or privity, the number of such claim being 138478; that her residence is in the Illinois district of the Cherokee Nation, and that she wishes her pension certificate, when issued, sent to the United States pension agent at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

her
KATE + TIMBERLEG.
mark.

Attest: F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent Pension-Office.

Also personally appeared Judy Pack and Ellen Davis, residing in the Illinois district of the Cherokee Nation, persons who appear to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, depose and say that they were present and saw Kate Timberleg, the claimant, make her mark to the foregoing declaration; that they believe, from their long acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; that to their knowledge she lived with Charles Timberleg, now deceased, as his wife prior to his enlistment into the service of the United States, and was acknowledged and recognized as such by him and the community; that they know of said soldier's death at the time mentioned in the foregoing declaration; and that the said applicant has not since that time remarried, but still remains the widow of the soldier, as aforesaid; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

JUDY + PACK.
ELLEN + DAVIS.

Attest: F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent, Pension-Office.

Sworn and subscribed before me this — day of January, A. D. 1871, and I hereby certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration, &c., were fully made known to the applicant and witnesses before swearing; and, further, that I have carefully cross-examined them with a view to ascertaining the truth and determining the validity of the applicant's title to pension. I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension Agent and United States Agent, Pension-Office.

No. 64 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
January 9, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find claim of Nakey, widow of C. Georges, Ap. No. 138,405, with papers, including declaration and additional evidence as to service and death of soldier, and marriage and widowhood of claimant, sworn to and attested this day, and the papers previously filed by J. W. Wright, with a memorandum indorsed upon

the ticket of said claim, which was transcribed from the report of the Adjutant General under date of November, 1865, now on file in your office, upon rolls of the said Adjutant General furnished at said time, comprising record of the enlistment, casualties, discharges, &c., of all the soldiers of the three Indian Home-Guard regiments known to have been enrolled. No further evidence being available in support of said claim hereat, the same is respectfully submitted for the claimant as it is.

It is deemed unnecessary to add more concerning said claim, except that the claimant cannot procure the better evidence of marriage, and that the medical records at this post, where he died, are so defective as to preclude the possibility of ascertaining more certainly the cause of her husband's death.

Herewith please find also an affidavit of Albert Barnes, a copy of which we retain for future use, which will be found interesting by reason of the light it sheds upon the manner of preparation of the former papers in these cases, the use of signatures, and relations of judges, clerks, and jurats to each other. All that relates to the case above-named to be found in said affidavit is set forth in a certificate, so that it might be kept separate from the case.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Widow's claim for pension.

CHEROKEE NATION, ss :

On this seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the Cherokee Nation, *Nakey E. George*, a resident of *Cherokee Nation*, aged fifty years, who, being duly sworn, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862, and of the acts amendatory thereof: That she is the widow of *E. George*, who was a private in Company *F*, commanded by *Ah-lee-cher*, in the Second Regiment of *Indian Home Guards*, in the war of 1861; that her maiden name was *Nakey*, and that she was married to said *E. George*, deceased, on or about the first day of May, eighteen hundred and forty-five, at *Dwight Mission*, in the *Cherokee Nation*, by *Rev. W. Willey*, and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage.

She further declares that said *E. George*, her husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid, at *Fort Gibson*, in the *Cherokee Nation*, on or about the twenty-fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three. *Said soldier died of fever.*

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said *E. George*, and that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States, and she hereby appoints *John W. Wright*, of Washington City, D. C., her lawful attorney, with full power of substitution, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any orders or certificates that may be issued or paid in satisfaction thereof.

her
NAKEY + *E. GEORGE.*
mark.

Witness :

Josh Ross,
Daniel R. Hicks.

Also personally appeared before me *Albert Barnes* and *Worcester Willey*, residents of *Cherokee Nation*, to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said *Nakey E. George* sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized her as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided, and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

ALBERT BARNES.
WORCESTER WILLEY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

[SEAL.]

DANIEL R. HICKS,
District Judge Koo-we-skoo-we District.

All the writing is underscored.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Illinois district, ss :*

On this 9th day of January A. D. 1871, personally appeared before me, a United States pension agent at Fort Gibson, in the district and nation aforesaid, Nakey George, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the acts granting pensions to widows: That she is the widow of E. George, who enlisted under the name of E. George, at Fort Gibson, on the — day of —, A. D. 1863, in the Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, Company F, in the war of 1861, and died of bowel complaint at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, in the summer of 1863, (corn was a foot or more high,) who bore at the time of his death the rank of private in Company F, Second Indian Home Guards; that she was married under the name of Nakey to the said E. George, at Dwight Mission, by Rev. Mr. Willey, between the time of her emigration (1839) and that of the great payment to emigrants, (1851,) there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that her husband had been previously married, his former wife having died prior to her marriage with him; that she has to the present date remained his widow; that he, the said E. George, left surviving no minor children or child by either herself or by any former wife; that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that a prior application has been filed, to which, on account of informalities in it contained, this is supplemented; that the number of such application is 138,405; that being an Indian and ignorant in the English language, she was not aware of such informalities in prior declaration, until this time; that her post-office address is Nakey George, care of Albert Barnes, esq., Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

her
NAKEY + GEORGE.
mark.

Attest: F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent Pension-Office.

Also, personally appeared before me, John Smith and Harman Boland, persons who appear to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, depose and say that they were present and saw Nakey George make her mark to the foregoing declaration; and that they have every reason to believe from twenty years acquaintance with her, and her appearance, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; that during the period of their acquaintance with her, before her husband's enlistment, they know that said declarant lived with E. George, to them well known, as his wife, and was by him recognized as such; and further, that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

his
JOHN + SMITH.
mark.

his
HARMAN + BOLAND.
mark.

Attest: F. E. FOSTER;
Special Agent Pension-Office.

No. 65 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
January 10, 1871.

SIR: Albert Barnes, clerk of the Illinois district court, Cherokee Nation, as representative of the heirs of Lieutenant Alexander F. Barnes, deceased, late of Company M, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry, desires us to inquire relative to the claim for back pay of said officer, and to ascertain the testimony required to establish the same.

Among the papers put in our possession as relating to said claim appears the enclosed blank declaration, which, as the judge's signature appears to be genuine, is transmitted as a further illustration of the manner in which the judiciary of this country is conducted. Please furnish us the information desired by Mr. Barnes.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 66 C.

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, January 12, 1871.

SIR: We have been this day called upon by Mrs. Mary Ann Perryman, who desires information respecting her claim for additional bounty, as mother of Joseph K. Perryman, late of Company I, First Regiment Indian Home Guards. If you will advise us of the further requirements of proof in order to establish such claim, we will conduct its prosecution, or abandon it, as may appear practicable.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 67 C.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
January 18, 1871.

SIR: The irregular character of many of the papers filed with claims for pension and bounty of Cherokees by John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C., the use of a seal falsely purporting to be that of the Cherokee Nation upon papers ostensibly signed by Daniel R. Hicks, Robert Crawford, (whose name is spelt in five different ways,) and others, as judges of "Illinois district," or of "district in and for the Cherokee Nation," and complaints that some of the claimants whose claims had been allowed had not been properly paid, induced the Commissioner of Pensions, with the sanction of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior of the United States, to send the undersigned to this place to examine persons and papers, and, as far as practicable, to adjudicate said claims, as well as to investigate and report upon said irregularities.

Deeming it necessary, in furtherance of the accomplishment of our said mission, to obtain a list of the names of the districts of the Cherokee Nation established by law, with the names of the judges and clerks of the courts therein who are now incumbent, as well as of those who have been officially recognized from time to time, (with dates of incumbency,) from July, 1865, to July, 1870; and also to secure a certified copy of the act legalizing marriages contracted according to custom of Cherokees, or an official statement when said act was passed and what were its provisions, as well as information what officers have been and are authorized to perform the marriage ceremony in the Cherokee Nation, we have to request that you will officially furnish us with the information desired upon these points, as well as with the history of afore-said seal, the date of its actual adoption by the nation, or by any court thereof, or of any district thereof, and the legal authority of said adoption.

As early a response to this request as is practicable is earnestly and most respectfully asked, in the interest of justice and of the Cherokees.

Your obedient servants,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

JAMES VAUN,
*Second Chief, Acting Principal Chief Cherokee Nation,
Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.*

No. 68 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
January 23, 1871.

SIR: In response to request of John A. Foreman, late major of the Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, who has been notified that an application for pension under No. 101123, in his behalf, is pending at the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, we have to request that he may be notified of the condition and requirements of his claim through us.

The papers in said claim do not appear to have reached the Indian files, probably by reason of the civilized name of the claimant, or possibly inasmuch as he formerly served in a Kansas regiment the claim may have been so designated.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 69 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
January 21, 1871.

SIR: Inclosed herewith please find Cherokee Advocate for the 14th instant, and note editorial comment on our advertisement on third page. In order to appreciate the spirit in which those gratuitous remarks were made, it should be remembered that the paper is published at the expense of the nation, under express enactment of the council, in the "interest of the Cherokee people." The publication of the list on the first page was made upon recommendation of the United States Indian agent, and is of direct personal interest to at least one in ten of the citizens over twenty-one years of age. William P. Boudinot, editor, is one of the "clerks of court" who figure in Government claims, and the signature of "Judge Thornton" is almost invariably written by him.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 70 C.

UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, January 23, 1871.

SIR: Will you please advise us of the condition of the claim for additional bounty of Mrs. Eliza Bushyhead, mother of the late Jesse Bushyhead, Company L, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. This inquiry is made on behalf of the applicant, who says her claim was put in the hands of J. Brown Wright for prosecution some months ago, since which time she has been unable to hear from it. Number of original certificate unknown.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

HON. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 71 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
January 25, 1871.

SIR: Alexander Clapperton arrived here Sunday morning, and this day there was received by the commandant of this post a communication, of which a copy is herewith inclosed. The "papers, books," &c., referred to are in our possession, and were known so to be by Mr. C. when he made his requisitions. Upon hearing that he was to arrive, Mr. Webster left word with J. Brown Wright and S. H. Benze that if he would call at our office he would receive all his private papers that were not required by the Government, including his check-book and retained copies of accounts. Mr. Clapperton did not call, but first formally intimated his arrival by the requisition re-

ferred to. If it were worthy of any consideration whatever, Clapperton's letter would suggest the following inquiries :

1. What evidence is there of his authority to represent John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C. ? None accompanied his communication.

2. Under the "intercourse laws" at present subsisting, how can said "Wright, of Washington, D. C.," claim property in any goods or chattels within this nation ?

3. Is not Clapperton himself an "intruder" in this nation, liable to ejection by the United States Indian agent ? To this consideration the attention of that official has been called.

4. How is it to be determined what proportion of the office furniture is Clapperton's ? On the evening we left Washington John W. Wright informed Mr. Webster that the office desk was his property, and offered to negotiate for its sale. And,

5. Respecting the "drafts, stamps," &c., how is the title thereto to be established ? John Brown Wright, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, (by virtue of his marriage into the tribe,) has already claimed a portion of them. He is the only one of the three entitled to hold them in this country.

6th, and finally. Waiving every consideration respecting individual titles, how much of the property seized is it proper to return ? In a multitude of books and papers there are evidences that Clapperton was acting as Wright's clerk in the prosecution of claims, and receiving compensation therefor, at the same time holding a position under the United States Government. There are memoranda that may serve to throw light upon the irregularities connected with the salt-lick and the appropriation of pension and bounty money to the satisfaction of individual indebtedness incurred previous to the allowance of the claims.

The probability that a demand similar to that upon Colonel Huston will be made upon us, and the desire that you should be informed of whatever transpires affecting our mission, are the considerations that dictate this communication. Colonel Huston will, of course, ignore Mr. Clapperton's requisition.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 72 C.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION,
Tahlequah, January 26, 1871.

GENTLEMEN : Inclosed you will please find a list of the names of the districts, and also a list of the judges of the several districts up to present time. Also copies of the act in relation to marriage and estate, and the act in relation to a seal. There is no law legalizing marriages contracted according to the customs of the country, or annulling such marriages. The copy inclosed is all the information I can give you in relation to marriages, as regards the seal. There is no law authorizing any of the judges to use a seal in any of his official transactions. The names of the clerks of the several districts I could not get on account of being locked up in the Auditor's office at this place, and he resides some distance from here. I will send after the key to his office, and forward you a list as soon as it can be done.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES VANN,
Acting Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

ALLEN ROSS, *Secretary.*

Messrs. F. E. FOSTER and GEO. E. WEBSTER.

P. S.—I shall be at Gibson next week, and will then give you all the information required.

AN ACT in regard to marriage and estates.

Be it enacted by the national council, That all regular ministers of the gospel, of every denomination, having the care of souls, and all judges of this nation, are hereby authorized and empowered to solemnize the rites of matrimony according to the rites and ceremonies of their respective churches, and all such marriages shall be deemed

lawful. No person, being married, shall marry another person without first having obtained a bill of divorce from the proper authority. Nor shall it be lawful for any person to marry and live with, as man and wife, his or her connection nearer than that of second cousin.

Be it further enacted, That when any person shall die intestate, the estate of such person shall be divided, according to law, between his or her lawful widow or widower as the case may be, and the legitimate children of the same.

Tahlequah, October 24, 1855.

Approved.

JOHN ROSS,
JAMES VANN,
Assistant and Acting Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, January 24, 1871.

A true copy:

ALLEN ROSS,
Private Secretary.

A list of the clerks of the district courts of the several districts, from July, 1855, to July, 1870.

1. Coo-wees-coo-wee district:

D. W. Lipe, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
J. B. Mayes, October, 1867, to October, 1868.
J. B. Mayes, October, 1868, to July, 1870.
J. B. Mayes, clerk at present time.

2. Delaware district:

James Tincup, July, 1865, to October, 1865.
James Tincup, October, 1865, to October, 1866.
James Tincup, October, 1866, to October, 1867.
T. J. McGhee, October, 1867, to October, 1868.
T. J. McGhee, October, 1868, to October, 1869.
T. J. McGhee, October, 1869, to October, 1870.
T. J. McGhee, clerk at present time.

3. Going Snake district:

John Thornton, July, 1865, to July, 1870.
John Thornton, clerk at present time.

4. Flint district:

Big Bullet, July, 1865, to October, 1865.
J. W. Adair, October, 1865, to July, 1870.
J. W. Adair, clerk at present time.

5. Saline district:

J. L. Springston, July, 1865, to July, 1870.
J. L. Springston, clerk at present time.

6. Tahlequah district:

O. P. Daniel, July to October, 1865.
Silas D. Ross, October, 1865, to October, 1866.
Daniel R. Gourd, December, 1866, to August, 1867.
William H. Turner, August, 1867, to October, 1867.
William H. Turner, October, 1867, to January, 1868.
Robert B. Ross, January, 1868, to October, 1868.
W. H. Turner, October, 1868, to July, 1870.
W. H. Turner, clerk at present time.

7. Sequoyah district:

Franklin Falkner, July to October, 1865.
Franklin Falkner, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
George Bingo, October, 1867, to October, 1868.
Ellis Sanders, October, 1868, to July, 1870.
Ellis Sanders, clerk at present time.

8. Illinois district:

Amos Thornton, July to October, 1865.
Moses Pine, October, 1865, to October, 1866.
Albert Barnes, October, 1866, to October, 1867.

Daniel R. Gourd, October, 1867, 7 months, 1868.
 D. W. Lipe, 1868, 5 months, 1868.
 W. P. Boudinot, October, 1868, to October, 1869.
 Albert Barnes, October, 1869, to July, 1870.
 Albert Barnes, clerk at present time.

9. Canadian district :

George Bingo, July to October, 1865.
 Daniel R. Gourd, October, 1865, to October, 1866.
 Sanders Chote, October, 1866, to October, 1867.
 O. P. Brewer, 1867 to July, 1870.
 O. P. Brewer, clerk at present time.

The within list of clerks is as correct as I can at present get at in the auditor's office.

JAMES VANN,
Acting Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, *February 15, 1871.*

A list of the judges of the several districts in the Cherokee Nation, from July, 1865, to July, 1870.

Coo-wees-coo-wee district :

District Judge Stop Seonatie, July to October, 1865.
 District Judge Daniel R. Hicks, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
 District Judge Daniel R. Hicks, October, 1867, to October, 1869.
 District Judge Charles Rogers, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

Delaware district :

District Judge Luther Rice, July to October, 1865.
 District Judge Charles Thompson, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
 District Judge Elowee Bntler, October, 1867, to October, 1869.
 District Judge Elowee Butler, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

Saline district :

District Judge George Beamer, July to October, 1865.
 District Judge Charles Wickliffe, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
 District Judge Charles Wickliffe, October, 1867, to October, 1869.
 District Judge Charles Wickliffe, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

Tahlequah district :

District Judge Jackson R. Gourd, July to October, 1865.
 District Judge Jackson R. Gourd, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
 District Judge Jackson R. Gourd, October, 1867, to October, 1869.
 District Judge Jackson R. Gourd, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

Going Snake district :

District Judge Frog Six Killer, July to October, 1865.
 District Judge Johnson Robbins, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
 District Judge Johnson Robbins, October, 1867, to October, 1869.
 District Judge W. G. Thornton, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

Flint district :

District Judge Johnson Bolin, July to October, 1865.
 District Judge Wesley Gritts, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
 District Judge Samuel Adair, October, 1867, to October, 1869.
 District Judge Jackson Christie, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

Sequoyah district :

District Judge Mink Downing, July to October, 1865.
 District Judge George Blair, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
 District Judge Franklin Falkner, October, 1867, to October, 1869.
 District Judge Ezekiel Starr, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

Illinois district :

District Judge Robert Crawford, July to October, 1865.
 District Judge Robert Crawford, October, 1865, to October, 1867.
 District Judge Amos Thornton, October, 1867, to October, 1869.
 District Judge Jacob Bushyhead, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

Canadian district :

District Judge Franklin Gritts, July to October, 1865.

District Judge Te-car-to-ar-skee or Wm. Doublehead, October, 1865, to October, 1867.

District Judge I. M. Hildebrand, October, 1867, to October, 1869.

District Judge I. M. Hildedrand, October, 1869, to October, 1871.

P. S.—I have not been able to get a list of the names of the clerks, as they are locked up in the auditor's office, at this place, and he resides in Canadian district. I will furnish you a full list as soon as I can get the key to the office.

Very respectfully,

JAMES VANN,
Acting Principal Chief.

Districts in the Cherokee Nation.

No. 1. Coo-wees-coo-wee.

No. 2. Delaware.

No. 3. Saline.

No. 4. Tahlequah.

No. 5. Going Snake.

No. 6. Flint.

No. 7. Sequoyah.

No. 8. Illinois.

No. 9. Canadian.

A correct number of districts.

JAMES VANN,
Acting Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

ALLEN ROSS, *Secretary.*

No. 73 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *January 28, 1871.*

SIR: We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your courteous communication of the 26th instant, and to request that you will apprise us of your presence upon your arrival at this place.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office

Hon. JAMES VANN,
Acting Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

No. 74 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *January 29, 1871.*

SIR: Yours of the 4th instant, announcing decision of Second Comptroller respecting assignment of pensions by invalid inmates of asylums, is received. Also, your communication advising me of consignment of my checks, though the latter are delayed.

Receipt of Assistant Treasurer at Saint Louis, Missouri, dated December 1, 1870, announces deposit to my credit as pension-agent, of \$10,000.

The eastern mail received to-day was the first for more than a week.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEORGE E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 75 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *January 30, 1871.*

SIR: We submit herewith declaration for reissue and increase in the case of Oker-kee-wer-you, (Oocker-we-you,) widow of "Toney," (Toney.) The discrepancies between this and the original declaration are glaring and illustrate the utter recklessness with which applications were made in this locality; but the ignorance of the pensioner, and her frankness under a rigid cross-examination, relieve her of all blame. Her marriage to the soldier is established to our satisfaction by the testimony of Morter Vann, who has been designated by the Indian agent as our interpreter. Mr. Vann was a soldier in the United States Army, and is a member of the Cherokee national council; his acquaintance with the citizens of the nation

is extensive, and his veracity is attested by all who know him. The death of the soldier was occasioned by a disease which seems to have frequently proved fatal among Indian soldiers, and was doubtless incurred in the service and in line of duty.

The age of the minor child it will be in this, as in most Indian cases, impossible to establish except approximately, but we have given the date of birth as early as by any possibility it could have occurred.

If by you deemed compatible with the interests of the Government, we recommend that her claim for reissue and increase be allowed. We would be gratified if immediate action is taken thereupon, in order that the certificate, if issued, may reach us before our departure. Should you approve our recommendation, please sign the order below, and send, with case, to the widows' certificate division. We will correct "examiners' rolls" on receipt of certificate.

Yours, respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Special-Chief of Widows' Division:

As recommendation in the foregoing reissue certificate to Oo-ker-we-you, widow of Toney, private, Company D, Third Indian Home Guards, at \$3 per month, commencing February 22, 1865, with increase of \$2 per month, commencing July 25, 1866, and ending March 1, 1871, on account of minor child, Ta-key. Former payment to be deducted.

Commissioner.

No. 76 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *January 30, 1871.*

SIR: Permit me to suggest the propriety of immediately providing for the continuation of payments to pensioners on my roll.

I am convinced that this agency should be consolidated with that of Saint Louis or Little Rock, and the preparation of vouchers and delivery of checks assigned to the United States Indian agent.

While maintenance of this office is a considerable expense to the Government, it affords no adequate compensation to an efficient and faithful agent.

The primitive customs of the people, their * * * and the obstacles to communication with them, would seem to confirm this opinion. The Indian agent is, in the performance of his duties, one in contact with every community, and his familiarity with individuals will enable him to best identify parties; and his necessary travel over the country would, in a measure, relieve pensioners of the necessity of laboriously working their way to Gibson from a distance. You are doubtless satisfied that the sanction given to evidence by the local courts is of little value. The informal manner of contracting marriages and assuming guardianships renders the local familiarity of the Indian agent invaluable. His honesty can be assured to the satisfaction of the Government, or his removal summarily effected.

There are other considerations indirectly bearing upon my proposition to abolish this office, and, among others, the fact that the quiet of this nation, and the immunity of the Indians from the swindling operations of speculating adventurers, are hazarded by the multiplication of whites within the Territory. I believe that, with hardly an exception, every white civilian in this country is awaiting the prospective waking up of the reservation, and exerting himself to secure that result. The pension-agency affords one more position into which a *chevalier d'industrie* may insinuate himself, and further complicate the administration of Indian affairs.

My mission contemplated my continuing in this place no later than the 15th of March. Should a successor be appointed, it is desirable that he should be present at that date to receive the property of the agency with my explanations.

I have as yet received neither my checks nor roll-book. The latter, in case the agency is continued, will become an absolute necessity to my successor. That at present in use has been sadly mutilated by use, and was originally a very poor record.

I yesterday received draft for \$150 salary.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 77 C.

Private.]

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *January 31, 1871*

DEAR SIR: Foster happened to be present to-day at the office of General Hazen, now commanding this post, when that officer read a lengthy complaint by Mr. Alexander Clapperton on behalf of John W. Wright, concerning the seizure of books, papers, and office furniture at this place claimed by said Wright, with a request that they should be delivered to said Clapperton, and immediately instructed his adjutant to return said paper, with indorsement that any application for the return of said articles should be addressed to the Secretary of the Interior; and we are permitted to notify you of said action.

The sun again shines upon us, and the roads are rapidly drying.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 78 C.

UNITED STATES PENSION-AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, January 30, 1871.

SIR: "Oo-ker-we-you" appeared before us to-day to establish her title to pension, as widow of Toney, late private Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. We also inquired relative to her claim for bounty; and, upon examining the records seized at the office of Alexander Clapperton, we ascertained from a pencil memorandum that her claim was contested by "Polly D. Toney," sister of the soldier. Of the marriage (according to the "custom of the Cherokees") of said Oo-ker-wee-you to "Toney," we think there is no doubt. Morter Vaun, at present acting as our interpreter, and a member of the Cherokee national council, (one of the few reliable men connected with that body,) swears that he has been acquainted with her twenty-five years; that he well knew her husband "Toney;" that he knows that for about ten years previous to his death said soldier and applicant lived together as man and wife, and were recognized as such throughout the nation; and that her relationship to the soldier was known to "Polly D. Toney," the sister. His statement is corroborated by the affidavit of Joe Shade, who, though unknown to us, appears to be credible and disinterested.

We have recommended the continuance of the widow's pension upon the testimony referred to. We know nothing of the condition of the bounty claim, except that it appears that neither original nor additional has been paid. If, however, the testimony on file in your office, in connection with our statement, will warrant such action, and you will forward the bounty check to us, we will endeavor to secure to the applicant the full benefit of the same—a rare consummation in this Territory—and will take such receipts and additional evidence as you may require. If preferable, the checks may be sent to the United States Indian agent, Rev. John B. Jones, with notice to us.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor Treasury.

No. 79 C.

UNITED STATES PENSION-AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, January 30, 1871.

SIR: Among other effects seized at the office of Alexander Clapperton is a record, apparently transcribed from official rolls, comprising the names of soldiers in the Indian Home Guards, with data appended under the following heads: "Company and regiment;" "Date of filing claim for bounty;" "Action of Department;" "Amount collected;" "Number of receipt;" "When filed for second bounty;" "Action of Department;" "Number of receipt;" "Relationship;" "Remarks;" the latter including Adjutant General's reports as to desertions, disallowances, &c., &c. We suspect this record was improperly obtained, and for the following reasons: In several letters addressed to Clapperton by John W. Wright, there are allusions to "a complete record-book" in course of preparation, which will soon be forwarded, and which is to be seen by no eye other than Clapperton's, this caution being invariably appended to each refer-

ence. It includes items, systematically arranged, not ordinarily permitted to be in the possession of claim agents, and its method and accuracy are far superior to the ordinary records of the "firm." Clapperton is several times reminded that it is not to be relied upon in making payments, an unnecessary caution if it had been compiled from the books of the "company." It appears to be in the handwriting of one H. Hayden, employed as a clerk by Wright at his Washington office during the month of December, 1869, and onward.

Of the correctness of these surmises you will be able to determine. We are impelled to advise you of them thus early by the fact that Mr. Clapperton is at present at Gibson, and has demanded the return of all books, papers, &c., which were seized by the United States authorities, and which "are not connected with the Pension-Office." As we find the documents a great convenience, we have not as yet recognized the authority of his requisition.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor United States Treasury.

No. 80 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 2, 1871.*

SIR: Inclosed herewith please find original papers in the case of Minerva Davis, widow of Jesse Davis, (certificate No. 104,659,) with application for increase on account of minor children, &c. The pensioner is totally blind. Morter Vaun, one of the identifying witnesses, is acting as our interpreter, is reliable, and has been questioned outside the facts included in his affidavit. These declarations embody the facts elicited by laborious cross-examination, and care is taken to exclude every allegation which the deponents cannot make intelligently and without reserve. As in the cases heretofore sent, the ages of the children are fixed with due regard to the interests of the Government, care being taken to give dates of birth quite as early as they could have occurred.

In recommending the allowance of this, as of other claims, we are somewhat influenced by the fact that the Department has already accepted the evidence furnished as to marriage and death of soldier, and also by the impression made upon us by the bearing and frankness of the witnesses and claimant.

As heretofore, we affix an order for the admission of the claim for increase, and issue of a new certificate, to be signed by you in case our recommendation has your approval.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Chief Widows' Certificate Division:

As recommended in the foregoing, issue increase certificate to Minerva Davis, widow of Jesse Davis, private Company E, Third Indian Home Guards, payable at Fort Gibson agency, at the rate of \$8 per month, commencing May 4, 1864, with increase to the following-named children:

Elizabeth, who will attain the age of 16 May 1, 1875.

Allison, who will attain the age of 16 August 13, 1877.

Former payments to be deducted.

Commissioner.

No. 81 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 2, 1871.*

SIR: In some of the correspondence of J. W. Wright, which has fallen into our possession, we find instructions to his co-operators to find some one (when the right party did not seem to be available) to indorse checks. The late Indian agent, Captain J. H. Craig, to whom were given numerous checks for payment of additional bounty, refused

in several cases to pay, because he suspected the wrong party had (through Wright) claimed, and because it was doubtful, indeed, in some instances, whether any legal claimant existed. In view of these and other irregularities of which you have been apprised, we have compared the entries in the book to which reference was made in our letter of the 30th ultimo (as having been prepared for Wright by N. Hayden) with other papers in our possession, and herewith present the following sample of the results of such comparison. In said book is the annexed entry: "Ar-tres-se-ma-ler, Company E, First Indian Home Guards; claim for original bounty filed December, 1865; paid (by Department;) amount collected, \$278.50; No. of receipt 1,205; claim for second bounty filed September 1, 1869; action of Department; ———, claimant, mother, (with comment in the margin, put down in old book as widow;)" while among other papers, also in our possession, we find an application for additional bounty, purporting to have been made March 7, 1867, by Ar-tres-se-ma-ler himself, fully executed, without the bogus seal, but with the so-called "signature of the judge," Robert Crawford, signed by Albert Barnes, the "clerk;" and attested by said clerk in due form (and with his own *bona fide* signature) to be the signature of said Crawford. This application is evidently on account of the same soldier named in the application noted in the quotation above given from *the book*. Of the fact that it (or a duplicate thereof) was ever filed, we have no evidence; but we deem it fair to presume that the said soldier was living in 1865, when the application for his mother aforesaid was filed, and at a later date when the same was allowed and paid. We have not yet ascertained whether said soldier now lives or not, but will endeavor so to do. Meantime, however, we have to request that you will cause the evidence in the case to be noted, and will inform us which of the applications is shown to have been properly based, and what bounty or bounties and arrears have been paid in said case, when, and to whom; and also whether you wish us to take any further action in the matter.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 82 C.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss:*

On this 2d day of February, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, pension-agent at Fort Gibson, personally appeared Minerva Davis, who, being duly sworn, deposes: That she is the widow of Jesse Davis, formerly of Company E, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards; that she resides on the Greenleaf Branch, in Illinois district, Cherokee Nation; that in the year (1866) after the close of the year, she moved to the residence of Thomas Ballard, near White-Oak Springs, in the Illinois district, about eighteen miles from Fort Gibson, and lived there one year, from the spring of 1866 to the spring of 1867; in the spring of 1867 she went to the house of Thomas Ballard, from her present residence, (about twelve miles from Fort Gibson,) on Greenleaf aforesaid, and said Ballard came with her to Fort Gibson to get her first bounty (original) due her on account of the services of her husband aforesaid. She further deposes and says, she was paid said bounty-money, the sum of \$95, by Judge John W. Wright, in the second story of a house then standing within a few feet of the store-house now occupied and owned by Mr. F. H. Nash, east therefrom, and was known as Mr. Nash's house; and that said house is torn down. She further deposes that she cannot recollect the month, or day of the month, upon which Wright paid her said bounty, but she does remember distinctly that the amount was as above stated, and was paid in bank bills; and further, that as she left the said building wherein she had received the money, John Brown Wright told her she owed him \$10 for getting her bounty case through, and she then and there paid the said John Brown Wright what she supposed was the sum of \$10. Deponent further deposes that she has never, at any time, received any further amount of bounty than that above named, nor any arrears of pay of her husband due him for service in the Army, at the time of his death; that she has never traded upon any bounty claim, but has traded upon her pension with F. H. Nash, and now owes Mr. Nash (aforesaid) \$100; that she has, when paid her pension-money, after the first payment, by Mr. Whiting, in 1866, always taken the checks received for pension to Mr. Nash, and paid them to him, and that she has never received more than \$10 in money from him, and that but on one occasion; and further, that she traded with Mr. W. P. Ross, but ceased trading and paid all she owed him (in money) the summer of the year she got the bounty, viz, 1867.

And further deponent saith not.

her
MINERVA + DAVIS.
mark.

Witness: F. E. FOSTER.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date above given, and I hereby certify that the deponent fully understands English, and that the above affidavit was read to her before signing.

GEORGE E. WEBSTER,

Pension-Agent.

I also hereby certify that the above is a correct copy, and that deponent is totally blind, and that Wright's books show that he collected for her \$152.95.

F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agent Pension-Office.

No. 83 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 3, 1871.*

SIR: We are requested to ascertain what amount was paid on the claims for back pay and bounty of the widow of Wolf-Track, late of Company L, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. The records of J. W. Wright, seized by the Government, show the amount due on said claim to have been \$173.14, less \$9.19. The widow complains that she received only \$85. Will you please inform us what amount was allowed, whether paid by draft or current money, at one or different times?

"Rope," of Company G, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, received his original bounty, but alleges that the additional was paid by John W. Wright to another man bearing the same, who is the father-in-law of J. Brown Wright, and who deserted from the Second Regiment. He insists that Wright made such payment, knowing it to be erroneous, and that his (claimant's) efforts to secure the money have been unavailing.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,

Pension-Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 84 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 4, 1871.*

SIR: I forward, herewith, application for additional bounty of Gau-wah-chee-yo-las, Company B, Second Indian Home Guards. I am not sufficiently familiar with the details of your office to be an expert attorney before it; but both the Indian agent and myself are satisfied that the claimant has not received, and is entitled to the gratuity claimed. Mr. Jones will execute such papers as you may require, for which please forward blanks.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,

Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 85 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 6, 1871.*

SIR: Herewith please find two affidavits relative to non-receipt of original bounty, with requests of the deponents for investigation as to the manner of said payment, to whom said amounts were paid, and the character of the papers upon which said claims were allowed. A careful examination of the deponents elicited the said depositions and no other facts of moment. The statements made therein respectively, as to the record in the "Hayden" book, to which reference has several times heretofore been made in our correspondence with you, are correct, and said record seems to indicate that Wright's official evidence of that fact and the original applications, or officially certified copies thereof and of the receipts for said money, are indispensable to any further investigation of these transactions. Such transactions, and others, in which the amount of bounty only, less a \$15 fee, are alleged by the claimants to have been received, (when the aforesaid book shows that arrears of pay as well as bounty were collected by Mr. Wright,) are numerous, and there seems to be no method of determining in how many and what instances the claimants received their actual dues, but by

comparison of the record of payment by a paymaster to Wright with the statements of the claimant in each case respectively. We requested a copy of such record from the Paymaster General through the Commissioner of Pensions on the 2d ultimo. Said copy has not yet come to hand. Until it shall arrive we will be compelled to forward affidavits as herewith in all cases of complaint. Please give us the necessary *data* and your instructions in the cases herewith noted.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent of Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

{No. 83 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 7, 1871.*

SIR: Inclosed herewith please find application for bounties, original and additional, of James Taylor, late a private in Company C, of the Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. If, as we believe, these claims have been already paid, it will be advisable to trace the money to its destination. Claimant insists that he has never received any penny of it, and the fact that he has for some time been in Arkansas furnishes some assurance of his veracity. As he speaks English fluently and is resolute in his determination to recover his dues, his case is well calculated to furnish an index of the manner in which bounty money was appropriated in this country. Otherwise it is by no means peculiar. The correspondence in our possession indicates that there was no hesitation in indorsing and receipting for claimants; and in most of the cases in which any bounty was received, the claimants were compelled to take store goods, after deducting \$15 attorney's fee and such debts as might appear on the books of any of the traders in the vicinity.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 87 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 7, 1871.*

SIR: Inclosed please find declaration for increase of pension in the case of Elizabeth Walking Stick, including pensioner's affidavit relative to discrepancies between the documents of to-day and those of her original application. We also transmit herewith the original papers, and also the pensioner's certificate.

The identity of the pensioner was established by her witnesses, one of whom is known to us, and by Morter Vann, our interpreter. She speaks English freely. It would appear useless to hold claimants in this country responsible for any statements that may appear in their original declarations. They are ignorant of the simplest requisites to a reliable and truthful declaration. They were not even questioned as to the facts relative to which they were made to depose. After copying the contents of the adjutant general's roll, Wright's agents filled the remainder of the blank at hazard. The applications were kept until a number had accumulated, and then a judge was called to execute the batch, having never seen the affiants. Claimants were in most cases sworn by J. W. Wright, J. B. Wright, or one of their clerks, as Spencer S. Stephens. Of this fact we have evidence both direct and documentary. That the number of fraudulent claims in this nation were not multiplied is to be attributed to the reticence of the Indians, and an indisposition to exert themselves mentally or physically for the purpose of concocting fraud, and not to any indisposition on the part of the agents, or a scarcity of facilities.

Mrs. Walking Stick is, we are satisfied, the widow of the soldier.

We are further satisfied that her husband died as she alleges. Small-pox was raging here at the time of his death. The fact that the records of the adjutant general state that his death occurred at this place is only one of the many inaccuracies made in the Indian returns.

The age of her child cannot be better established. We have stated the date of birth as early as we think it could by any possibility have occurred, if any weight is to be attached to the statements of herself and witnesses. Should you object to such testimony for increase please advise us, and we will make no more efforts in that direction.

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Upon our investigation, and the testimony herewith forwarded, we are inclined to recommend the allowance of the claim. Should you approve our recommendation please sign this order below, and send to chief of widow's certificate division.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Chief Widow's Certificate Division :

In accordance with the foregoing recommendation, issue increase certificate to Elizabeth Walking Stick, widow of Samuel Walking Stick, at \$8 per month, commencing September 10, 1863, with \$2 per month additional for minor child, (Wilson,) commencing July 25, 1866, and ending December 1, 1879, deducting former payments.

Commissioner.

Widow's claim for pension.

CHEROKEE NATION, ss :

On this *twenty-fourth* day of *August*, 1865, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the Illinois district, Cherokee Nation, *Elizabeth Walking Stick*, a resident of the *Cherokee Nation*, aged *thirty* years, who, being duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension provided by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862: That she is the widow of *Samuel Walking Stick*, who was a private in Company *Q*, commanded by *Captain White Catcher*, in the *Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards*, in the war of 1861; that her maiden name was *Elizabeth Wilson*, and that she was married to said *Samuel Walking Stick*, deceased, on or about the *tenth* day of *May*, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, at *Caney Creek*, in the *Cherokee Nation*, by *Rev. E. G. Smith*, and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage. She further declares that said *Samuel Walking Stick*, her husband, died in the service of the United States, as aforesaid, at *Fort Gibson*, in the *Cherokee Nation*, on or about the — day of *August*, 1864; *cause of death, small-pox*. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said *Samuel Walking Stick*, and that she has not in any manner engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints *John W. Wright*, of *Washington City, D. C.*, her lawful attorney, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any orders or certificates that may be issued or paid in satisfaction thereof.

her
ELIZABETH + WALKING STICK.
mark.

Witnesses :

J. A. Kerr.
H. D. Reese.

Also personally appeared before me *John Henson* and *Jacob Henson*, residents of the *Cherokee Nation*, to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said *Elizabeth Walking Stick* sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized her as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized in the community in which they resided; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

JOHN HENSON, his X mark.
JACOB HENSON, his X mark.

Jesse Bushyhead.
John Ross.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *twenty-fourth* day of *August*, eighteen hundred and *sixty-three*; and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

ROBERT CROFFORD.

NOTE.—If there is any record evidence of the marriage, insert—except that of which a true copy is hereunto annexed—and append a certified copy of the record accordingly. The cause of death must be specified in the second clause of the declaration. The declaration must be made before a court of record, or before some officer of such a court, duly authorized to administer oaths, and having custody of its seal, which must be attached.

All written in original is herein *italicized*.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation, ss :*

On this 1st day of February, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, United States pension-agent at Fort Gibson, in the nation aforesaid, personally appeared Elizabeth Walking Stick, residing at Fourteen Mile Creek, in Tablequah district, Cherokee Nation, who being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: That she is about thirty-five years of age, and is the widow of Samuel Walking Stick, who enlisted under the name of Samuel Walking Stick (Cherokee=Sam Daw, lin. erst.) during the month of July, 1862, in Company I of the Third Regiment Indian Home Guards; that said soldier was sick with small-pox at Fort Gibson (Blunt) in 1863, and was removed to his home on Fourteen Mile Creek, where he died of said disease late in the summer of 1863, and that deponent was with him at the time of his death; that at the time of his death said soldier bore the rank of private in the company and regiment aforesaid; that she was married to said Samuel Walking Stick about nine years before the war (1853) extended to this country; that she was married according to the "custom of the Cherokees," (and not by any minister or judge,) on Fourteen Mile Creek, under her maiden name of Elizabeth Thornton; that she never was known under nor assumed the name of "Wilson," as stated in her former declaration for pension; that previous to said marriage neither deponent nor her husband, the aforesaid Samuel Walking Stick, were ever married; that by said marriage she had two children, Mary Ann and Wilson; that Mary Ann died in the autumn of 1865; that Wilson is still living, and is about seven years and one month old, and who was born some three or four months subsequent to her husband's death, and not earlier than December 2, 1863; that she has, up to this time, remained the widow of said Samuel Walking Stick, never having married since his death; that the following, as above stated, is the name and date of birth of the only child (surviving) of said soldier: Wilson, born (not earlier than) December 2, 1863; that her elder child died previous to July 25, 1866; that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that a prior application was made by her through John W. Wright, her attorney, on which she received a pension certificate No. 104645, which application, she is informed, included allegations differing from those of this declaration; that she never stated to any party, and never knowingly sworn to, the misstatements so contained in said former application; that upon making said former application an oath was administered to her by one Spencer S. Stephens, and not by Robert Crawford or any other person, except said Stephens; that she is unable to read or write English; that upon her pension certificate she received payment to the 4th of March, 1870; that she makes this declaration in order to secure the increase due her on account of her minor child, Wilson, as provided by act of Congress approved July 25, 1866, and also to correct and explain the errors contained in her former application for pension; that the witnesses to said former application, John and Jacob Henson, were present at its execution, and witnessed her mark thereto; that her post-office address is Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Attest:

his
MORTER + VANN.
mark.
F. E. FOSTER.

her
ELIZABETH + WALKING STICK.
mark.

Also personally appeared Washington Henson and Stephen Spears, persons who appear to be respectable and entitled to credit, who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Elizabeth Walking Stick make her mark to the foregoing declaration; that they have been intimately acquainted with her for twelve years, and were acquainted with her husband for fifteen years prior to his death; that they know that said Elizabeth lived with Samuel Walking Stick as his wife for nine years prior to his death, and was recognized as such by the community; that they have seen the minor child of said declarant frequently since its birth; that they believe him to be the legitimate child of Samuel Walking Stick aforesaid, and that his age is not more than alleged by the declarant, his mother; that they know that said child has not been abandoned by said declarant, but still remains under her care and custody; and that said Elizabeth Walking Stick has not remarried since the death of Samuel, her husband, and that if she had it would have come to their knowledge; and further, that they believe said declarant is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that the allegations of her declaration are true; that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in any claim of said declarant.

his
WASHINGTON + HENSON.
mark.
STEPHEN SPEARS.

his
MORTER + VANN.
mark.
F. E. FOSTER.

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Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of February, A. D. 1871, and I certify that the foregoing declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and her witnesses before swearing; that I carefully examined the declarant and witnesses in order to elicit the truth, especially relative to facts respecting which there is a conflict between the statements of this and the former declaration for pension; that the declarant speaks English intelligibly, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim for pension or increase.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

No. 88 C.

UNITED STATES PENSION-AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, February 7, 1871.

SIR: We are requested by the applicant to inquire the condition of the claims for original and additional bounty of Eliza Young Deer, widow of Young Deer, (on the Adjutant General's rolls as David Young Deer.) Claimant has been allowed a pension, and has to-day established her marriage to our satisfaction; also the fact of her marriage to Johnson Blythe, on the 20th of June, 1870. By Young Deer she had two children, both of whom are dead. Clapperton's books show no allowance for bounty. If desired, we will, upon learning requirements and receipt of suitable blanks, endeavor to establish the claims without expense (or deduction) to the applicant.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 89 C.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 8, 1871.*

SIR: We have been requested to inquire of you relative to the following claims for bounty, &c. Please advise us of the amounts paid, and to whom; also whether by check, or in current money:

John Vaun, late of Company A, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards; Joseph Vann, father and claimant, says he has not received bounty. Wright's book shows the following: "Amount collected, \$165; claim for bounty filed July, 1867; action of Department paid." Henry Clay, private, Company B, First United States (Kansas) Colored, (perhaps discharged from Seventy-ninth United States Colored,) applied for bounty through J. W. Wright. He has never received either original or additional. He was indebted to D. H. Ross, (Ross, Ganter & Co.,) of this town, to the amount of \$85, and fears his bounty was improperly assigned to the Saint Louis creditors of that firm, together with many others, though he never authorized such an assignment.

Major J. A. Foreman desires to know what amount was collected, or is due as arrears of pay to William Webber, Captain Company E, Third Indian Home Guards. Foreman says Webber was under his command, and served faithfully until killed in action; that he never received pay for his five months' service. Widow's name is Margaret.

James Height, Company C, Second Indian Home Guards. Widow, War-le-y-roper, says she received from F. H. Nash, \$85, one-half cash, and the remainder to her credit for store goods. Wright's book shows: "Amount collected, \$153.83; number of receipt 1686; original claim filed March, 1867; action of Department, paid; claim for second bounty filed September 1, 1869."

The foregoing are illustrations of the cases that are daily brought to our attention. We have hardly met a claimant who was paid the full amount due in cash. We at present send inquiries only in such cases as are called up by the more intelligent and positive of our visitors.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent, and Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 90 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: Delilah Parris, sister of Albert Chicken, formerly of Company M, Third Indian Home Guards, killed at or near Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, May 20, 1863, represents that,

as administratrix, she made claim for bounty, through John W. Wright, in 1865, and was sworn by said Wright to said bounty application, as were also her witnesses; that she delivered her letters of administration and aforesaid application, together with the discharge of her brother. She requests that you will transmit, through us, information as to the condition of said claim, and if any evidence is needed, what is requisite; also, if the money has been paid, to whom, when, what amount, and how she shall proceed to recover the same.

Respectfully, yours,

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent of Pension-Office.

No. 91 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: At the suggestion of J. B. Jones, United States Indian agent for Cherokees, that you will furnish us such information as is within your power concerning the widow and children of John Sickey, or See-kee-kee, formerly of Company E, Third Indian Home Guards, as follows: As to the death or remarriage of widow, and date thereof, and as to dates of birth of any children of said soldier who were under sixteen when he died, and if any of them have died, the dates of their death.

Respectfully, yours,

Hon. Judge DUVALL,
Webber's Falls.

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

No. 92 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: Please inform us, so far as is in your power, as to the age, full name, Indian and English, service, and death, and as to his widow, whether living and unmarried, or if dead or remarried, the date thereof, of one Pike, said to have been a private of Company M, Third Indian Home Guards.

This request is made at the suggestion of J. B. Jones, Indian agent for Cherokees.

Respectfully, yours,

FROG SI-XKILLER,
Cincinnati, Arkansas.

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

No. 93 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: Please inform me whether there is a widow and children of Stean Walker, formerly of Company H, Second Indian Home Guards, living; whether the widow has been married since the death of her husband, said soldier; if she has been remarried, at what date, and what are the ages of the children of the soldier, now living, who were under sixteen years old when he died; and if his widow has died, at what date she died.

This is written at the suggestion of Mr. J. B. Jones, Indian agent for Cherokees.

Respectfully, yours,

Captain SIMON SNELL,
Maysville, Arkansas.

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

No. 94 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

MADAM: At the suggestion of Rev. J. B. Jones, Indian agent for Cherokees, I have to request that you will inform us, so far as you can, as to the widow and children of

Arch. Sanders, formerly of Company L, Third Indian Home Guards, who is said to have been your son. Has the widow remarried or died since the death of the soldier; if either, at what date? Did he leave children under sixteen at the time of his death; if so, please give their names, and the dates of their births, and the dates of their deaths, if any have died.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Mrs. PEGGY WOODALL,
Cincinnati, Arkansas.

No. 95 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: At suggestion of Rev. J. B. Jones, Indian agent for Cherokees, I have to request that you will inform us whether the widow of Lituwaki, formerly private of Company G, Second Indian Home Guards, has remarried or died since the death of the soldier, and if either, at what date, and whether he left any children who were under sixteen when he died, and if any of said children have died, and at what date, as well as the dates of birth of all of them.

Yours, respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

FROG SIX-KILLER,
Cincinnati, Arkansas.

No. 96 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: At suggestion of Rev. J. B. Jones, Indian agent for Cherokees, I have to request that you will inform us, so far as you can, whether the widow of Samuel Sanders, formerly a private of Company E, Second Indian Home Guards, has remarried or died since the soldier's death, and if either at what date; also, if he left any children who were under sixteen at the time of his death; if so the dates of their birth, and the dates of their death if any have died.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

JOHN SHELL,
Cincinnati, Arkansas.

No. 97 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: At suggestion of Rev. J. B. Jones, I have to request that you will inform us of the date of remarriage of the late widow of Ta-qua-yah Wolf, formerly a soldier in Company H, Second Indian Home Guards, and whether she is still living; also if the soldier left any children under sixteen at the time of his death; their names, and dates of birth, and, if any have died, the dates of death, and who is the authorized guardian of those living.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

JOHNSON THOMPSON, *Omaha*

No. 97 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: Please inform us if the widow of George Fieske, formerly of Company E, Second Indian Home Guards, has remarried or died since the death of the soldier; also if

the soldier left any children under sixteen at the time of his death, and the names and dates of birth (and, if any have died, the dates of death) of any such, as well as who is the authorized guardian of the children.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. RED BIRD SIX-KILLER,
Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

No. 98 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: At suggestion of Rev. J. B. Jones, Indian agent for Cherokees, I have to request that you will, so far as is in your power, inform us if William Thornton, formerly of Company L, Third Indian Home Guards, left a widow, and, if so, if she has remarried or died since the soldier's death, and at what date; also, if he left any children under sixteen, and their ages, or rather the dates of their births, and if any have died, the dates of their deaths.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. AMOS THORNTON,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

No. 98 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

MADAM: At suggestion of Rev. J. B. Jones, Indian agent for Cherokees, I have to request that you will inform us, so far as you can, whether the widow of Tick-String has remarried, or died, (since the death of said soldier, formerly a private of Company B, Second Indian Home Guards,) and if either, at what date; also if he left any children under sixteen at the time of his death; if so, the dates of their births, and, if any of them are dead, the dates of their deaths. Also please say to your husband that we much desire his aid in correcting errors in the papers of widows of soldiers formerly of his company, and hope will find time to visit us here soon.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Mrs. NATHANIEL FISH,
Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

No. 99 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 9, 1871.*

SIR: At suggestion of Rev. J. B. Jones, Indian agent for Cherokees, I have to request that you will inform us, so far as is in your power, whether the widow of Thomas Spike-Buck, formerly of Company B, Second Indian Home Guards, has remarried or died since the soldier's death, and, if either, at what date; also whether the soldier left any children under sixteen at the time of his death, and if any, the dates of their births, and if any have died, the dates of their deaths.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

EZEK. BLACK FOX,
Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

No. 99 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 10, 1871.Hon. E. B. FRENCH, *Second Auditor* :

We have been requested to inquire whether bounty has been paid on account of services of Sitting Bear, late of Company G, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. The brother of the soldier claims to be the heir, and has never received bounty.

Wright's book shows "claim filed January, 1866, on behalf of Dutch Canoe, son of deceased," and that \$113.90 was the amount collected. There is interpolated the following remark: "Not to be paid—fraud;" but whether the amount fraudulently obtained was refunded to the Treasury by the attorney does not appear.

Also if additional bounty was paid Mariah Duck, widow of Johu, Company F, Third Indian Home Guards. Widow died before allowance of claim.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

[Second Auditor responds that Wright received money and did not refund.]

UNITED STATES PENSION-AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, February 10, 1871.

SIR: I am referred to you by Rev. J. B. Jones, United States agent, for information relative to the case of the minor children of Moses Varny, late a private of Company A, Third Indian Home Guards. A pension was allowed to said minors on the 10th of June, 1868, and made payable to Jane See-kee-kee, their guardian, but no application has ever been made to this agency for payment. Children's names are Tague, Anna, and Sawnee. Can you inform me if they are still living and are legitimate children of the deceased soldier; also the whereabouts of the guardian?

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
*United States Pension-Agent.*Judge DUVAL, *Webber's Falls.*

No 100 C.

UNITED STATES PENSION-AGENCY,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, February 10, 1871.

MADAM: We are referred to you by Rev. J. B. Jones, United States agent, for information respecting Jackson Walker, minor child of Nicholas Walker, late a private in Company I, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. A pension was allowed to said minor child, and paid to Susannah Pickeotee, his guardian, to September 4, 1869. It is now reported that the child is dead. Can you inform me as to the truth of the report?

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
*United States Pension-Agent.*Mrs. JANE SIX-KILLER,
Cincinnati, Arkansas.

[Frog Six-Killer says child died a year ago.]

No. 101 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 11, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith application for pension of Richard Humphries, guardian of minor child of Fox Holt. A former claim was made in which Sealy, herself a minor child of the soldier, was made guardian, No. 129,946. She has since died, and we transmit original papers herewith. We are not disposed to recommend the allowance of guardians' claims in general, as we believe that in most cases the money is misapplied. In this case, however, the applicant is a negro, and appears to be a steady, industrious man, as also his witnesses, all speaking English fluently, telling what they know candidly, and evidently impressed with a sense of their obligation to speak the truth un-

der oath. The testimony is as good as can generally be obtained in this nation; and if such claims are to be admitted upon similar evidence, we recommend the allowance of this.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents of United States Pension-Office.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 102 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 13, 1871.

SIR: Walter Downing, formerly of Company M, Fourteenth Kansas, a Cherokee Indian, states that he applied through J. W. Wright, or, rather, his son, J. Brown Wright, for original bounty several years ago, and requests that you will inform him, through us, as to the condition of his claim.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER.

HON. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 15, 1866.

SIR: In order to enable Mr. Whiting, while at Fort Gibson, to pay the pensions which, upon the investigation he is required to make there, may be found to be due, I have to request that you will inscribe the names of the following-named claimants upon the pension-rolls—the rates and commencement of the pensions allowed will be hereafter supplied; the names of those claimants thus inscribed upon the rolls, who may be found not to be legally entitled to pensions, will be stricken from the rolls on the receipt of his report after his return, viz:

Ann Brown, widow of Isaac Brown.
Atachita Davis, widow of John Davis.
Akey Sanders, widow of Wilson Sanders.
Arleg Walter, widow of Walter.
Arleg Nar-eksi, widow of Wales-ka-bat.
Anne Tun-nee-no-ce, widow of Tun-nee-no-ce.
Ann Tiger, widow of Red Bird Tiger.
Akey Cochrane, widow of Wind Cochrane.
Anna Brown, widow of Thomas Brown.
Ah-yak-noo-ci Bear, widow of John Bear.
Alla Ellis, widow of Nathaniel Ellis.
A-nee-key, widow of Water Hunter.
Ah-nee, widow of Sid-a-wa-gy.
Anna Baldrige, widow of Samuel Baldrige..
Anna Blackbird, widow of William Blackbird.
Aneey, widow of Os-na-se-ty.
Aley Poor, widow of Poor.
Anna Borrow, widow of Jack Borrow.
Anna Cah-nah-s-sa-shi, widow of Cah-nah-s-sa-shi.
Aky Walker, widow of John Walker.
Aking Dragger, widow of Asa Dragger.
Ah-ter Yan Deer, widow of Yonng Deer.
Anna Baldrige, widow of John Baldrige.
Arley Oolstoo, widow of Stephen Oolstoo.
Ann Fencer, widow of Jackson Fencer.
Akeyo, widow of Swimmer.
Anna Fish, widow of John Fish.
Arch Killer, invalid.
Abat Downing, invalid.
Betsey Justice, widow of Sidney Justice.
Betsey Te-ca-ne-e-shi, (oosto,) widow of Ta-ca-ne-e-shi, (oosto.)
Betsey Potatoes, widow of Tom Potatoe.

Betsey Olor-no-ti-ski, widow of Olor-no-ti-ski.
 Betsey Glass, widow of Henry Morgum.
 Betsey Beamer, widow of West Beamer.
 Beav Brown, widow of James.
 Betsey Watts, minor of Ned Leak.
 Betsey Dry Water, widow of Dry Water.
 Betsey Hog Shooter, widow of Hog Shooter.
 Betsey Creek, widow of George Creek.
 Chee-co-nr-c, widow of Wah-yah-goo-cor-no.
 Co-co-thlaw, widow of Co-wee-na.
 Charlotte Conseene, widow of David Conseene.
 Cofasa Cah-ka-na, widow of Cah-ka-na.
 Shee-squah-ne-gal-ce, widow of Ato-la-he-asti.
 Chee-nah-ye Six-Killer, widow of Delaware Six-Killer.
 Chee-nah-tah, widow of Johnson Olahoater.
 Ca-ha-koh, widow of Lowly Middlestaker.
 Ca-her-kah-chk-n, minor of Middlestriker.
 Cla-wa-yonke, widow of Opossum Six-Killer.
 Catharine Bowlin, widow of Edmund Bowlin.
 Chi-yan-su, widow of Ta-qua-ah Wolf.
 Co-no-hee-mar-thlar, minor of Tso-fil Cuphar-jn.
 Chee-nagi Goodmoney, widow of Eli Goodmoney.
 Cu-loo-ci-fe-si-na-gi, widow of Tsa-ga-na-rah.
 Co-we-ob, widow of Chofaluck Hargo.
 Ca-ha-cah, widow of Red Ellis.
 Chee-yo-sa, widow of Nah-noo-see.
 Co-he-na, widow of Chek-sut-to-yate.
 Ca-n-quannu, invalid.
 Dal-ka, widow of Be-coote-she.
 De-ka-ki-ya-ski, widow of Dearwithe Water.
 Darkie Pig Mike, widow of Pig Mike.
 Dinna Killernitek, widow of Killernitek.
 De-la-ko-gee, widow of Tute-ka-ha-see.
 Dirt Seller, invalid.
 Daniel R. Goard, invalid.
 Elsa Duck, widow of Young Duck.
 Eliza Barnett, widow of Young Barnett.
 Ellen Sun Shine, widow of Sun Shine.
 Elizabeth Shade, widow of Johnson Shade.
 Eliza Young Deer, widow of Young Deer.
 Ezikiel Black Fox, minor of Howling Wolf.
 Esther Baldrige, widow of Charles Big Drum.
 Elizabeth Walking Stick, widow of Samuel Walking Stick.
 Fan-sah, minor of Hen-tra-fix-eco.
 Fee-nee, widow of No-co-so-go-ho-co.
 Fin-no-teh-ho, widow of Tuscamnick-co-cho.
 Ge-lo-na-ja, widow of O-la-yo-a.
 Grass, invalid.
 Ho-stno-to-shee, widow of Sumpkee.
 Ho-tah-boh-who-is, widow of Ah-wa-tul-e-co.
 Hester Dun Drum, widow of Wilson Drum.
 Ish-cham-bah, widow of Ka-peh-gi-hayo.
 Jane Hailing, widow of Ellis Hailing.
 Jane Le-kee-kee, widow of John Le-kee-kee.
 Jenny Welsh, widow of John Welsh.
 Jane Killernith, widow of Samuel Killernith.
 Jane Wilson, widow of Joseph Wilson.
 Jemina Poor Boy, widow of Samuel Poor Boy.
 James Glass, (guardian,) minor of Ridge.
 John Smith, (guardian,) minor of Horace Brown.
 Jane Path Killer, (guardian,) minor of William Bump.
 Jane See-kee-kee, (guardian,) minor of Moses Vann.
 James Creek, (guardian,) minor of Hickory.
 John Sheah Croker, (guardian,) minor of Cat-eah-pa-na.
 Jenny, widow of Ke-you-kah or Ground Squirrel.
 Ke-sa, widow of Hog Snooter.
 Kitty, widow of Char-co-c-o-ne.
 Katy Stealer, widow of Josiah Stealer.
 Ko-a-le-cha, widow of Moses.
 Kah-ho-ke Greece, widow of Greece.

- Katy Looney, widow of Looney.
 Keen-ha, widow of Ne-or-hah-got.
 Ker-n-che, widow of Os-squall or Bolty.
 Kah-la-neh, widow of Jimmy.
 Ka-da-yo-i Dave, widow of Dave.
 Lucinda Dry Head, widow of Scunti Dry Head.
 Lydia Walkabout, widow of Buffalo Walkabout.
 Lucy, widow of Te-char-ge.
 Lydia Cochrain, widow of Watt Cochrain.
 Louisa Pelican, widow of Leaf Pelican.
 Lydia Reese, widow of F. Joe Reese.
 Lizzie Brush, widow of George Brush.
 Lydia Adams, widow of George Adams.
 Lucinda Sanders, widow of Arch Sanders.
 Lydia Stand, (guardian,) minor of Stand.
 Lucy Gutter, (guardian,) minor of Gutter.
 Lucy Bendabout, (guardian,) minor of Adam Dirt Seller.
 Lawry Harris, widow of James Harris.
 Lockar Barrett, (guardian,) minor of Jack Barrett.
 Luha Butler, widow of John Butler.
 Lansey Crowe, widow of Arch Crowe.
 Lucy Plow, widow of Plow.
 Lizzie Woodward, widow of Jacob Woodward.
 Lucinda Charley, widow of Charley.
 Lucy, widow of Cot-se-ha-je.
 Mariah Lawly, widow of Lawly Killer.
 Minerva Davis, widow of Jesse Davis.
 Margaret Thekee, widow of Charles Thekee.
 Margaret Hammer, widow of Hammer.
 Margaret Passon, widow of Stephen Passon.
 Moses Bendabout, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of Bendabout.
 Mary Ann Thornton, widow of William Thornton.
 Margaret Webber, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of William Webber.
 Mary A. Gooseby, widow of Joseph Gooseby.
 Money Cryer, (guardian,) minor of Knob.
 Maria, widow of Echo Hargo.
 Mary Palmer, widow of Charles Palmer.
 Mars-ho-wee, widow of Ah-pi-we-hayo.
 Martha Rodgers, widow of Jackson Kennard.
 Mattie Cawahayo, widow of Isti Nuffee.
 Nahomy Simmons, widow of Lacy Simmons.
 Nie-e-si Sharp, widow of Samuel Sharp.
 Na-ke Scraper, widow of George Scraper.
 Nancy Ben Nelson, widow of Ben Nelson.
 Nancy Johnson, widow of Janesse-no-ga-a-lon-no-hiska.
 Nancy Jumper, widow of Jumper.
 Nancy Downing, widow of Alexander Downing.
 Nancy Wa-ha-chi, widow of Wa-ha-chi.
 Nancy Yo-ha-to, widow of Jim Yo-ha-to.
 Nelly Sourjohn, widow of William Sourjohn.
 Nahey, widow of Every Sort.
 Nancy Ben Sanders, widow of Ben Sanders.
 Nancy Marshall, widow of Lester Marshall.
 Nancy Riley, widow of John Riley.
 Naorin Ross, widow of Daniel Ross.
 Nancy Catcher Runner, widow of Catcher Runner.
 Nally Smith, widow of John Smith.
 Nelly Allechar, widow of Allechar.
 Nelly Archey, widow of Archey.
 Nancy Christio, widow of Richard Christio.
 Nathan Fish, (guardian,) minor of George Neaver.
 Nancy Hunter, widow of Samuel Hunter.
 Nancy Six-Killer, widow of John Foster.
 Naw-pee-see Hawk, widow of Isaac Hawk.
 Nelly Glass, widow of Judge Glass.
 Nancy Johnson, widow of Johnson.
 Nanny, widow of Cat-sochee.
 Nelly Doctor, widow of Doctor.
 Na-ke Scraper, widow of George Scraper.
 No-har-lar, invalid.

Oo-ta-yi Hider, widow of Hider.
 Oo-skoo-nee Downing, widow of Walter Downing.
 Oosk-ya-o-yo-alde-a, widow of O-yo-dle-a.
 Oker-ker-nee-you, widow of Toney.
 Owa-la-yoke, widow of Oo-sow-wee.
 Oo-tak-yi Wicked, widow of Wicked.
 Ona-la-yoke, widow of Jumney.
 Oc-ke-ga Spirit, widow of Spirit.
 On-ne-ka-lo-it, widow of Oh-c-nar-jude.
 Polly Harjo, widow of Charles Harjo.
 Polly Lowery, widow of Squirrel Lowery.
 Polly Leach, widow of Dick Leach.
 Polly Downing, widow of Dull Downing.
 Peggy Wilson, widow of Lacy Wilson.
 Peggy Cornsilk, widow of Tom Cornsilk.
 Phofask Sponna, widow of Sponna.
 Polly Si-cow-wi, widow of Si-cow-wi.
 Polly Starr Whitekiller, widow of Starr Whitekiller.
 Polly Downing, widow of George Downing.
 Peggy Deck, widow of Little Deck.
 Pauline Tandrum, widow of Thomas Tandrum.
 Polly Tiger, widow of Wheeler Tiger.
 Peggy Sanders, widow of Samuel Sanders.
 Polly Mankiller, widow of Scott Mankiller.
 Polly Tncker, widow of William Tucker.
 Rachel Gah-sai-heeler, widow of Gah-sai-heeler or Rains Crow.
 Rachel Rain Crow, widow of John Rain Crow.
 Rachel Tadpole, widow of Eli Tadpole.
 Roady E-low-we, widow of E-low-we.
 Rilegar Double, widow of Jack Double.
 Rachel Catcher, widow of Catcher.
 Sally Going Snake, widow of Going Snake.
 Selah Leach, widow of Beaver Leach.
 Si-a-na, widow of Che-pa-na.
 Susan Batt, widow of Blue Batt.
 Susanna John Stooty, widow of Oeah-mee John Stooty.
 Suhie Trotting Wolfe, widow of Trotting Wolfe.
 Smith Christie, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of Potatoe.
 Sally Price, widow of Joseph Price.
 Sally Scraper, (guardian,) minor of George Scraper.
 Susan Situnaki, widow of Situnaki.
 Sally, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of Burnsweet Bee.
 Sa-n-ga Cas-see-la-wa, widow of Cas-see-la-wa.
 Susan Tah-la-sar, widow of Creek Tah-la-sar.
 Snsy, widow of Big Forn.
 Seqavi, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of Josh Turner.
 Susan Van, widow of Henry Van.
 Susannah Tick Eater, Cherokee Nation, minor of Nicholas Walker.
 Sarah Eagle, widow of Eagle.
 Sarah Horner, widow of David Horner.
 Sarah Hawkins, widow of Charles Hawkins.
 Sak-co-ia-na, (guardian,) minor of San-yak-pak-kee.
 Swyee, (guardian,) minor of He-la-on-ta.
 Susan Ga-lu-la-sta, widow of Harry Ga-tu-la-sta.
 Sally Swimmer, widow of Joseph Swimmer.
 Sarah Charles Tick Spring, widow of Tick Spring.
 Si-e-qui-nah, widow of Ko-ai-fixeco.
 Susannah Pike, widow of Pike.
 Susey, widow of Cow-e-to-najo.
 Sallie, widow of Ah-ha-le-ma-lah.
 Sinna General, widow of General.
 Sarah Arch Daniel, widow of Arch Daniel.
 Sarah Black Haw, widow of Black Haw.
 Susan Le-how-motto-harjo, widow of Le-how-motto-harjo.
 Soos-ky, widow of Steward.
 Ska-qua, invalid.
 To ha Nicholson, widow of Scropes Nicholson.
 Ta-ka Hammer, widow of Tom Hammer.
 Tor-my-ye Walker, widow of Edmund Walker.
 Tah-bar-t-tra, Cherokee Nation, (guardian,) minor of In-din-is-harjo.

Te-th-le-ke, widow of Co-wit-che.
 Te-you-l-see, widow of Wa-hoo-hoo.
 Tilda-ho-lock-e-ho-lo, widow of Ho-lock-c-ho-lo.
 Ta-key, widow of Tom Hammer.
 Ta-na, widow of Kus-ka-lus-ky.
 Ta-co-on-a, (guardian,) minor of Ta-comthla.
 To-chee-tog, (guardian,) minor of Tratt Fish.
 Tar-si-yah-tra-tra-sah, (guardian,) minor of Hunter.
 Tsa-gor Nelson, widow of Nelson.
 To-ne-me-hah-tah-who, widow of Ta-moth-lo-to-ho-lo
 Tagor, widow of Nah-mak-co-see.
 Tawny Feeling, widow of Feeling.
 Un-cla-we, widow of Che-fix-e-coe.
 Winna, widow of W. M. Clinton.
 Wah-thla-wa, widow of Pah-co-ca.
 Wah-to-ya, widow of Misteala.
 Wilson, (guardian,) minor of Hawk Four-Killer.
 Watty Dick Oo-tsur-la-tah, widow of Dick Oo-tsur-la-tah.
 Witch, widow of Ta-ha-lo-chee.
 Wastee, invalid.
 Washington Henson, invalid.
 Walker Steam, invalid.
 Yana-chit-wa, widow of James Tobacco.
 Yalker, widow of E. Morthur.

As it is desirable that Mr. Whiting should proceed to Fort Gibson and enter upon the duties with which he is charged at as early a day as possible, I should be glad if you would have this order carried into effect immediately.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

No. 103 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 15, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find application of Elijah Proctor, formerly of Company H, Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards, relative to which, in the matter of limitation as to filing of claim, we desire to submit the same presentation as to the existence of a prior claim, (which claimant alleges having twice applied for,) as was made in the case of Edward Crutchfield, whose application also accompanies this.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

No. 103 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 15, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith additional declaration and testimony in the case of Nancy Jumper, widow of Jamper, application No. 110,510.

If evidence as to birth of children of the character furnished is to be accepted, we recommend the allowance of this claim with increase. We have, as in all cases, fixed the date of birth at as early a day as it could have occurred consistently with the allegations of claimant and witnesses. The witnesses—George O. and Jesse Sanders—are intelligent men, speaking English fluently, and were both, as Jesse now is, neighbors of the claimant prior to the war. The discrepancies appearing in the declarations simply illustrate the method pursued by the attorney in conducting his business, and are no more glaring than usual.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
 F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

*Widow's declaration*INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation, ss:*

On this 15th day of February, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, pension-agent at Fort Gibson, in the nation aforesaid, personally appeared Nancy Jumper, a resident of Tahlequah district, Cherokee Nation, who being by me duly sworn, according to law, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the acts of Congress granting pensions to widows:

That she is about forty-one years of age, and is the widow of Jumper, who enlisted under the name of Jumper at ———, on or about ———, 1862, in Company E, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, in the war of 1861, and who died of small-pox at Fort Gibson (Blunt) on or about July or August, 1863, and who bore, at the date of his death, the rank of private in the company and regiment aforesaid; that she was married under her maiden name of Nancy (father's name Sober Joe) to the said Jumper, in or about the year 1846, there being no legal obstacle to such marriage; that she has up to the present time remained his widow; that the following are the names and (approximately) the dates of births of all the legitimate children who were surviving, and under the age of sixteen years of age, at the date of soldier's death, viz: Harle-sa, born not earlier than December 5, 1852; Lizzie, born not earlier than September 5, 1854; Susie, born not earlier than September 5, 1857; Katy, born not earlier than March 5, 1861, children of herself and said Jumper, deceased; that she has not abandoned the support of any of the children of the said soldier, but that all of them are living with her, and are under her care and custody; that she has not in any manner been engaged in, or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that no prior application has been filed by her deceased husband; that she made a previous application (No. 110,510) through John W. Wright, her attorney, and for an explanation of such discrepancies as may appear between the allegations of this and the statements of any former declarations, she refers to her deposition of this date; that her residence is as above stated, and that her post-office address is as follows: Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

her
NANCY + JUMPER.
mark.

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. O. SAUNDERS.

Also personally appeared Jesse Saunders and George O. Saunders, residing in this nation, persons who appear to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw Nancy Jumper make her mark to the foregoing declaration; that they have been intimately acquainted with her for the twenty years last past, and were also acquainted with her husband, now deceased, for the fourteen years preceding his death; that for the whole of that period they know that the said Jumper and Nancy lived together, in their immediate vicinity, as man and wife, and were recognized as such throughout the community, and that they have every reason to believe, from the claimant's appearance and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

GEO. O. SAUNDERS,
JESSE SAUNDERS.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation, ss:*

On this 15th day of February, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, United States pension-agent at Fort Gibson, in the nation aforesaid, personally appeared Nancy Jumper, who, being duly sworn and identified, makes the following affidavit in order to explain discrepancies appearing between her declaration of this date and a former declaration dated 14th August, A. D. 1865: That she was raised among the Creeks, and subsequently adopted as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and that she is unable to speak English, to which circumstances, and the carelessness of the parties who drew said former declaration, she attributes the mis-statements therein appearing; that she never told said parties that her age was thirty years, that she was married by the Rev. Eben Jones, that she was married as late as the year 1853, or that her deceased husband died of wounds received in action; on the contrary, she now deposes, and has always so stated, that the facts as to her age, marriage, and her husband's death, were as stated in her declaration of this date; and she prays that the discrepancies before alluded to may be attributed to the causes assigned, and in no manner prejudice the claim for pension by her presented. She further deposes that since the death of her husband, Jumper, she has not remarried, nor lived with any man as his wife; and further says not.

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NANCY + JUMPER.
mark.

GEO. O. SAUNDERS,
MORTER VAUN.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 15th day of February, A. D. 1871, and I certify that the contents of the foregoing were fully made known and explained to the deponent before swearing, the interpreter being sworn to correctly translate; that the identity of deponent was fully established; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in her claim for pension.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

A true copy :

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

FEBRUARY 15, 1870.

Evidence of birth of children.

Jesse Saunders, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: That he has been well acquainted with and lived in the immediate vicinity of Nancy Jumper, now widow of Jumper, deceased, for the past twenty years, and knew said deceased Jumper fifteen years prior to his death; that he knows and frequently sees the children mentioned in Nancy Jumper's declaration for pension of this date; that he has carefully considered her statements as to the ages of said children, and by a comparison of said children with his own, and from his acquaintance with them, he knows that the said children are not older than stated by said declaration; and he further deposes that all of said children were recognized by said soldier, now deceased, (as also by the community,) as the legitimate children of Jumper, and Nancy his wife; and that he has no interest, direct or indirect, of the claim of Nancy Jumper for pension.

JESSE SAUNDERS.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 15th day of February, A. D. 1871; and I certify that the deponent was fully identified, and appears to be respectable and entitled to credit.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

A true copy :

GEO. E. WEBSTER.

Widow's claim for pension.

CHEROKEE NATION, ss :

On this 10th day of August, 1865, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the Illinois district, Cherokee Nation, Nancy Jumper, a resident of Cherokee Nation, aged thirty years, who, being duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension provided by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862: That she is the widow of Jumper, who was a private in company E, commanded by Captain Pegg, in the Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards, the war of 1861; that her maiden name was Nancy, and that she was married to said Jumper, deceased, on or about the 10th day of May, 1853, at Flint, in the Cherokee Nation, by Rev. Eben Jones, and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage.

She further declares that said Jumper, her husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid, at Fort Gibson, in the Cherokee Nation, on or about the 31st day of July, 1873; said Jumper died of wounds received in action. She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said Jumper, and that she has not in any manner engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints John Wright, of Washington City, D. C., her lawful attorney, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any orders or certificates that may be issued or paid in satisfaction thereof.

her
NANCY + JUMPER.
mark.

S. S. Stephens.
J. B. Wright.

Also appeared personally before me, Ar-li-chir and Archy, residents of Cherokee Nation, to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said Nancy Jumper sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said applicant, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to

be, and know that said deceased recognized her as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

AR-LI-CHIR, his + mark.
ARCHY, his + mark.

S. S. Stephens.
J. B. Wright.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this fourteenth day of *August, 1865*, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim; and I certify that I have read and explained the same to said affiant.

ROBERT CROFFORD,
District Judge.

NOTE.—If there is any record evidence of the marriage insert—except that of which a true copy is hereunto annexed—and append a certified copy of the record accordingly. The cause of death must be specified in the second clause of the declaration. The declaration must be made before a court of record, or before some officer of such a court duly authorized to administer oaths, and having custody of its seal, which must be attached.

Post-office address of claimant: Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

All herein written on original herein *italicised.*

No. 104 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 15, 1871.*

SIR: Herewith please find application for original and additional bounty of Edward Crutchfield. Though this application is dated subsequent to January 13, 1871, it is presumed that a more liberal construction of the law of limitation as to applications for additional bounty will be made in the cases in which Wright operated, when, as is shown in this case, there was a prior application (though incorrect and improperly executed) made out by claimant, despite the fact that the same was not filed before the date above named, by reason of the reckless negligence of said Wright, said former application (as herewith presented) having been found among the papers seized at the joint office of the Wrights, and of the late pension agent who acted as their clerk, and who filled up said blanks. As to the original bounty, it is understood that the limitation aforesaid does not apply to claims therefor. If these conclusions be incorrect, please inform us.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

No. 105 C.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss:*

On this 16th day of February, 1871, before me, George E. Webster, pension agent at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, personally appeared Betsey Sanders, guardian of the minors of Pelican, deceased, formerly a private in Company D, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, and who died November 12, 1863, of small-pox, whose authority as guardian is shown in pension application No. 129,880, as are also the circumstances of the justice of her claim for bounty for the children of said soldier; and said deponent being duly sworn, deposes and says, John W. Wright paid her original bounty on account of services and death of said soldier, in the sum of \$85, (eighty-five dollars,) and at the time of said payment informed her that he would pay her the arrears of pay due said soldier, or his heirs, viz, the sum of \$50 (fifty dollars) in two weeks, if she would return therefor; that she did return at the time appointed, was informed that Wright had left the country, and that she has not since received said balance above named, nor has been able to ascertain who has it; and deponent hereby requests that the proper officers of the Government will aid her in obtaining said money for said children, which she believes to have been paid to Wright by the United States to be paid to said children. And further deponent saith not.

her
BETSEY + SANDERS.
mark.

Witness: F. E. FOSTER.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date aforesaid, contents being fully made known and explained.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

It is hereby certified that the above is a true and correct copy of an affidavit forwarded to Hon. E. B. French, Second Auditor, Washington, D. C., February 19, 1871.

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent, Pension-Office.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss:*

On this, the 18th day of February, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, pension-agent, personally appeared Che-nu-que, father of Chu-cor-na-tah, formerly of Company E, Second Indian Home Guards, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: Deponent made several applications for bounty and arrears on account of the services and death of his son aforesaid, and intrusted to John W. Wright the collection of said claim, and that he is informed that said Wright's books show him to have collected said bounty and arrears to the amount of \$156.74, (one hundred and fifty-six dollars and seventy-four cents,) less \$42.22 (forty-two dollars and twenty-two cents) for clothing; that deponent has never received any money or goods (except \$30 (thirty dollars) worth of goods, for which he traded upon said bounty with Messrs. Ross, but afterward paid out of his own money, without reference to his son's bounty;) and that he desires information from the proper officers of the Government as to the amount actually — to Mr. Wright aforesaid upon said claim, and as to the proper method by which he may obtain the balance he believes to be justly due; and deponent further deposes that he also applied for bounty on account of his own services as a soldier in said regiment, and has reason to believe that his own claim aforesaid was allowed and that John W. Wright also received the money thus granted; and further, that he traded the whole amount of said bounty for goods furnished him by the Messrs. Ross & Co. aforesaid, the firm consisting of W. P. Ross and D. H. Ross, as he was informed by said firm, but that he, deponent, does not know what that amount was; and further, deponent deposes that there was a distinct understanding between him and said firm that the trade by which his own bounty was paid had nothing to do with the amount to be paid on account of the bounty and arrears of his son; and deponent further deposes that he resides about three miles from Webber's Falls, Cherokee Nation, and about twenty miles from Fort Gibson, which last-named place is his post-office address, there being none nearer to his place of residence; and that he hereby requests that the information requested by him concerning the bounty he believes justly due him, and the balance thereon unpaid, be communicated to him through Rev. J. B. Jones, Indian agent for the Cherokees.

And further deponent saith not.

CHE-NU-QUE, his + mark.

Witnesses:

JACOB RUSHYHEAD.
F. E. FOSTER:

Sworn and subscribed before me this 18th day of February, A. D. 1871, and I certify that the deponent was identified, and was made fully to understand the nature and purport of the allegations contained in his affidavit.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

It is hereby certified that the above is a true and correct copy of an affidavit forwarded to Hon. E. B. French, Second Auditor, Washington, D. C., February 19, 1871.

F. E. FOSTER.

[Original to Second Auditor.]

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation, ss:*

On this 18th day of February, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, United States pension agent, in the nation aforesaid, personally appeared Katy White-Path-Jug, who, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the identical Katy White-Path-Jug who applied for bounty as the widow of White-Path-Jug, late a sergeant in Company A, of the Second Regiment of Indian Home Guards; and also under the name of "Katy Cat" as widow of "Cat" of the same company and regiment; that she had been informed and believed prior to making said application that her husband (deceased) had been enrolled as "Cat," and was therefore induced to make said application for bounty as his widow; that she was subsequently required by her attorney to execute an application as Katy White-Path-Jug, that being the

name by which she was commonly known; and she further deposes that upon neither of the applications has she received any penny of bounty or other allowance provided for the widows of soldiers by acts of Congress; that she contracted no debts or obligations to be satisfied or paid out of any such allowance thus provided; and that she has not in any manner received any bounty, back pay, or other allowance, or any commutation thereof or equivalent therefor, either as the widow of White-Path-Jug or of "Cat;" that she has on several occasions inquired respecting said bounty, and has been invariably informed that it had not been obtained by her attorney.

Deponent further swears that she is informed that the books of J. W. Wright (the said Wright having been, as she supposes, the attorney for the prosecution of her claim) show that there was collected on her account the sum of \$207.83, paid on account of the services of her husband, the aforesaid White-Path-Jug; that she has never received that amount, nor any part thereof, and she makes this affidavit in order that it may be ascertained to whom such amount was paid, by whom receipted for, and to whose benefit it was appropriated.

her
KATY + WHITE-PATH-JUG.
mark.

Witnesses:

F. E. FOSTER,
his
MORTER + VANN.
mark.

Also personally appeared Elizabeth Drum, who appears to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who speaks English fluently, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is well acquainted with Katy White-Path-Jug, (otherwise Katy Cat,) the foregoing deponent; that said Katy is the sister of affiant's husband, and lives in her vicinity, and that they are intimate and frequently meet; that she has heard read to Katy White-Path-Jug the affidavit preceding, to which said Katy swore, and knows that the allegations thereof are correct in every particular; that she has herself, on behalf of said Katy, frequently inquired of Alexander Clapperton, John Brown Wright, and Florian H. Nash, (persons whom she always understood to be the agents of John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C.,) and asked them respecting the claim of said Katy, and has each time been informed by them that the payment of no allowance had been made by the Government of the United States to or in favor of the said Katy White-Path-Jug; and that she has no interest, direct or indirect, in any claim of said Katy; that her post-office address is Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

her
ELIZABETH + DRUM.
mark.

Witnesses:

F. E. FOSTER.
his
MORSTER + VAUN.
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of February, A. D. 1871; and I certify that the contents of the foregoing were fully made known and explained to the deponents before swearing, and that they were cross-examined in order that their allegations might be correctly embodied in their affidavits; that the deposition of Katy White-Path-Jug was made through the sworn interpreter provided by the United States Indian agent for the Cherokees, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claim of said Katy to bounty or other allowance made or to be made.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

Any communication forwarded later than March 5, 1871, should be addressed to Rev. J. B. Jones, United States Indian agent, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

GEO. E. WEBSTER.

Attest: A true copy of the original, made before me this day, February 18, A. D. 1871.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

No. 106 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, February 18, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find affidavit Che-nu-que, father of Chee-cor-ner-tah, deceased, formerly of Company E, Second Indian Home Guards, setting forth that there has been withheld from him, by John W. Wright, a balance of bounty money due on

account of the services and death of his son, which is shown by Wright's book, now in our possession, to have been collected by said Wright; and also declaring that he traded out his own (the deponent's) bounty with one of the trading firms with which Wright operated, and from whom W. received percentage, without knowing how much it was. Such statements are daily made to us, but we are seldom able to secure sufficiently specific depositions, by reason of the ignorance of those who have been so imposed upon.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 107 C,

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 18, 1871.*

SIR: Inclosed please find affidavit of Katy White-Path-Jug, supported by that of Elizabeth Drum. The latter is an intelligent lady, and speaks English freely. Wright's book shows \$207.83 to have been paid on this claim, of which amount the widow deposes she never received any part. Katy has recently married a man named Fields, but still retains the name of her first husband, White-Path-Jug. Marital nomenclature in this country is anomalous. She was still a widow when she applied for bounty. Captain Moses Price, of the Second Indian Home Guards, identifies the claimant and attests her relationship to the soldier. We have yet to meet the heir of a deceased Indian who received back pay.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 108 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 18, 1871.*

SIR: Herewith please find deposition of Betsey Sanders, guardian of minors of Pelican, deceased, formerly a private in Company D, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, setting forth that she has been paid \$25, original bounty, on account of said soldier, and that she believes \$50, or more, of arrears of pay, also due and allowed, for said minors, has been collected and withheld by John W. Wright, giving his acknowledgment of said due, and her information, through us, from said Wright's book, now in our possession, and to which we have heretofore referred in our correspondence with you therein. Daily are similar statements made to us as to the withholding of the back pay shown by said book to have been collected by said Wright, but we are seldom able to secure specific depositions, such as this and another also forwarded herewith.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent Pension-Office.

No. 109 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 18, 1871.*

SIR: One of the children of Pelican, for whom Betsey Sanders was guardian, as stated in another letter of this date, (viz, Pelican, formerly of Company D, Second Indian Home Guards,) who has attained majority, states that he had an elder brother, who was enrolled as "Johnson" in aforesaid company and regiment, and requests to be informed through us, whether bounty has been allowed on account of services of said Johnson, now deceased, and if not, whether he can obtain the same, inasmuch as said brother left neither widow, children, father nor mother.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

No. 110 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 18, 1871.*

SIR: There are claims for additional bounty, filed in the names of the parties hereinafter mentioned, which were handed to us by the Second Auditor at Washington for completion of prosecution thereof, so far as obtaining and submitting evidence is concerned, or for ascertaining the invalidity thereof, as the case might be. We should like to secure the presence of said parties here, if practicable, with sufficient witnesses. Please aid us.

- (Soldier.) Oolston Stephens, D, second, Leaves-on-the-tree, father, (claimant.)
 (Soldier.) Samuel, D, second, Stee-Kee-Kee, father, (claimant.)
 *(Soldier.) Wah-yah-gro-loo-re, B, second, Chee-co-na-la, widow, (claimant.)
 *(Soldier.) Lucy Wilson, D, second, Peggy Wilson, widow, (claimant.)
 *(Soldier.) Going-to-mill, D, second, Kuttecloye, widow, (claimant.)
 †(Soldier.) Dry Water, G, second, Betsey Dry, widow, (claimant.)
 †(Soldier.) Wett, I, second, Susee, widow, (claimant.)

Those marked thus (*) are also pensioners, and those marked (†) have applications for pension pending.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Rev. J. B. JONES,
United States Indian Agent, Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

No. 111 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 20, 1871.*

SIR: Please find herewith original declaration of Sally, widow of A-hal-lak-ya-ho-la, formerly of Company C, First Indian Home Guards, which she requests may be accepted as her application, and that she may be saved from the forfeiture of the time which has elapsed since the death of her husband, by reason of the negligence of her attorney, John W. Wright, who failed to send her application, which she swears she made out in 1866 in the office of John W. Wright. She was informed of the limitation of five years, but insisted upon the request as above stated.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
 GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington. D. C.

No. 112 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *February 20, 1871.*

SIR: Soh-Koo-Ke, alias Co-chee-fix-e-co, requests information if a bounty has been allowed to him as father of Teunemastler, Company C, First Indian Home Guards, and to whom the same has been paid, if to any one.

Respectfully, yours,

T. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, present.

No. 113 C.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *February 20, 1871.*

SIR: Herewith please find application of Arnulley Dirt-seller, who, being informed of the limitation of five years, still persisted in urging that her claim should be presented with the explanations set forth in her affidavit, as to the applications pre-

viously made by her, notwithstanding our statement that we find no evidence that a claim had ever been filed by her, and with the request that her claim might be granted upon this application, even if she must be deprived of the five years.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 114 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 20, 1871.

SIR: In Wright's books appears the following entry respecting a bounty claim: "Ah-net-sah, Company F, Third Indian Home Guards, Oo-cha-lute, guardian of minor children. Claim disallowed, because no law for appointment of guardian."

I inclose herewith letters of guardianship received by me from the clerk of the Tahlequah district court, such as have been generally accepted by the Pension-Office, and can attest the genuineness of said clerk's writing. The judge does not write English, and it is customary for the clerk to sign *his* name when necessary.

I have generally no recommendations to make in favor of guardians in this country, but the inclosed appears to be the best evidence attainable of the fact of Oo-char-lute's appointment, and as good as that generally accepted by the United States Government.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

Address Rev. J. B. Jones, United States Indian Agent, Fort Gibson.

No. 115 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 21, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find application for pension for Nanie, minor of Moses Sevinger, formerly of Company I, Third Indian Home Guards, by Columbus Baldrige. The certificate of guardianship we hereby certify to be in the handwriting of William H. Turner, clerk of Tahlequah district court, Cherokee Nation, and properly certified by him.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. J. WEBSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 116 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 21, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find affidavit of Minerva Davis, showing the manner in which bounties were paid by John W. Wright and his co-workers here. A copy thereof will be preserved for our general report.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

No. 117 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 21, 1871

SIR: Herewith please find application for additional bounty for Nanie, minor of Moses Sevinger, formerly of Company I, Third Indian Home Guards.

The declarant in the claim is the properly constituted guardian, as I hereby certify is shown by *bona fide* letters of guardianship filed with application for pension, this day forwarded to Pension-Office, at request of said declarant and guardian, Columbus Baldrige.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
*Special Agent Pension Office.*Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

No. 118 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 20, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find new declaration of Susey, widow of Co-we-to-ha-jo, formerly sergeant of Company C, First Indian Home Guards, whose claim is numbered 121,246, with papers in claim, as originally filed, and another claim on account of same soldier, which was erroneously as that of widow instead of sister, and which is rendered void by that of Susey, the aforesaid Susey.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
*Special Agents United States Pension-Office.*Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 119 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, February 22, 1871.

SIR: Your order, under date of the 16th instant, reading thus: "By direction of the Secretary of the Interior you are hereby instructed to cause to be forwarded to this office forthwith all papers seized in August last by Colonel Huston under instructions from the Secretary of the Interior to take possession of the United States pension-agency, at Fort Gibson, its rolls, records, correspondence, &c. The rolls of the agency, the agency copies of the abstracts of payments, notices to inscribe pensioners, and pension certificates will be retained for the use of the pension-agent," has this moment been received. Though the above reads, at first, as though all the aforesaid papers were to be forwarded, the last sentence seems to direct the retention here of such as are enumerated in said sentence, and will be so construed in obeying the same.

Regretting, in view of the understanding of said papers and their relative bearing upon each other, and upon all the transactions of Messrs. Wright, Clapperton, and others with the Indians, and those who traded with them, in the matter of the prosecution of pension and bounty and other arrears, claims, and the collection and disbursement of the moneys arising therefrom, as well as the familiarity with handwriting in and of said papers, and with the doings of parties named therein, not therein set forth, and with the numerous instances in which moneys noted as collected in Book C are alleged never to have been wholly paid, it is much to be regretted that one or both of us could not be present properly to represent the weight of said books and papers before they are restored to those who may claim them. Said understanding and familiarity has been acquired only by long and careful investigation and comparison with all the advantages of local adjuncts not elsewhere available.

Both Mr. Webster and the undersigned are satisfied that there is sufficient evidence in these papers to convince any one that Clapperton was guilty of violation of the law of June, 1864, which precludes his acceptance of compensation for preparation of claims against the Government. Wright, though allowed by the Government a monopoly of the collection and disbursement of certain of these claims and an exorbitant fee therefor, not only undertook to collect debts of claimants for bounty to certain traders here who owed merchants in Saint Louis for the payment of said Saint Louis creditors

upon very questionable warrants, but also adopted still more questionable methods of obtaining signatures (or indorsements, rather) of checks or drafts, and urged the affixing of *jurats en masse* to declarations, &c., in claims; and that he received also a handsome percentage for collecting alleged liabilities of the Indians to traders here; and further, that these illegitimate transactions can only be shown by the very papers and books, which, in obedience to your order, will be forwarded to you as speedily as practicable.

In view of the possibility of the issue of such an order, we have copied a considerable portion of the correspondence which implicates Wright & Clapperton above stated, and also Book C, above referred to, which will avail for the purpose of our report, but would not be of any weight or evidence in a prosecution.

Of our possession of said Book C, the Second Auditor has been notified, and several affidavits showing that amounts therein noted by Wright as having been collected, have been forwarded to him.

He has also been informed that some of Wright's correspondence shows who furnished the dates required to complete said book, and he has forwarded to me several memoranda showing that our estimate of the record in said book was correct, and that the amounts it records as having been collected for the parties who swear they received only a portion of them, were collected by and paid to Mr. Wright. Both Mr Webster and myself have questioned many persons as to the amounts received for arrears and original bounty, and in but few instances have we been informed that they received any more than the balance of the simple bounty after Mr. Wright's fee has been deducted.

For these reasons, permit me to suggest the propriety of consulting Mr. French before placing said Book C out of the hands of the Government officials.

We have dropped one-third of the pensioners from the rolls, and rejected over one hundred and fifty of the claims pending.

Awaiting further instructions, I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. E. FOSTER.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 120 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 22, 1871.

SIR: Mary Miller, mother of Richard McCulliar, formerly of Company E, Second Indian Home Guards, desires information as to the allowance of claim for additional bounty in her favor. Wright's Book (N. Hayden's) C shows that he (Wright) filed said claim September 1, 1869, and the claimant (Mary Miller) states that she signed the receipt to enable him to get the money (Form 63, probably) at the time she signed the application in claim aforesaid, viz, in the spring of 1869; which application was made out by Alex. Clapperton, and also states that the said amount due as she believes has not been paid to her.

This statement is forwarded further that you may, if you deem proper, respond thereto, either in our care or in care of Mr. J. B. Jones, United States Indian agent. Pressure of other business to-day prevents taking her affidavit.

Permit me to add your reply to queries (concerning the supposed allowance of bounty and back pay in the cases of Lata Big Talker, and Chee-wah-tah, widow of Johnson Ole-ha-eter, with affidavits of said parties as to receipts of only a portion of said money) was this day received. It confirms our judgment as to the correctness of the records of "amounts collected," so far as stated in the N. Hayden's Book C, inasmuch as the amounts you report as paid in said cases respectively, are precisely those recorded therein as having been collected. But you fail to furnish any instructions as to further steps to be taken by us in these or similar cases.

The affidavits of the claimants, that they have not received what your advices and the records of Wright's book both show they should have received, seem to us to be all we are warranted in attempting to secure under our present instructions.

If any action is to be taken by the Second Auditor, the paymaster, or the Secretary of the Treasury, in view of this apparent withholding of money by the party to whom its payment to those entitled was intrusted, the possession of the book containing the acknowledgment of such collections, and of the correspondence in which the character and purposes of said book indicated, would seem to be, to say the least, desirable; but of that you are the judge. Neither said book nor said correspondence appear to be of much importance in pension matters. They were, however, seized by order of the

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Secretary of the Interior, and were transferred to us by the officer commanding this post, by whom they were seized, subject to the order of said Secretary of the Interior.

Very respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 121 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 22, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find deposition of Lizzy Woodward, widow of Jack Woodward, formerly of Company E, Second Indian Home Guards, with subjoined affidavit of identity and of knowledge of the ages of her children, which she requests may be submitted as an application for increase of pension on account of said children.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. J. WEBSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 122 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 22, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith application for pension and increase of Liddy Jumper Dry, widow of Jumper Dry, together with original papers in her claim, No. 129,924. The identifying witnesses to her declaration are two soldiers identified by our interpreter, who served in the regiment with her deceased husband, and were at Cane Hill, Arkansas, at the time of his death, one of them being his father. The birth of the child is established in the only manner practicable, and as usual we have given the date as early as it could by any possibility have occurred.

The disease (pneumonia) seems to have been prevalent among the soldiers at the time of Jumper Dry's death.

Upon the assumption that testimony of the character presented is to be accepted, we are inclined to recommend the allowance of this claim.

Very respectfully,

GEO. J. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 123 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 23, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith original papers in the case of John Pickup, late private Company D, Third Indian Home Guards, together with surgeon's report of examination. Claimant has been before us, established his identity, and the origin of the disability in the service and line of duty.

Dr. Few has not yet received his blanks from the Pension-Office, and, therefore, uses those printed for citizen surgeons.

Respectfully,

GEORGE E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 124 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 23, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith additional evidence in the claim of John A. Foreman, No. 101,123, including report of medical examination by Dr. Few.

Major Foreman is personally known to us, and though we have not seen the original papers in his claim, we have no doubt of his title to pension.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 125 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 23, 1871.

SIR: Herewith inclosed please find application of Polly Tadpole, formerly widow of Dull Downing, at one time private of Company D, Third Indian Home Guards, guardian of the children of said Downing, by herself, with additional evidence accompanying, to which please respond, in care of J. B. Jones, United States Indian agent for Cherokees.

Respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. J. WEBSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 126 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 23, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith application of John Tadpole, guardian of minor child of Crossing Tadpole. It appears that a certificate was issued to Sarah Tadpole on the 2d of March, 1866, but she has never appeared at the agency for payment. There is no reason to doubt that said Sarah is now living with her husband, in Delawan district, though that she was ever married to the soldier appears to be questionable.

John Tadpole is an intelligent man, and appears to deserve the confidence reposed in him.

The age of the child is fixed at a date as early as it could by any possibility have occurred.

Respectfully,

GEO. J. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 127 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 23, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith application of Aaron Crittenden, late a private of Company L, Third Indian Home Guards, invalid claims, original, accompanied by certificates of discharge and additional evidence. There is no doubt as to the title in this case.

Dr. Few, whose certificate is inclosed, has not yet received blanks from the Pension-Office, and, therefore, reports his examination on citizen surgeons' blanks on hand at this agency.

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Claimant has not been employed in the military or naval service of the United States since his discharge, as alleged in the accompanying declarations.

Very respectfully,

GEO. J. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 128 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH, *Second Auditor:*

The inclosed affidavit is forwarded for such consideration as it may deserve, and sufficiently explains itself. The statements of Betsy Henry were positive, and her recollection respecting the facts by her set forth was very definite.

As we leave here on the 15th March, communications respecting claims to which we have called your attention should be addressed to Rev. J. B. Jones, United States agent, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

No. 129 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: The box containing books and papers of J. W. Wright & Co. were this day shipped by express, and I inclose herewith receipt for bill paid to Baxter Springs, Kansas, from that point. It will be C O D.

Respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 130 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith original declaration of Nancy Six-Killer, guardian of minor children of John Foster, late of Company E, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. Applicant was the widow of this soldier, and has since his death remarried. As widow, and before such remarriage, she made application for pension No. 111,257; original papers herein inclosed.

Although the witnesses to the guardian's declaration were not cross-examined by us, we have confidence in her veracity, and recommend the allowance of the claim, unless objections be made generally to testimony of the character offered; the best attainable in this country.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 131 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find all the papers seized in August last by Colonel Huston under instructions from the Secretary of the Interior to take possession of the United

States pension-agency at Fort Gibson, except the rolls of the agency, the agency copies of the abstracts of payments, notices to inscribe pensioners, and pension certificates, and such blanks and other private papers as were handed over to John Brown Wright, and a few applications for bounty, back pay, &c., in the names of parties whose pension claims we have in hand.

Please also find herewith certificates of copies of the order to seize said papers, and of my certificate as to contents of Book C, with copies thereof, and also of Mr. Webster's certificate as to correspondence of Wright with Clapperton, &c., both of which copies of book and correspondence aforesaid will be retained by us.

I have also made and retained "lists of the papers gleaned from those seized by the military in the joint office of Wright, Clapperton, and Barnes, clerk of the district court of this (Illinois) district," all of which you will find alphabetically arranged in the box herewith sent, except the one sent with this letter, and such as have been filed with pension claims in our possession by reason of their being in the name of the claimants therein. Of the latter we have retained a separate list; also a list of the official certificates of discharges from among the seized papers herewith sent, a list of pension claims in which the impress of the bogus seal is not affixed, and a list of the additional bounty claims for which Major J. M. Craig, late Indian agent for Cherokees, had checks, and most of which he paid; which lists I made.

Respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 132 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find application for increased pension upon certificate No. 112,854, by Arley Watt, widow of Watt, formerly private of Company D, Second Indian Home Guards, with the best additional evidence that is attainable.

Respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER.
GEO. E. WEBSTER.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 133 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM, *Commissioner of Pensions:*

We inclose application for increase of Jane Harling, widow of Ellis Harling, certificate No. 104,644. It is favorable to this claim that the names and dates of both of her children, as stated by her to-day, correspond exactly with her allegations made eighteen months ago. Mrs. Harding speaks English. W. G. Thornton, one of her witnesses, is judge of the district court of Going Snake district, and is commended to us by the United States agent as a reliable man. We recommend the allowance of the claim for increase.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

No. 134 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find application of Polly Harjo, widow of Charles Harjo, private of Company E, Third Indian Home Guards, whose original application was

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filed by John W. Wright, and who desires that this may be presented to correct errors in the former, and as a declaration also in claim for increase, with the best additional evidence attainable.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation, ss:*

On this 24th day of February, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, personally appeared Polly Harjo, aged about thirty-nine years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by acts of Congress granting pensions to widows: That she is the widow of Charles Harjo, who enlisted under the name of Charles Harjo, at Flat Rock, Cherokee Nation, on the 11th of July, 1862, in the company commanded by Captain Pegg, (E.) Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, in the war of the rebellion, and who died of small-pox September 16, 1863, near Fort Gibson, and who bore at the time of his death the rank of private in aforesaid company and regiment; that she was married according to custom of the Cherokees, in Going Snake district, in the year 1843, (cannot say what month,) under the name of Polly Killernick, to said Charles Harjo, there being no legal barrier to said marriage, and neither she nor said Charles Harjo having been previously married; that she has to the present date remained his widow; that the only children of the soldier or herself who were living at the time of the said soldier's death are the following named, the legitimate children of herself by said soldier, whose names and dates of birth she states as correctly as she possibly can from her recollection and from that of a number of her neighbors, (including Judge William G. Thornton and Jesse Shell,) all of whom knew of the births of said children at the time of their occurrence, and that they are as follows: Tomson, born not earlier than April 15, 1857; Lazarus, born not earlier than March 1, 1859; Olly, born not earlier than July 1, 1862; that she has not abandoned the support of any one of the children, and that they are still under her care and maintenance; that she has not, in any manner, been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion vs. the United States; that a prior application has been filed by herself through Judge John Wright for pension for herself, but not for her children, which she remembers signing (by mark) and swearing to before John B. Wright, son of J. W. Wright; said J. B. Wright administering the oath to her, and no one else; that she has been shown said application, numbered 110,695, and that the statements therein are correct, except as to the date of her marriage, and as to the party who administered the oath, and that the identifying witnesses who appeared with her and identified her at that time were the same mentioned therein.

her
POLLY + HARJO.
mark.

Also, personally appeared W. G. Thornton and Jesse Shell, who, being duly sworn, depose that they are near neighbors of declarant; have been intimately acquainted with her for thirty years, and can confidently swear that her statements as to her marriage to Charles Harjo, his death, and the ages and dates of birth of their children are correct.

W. G. THORNTON.
his
JESSE + SHELL.
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above given, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses in the prosecution of this claim.

[Application 110,695, filed September 26, 1865.]

Polly Harjo, widow of Charles Harjo, private Company E, Third Indian Home Guards; residence Cherokee Nation.

Declaration August 14, 1865, before Judge Robert Crafford; alleged age thirty-four years; is still widow of Charles Harjo; maiden name was Polly; was married to said

Charles Harjo May 25, 1859, at Flint, Cherokee Nation, by custom of Cherokees; her said husband, Charles Harjo, died in service aforesaid, at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, September 16, 1863, of disease unknown; she has not aided the rebellion, and appoints John W. Wright her attorney. Identifying witnesses, Robert Crawford and Anna Crawford, testify (in printed form) that claimant was recognized by her husband, and by the community in which she resided, as his lawful wife.

Report of Adjutant General: October 13, 1865, reports Charles Harjo enrolled July 11, 1862, at Flat Rock; mustered in, September 16, 1862, at Carthage, Missouri, on muster-out roll of said Company E, Third Indian Home Guards, dated May 31, 1865; reported died of disease at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, September 16, 1863; nature of disease not stated.

Memorandum of G. C. Whiting, special agent of Pension-Office, May, 1866: Judge Crawford and others say: soldier died at Tah-le-quah, of small-pox; that present claimant is his widow, and that she has never been married since, to their knowledge.

Marriage: No evidence except that of identifying witnesses and that in memorandum of G. C. Whiting.

Children: No mention.

Voucher on file: No payments made.

No. 135 C.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: Your communication of the 1st instant, relative to case of Sarah, widow of Writer Acorn, is this day received. Therein you suggest that the presumptive evidence of the pensioner, abandonment of her first husband, (Foreman,) is as conclusive as the testimony usually accepted to establish marriage consummated in accordance with the national custom.

In response we have to say: The recognition of such marriages as are customary in this nation is an anomaly in the transaction of departmental business; a special license in favor of the Cherokees, &c., granted in consequence of their primitive organizations, and not to be referred to as a precedent for further innovations.

In the States, cohabitation, when other testimony is unattainable, is accepted evidence of a marriage lawfully contracted; but not as of itself constituting a valid union.

These customary marriages have been recognized, and the policy thus inaugurated will probably be adhered to, but we cannot doubt that the objections to extending the scope of such a license are obvious to you.

We are, very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Rev. J. B. JONES,
United States Agent.

No. 136 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: We forward application of Catharine Downing, guardian of minor children of George Pieska, late private Company E, Second Indian Home Guards. The declarant was the widow of the soldier, and, as such, made application for pension, No. 129,960, the original papers in which we also transmit. Also, forward additional evidence and letter of J. B. Jones, United States agent to Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 137 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith original declaration of Katy Starr, widow of George Starr. Ezekiel Black Fox, one of her witnesses, is a reliable man, a member of the national council, and himself served during the war in a Cherokee regiment.

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Would the records of the War Department accord with claimant's allegations, we recommend the allowance of her claim.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 138 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: We have been requested to inquire relative to claim for bounty, &c., of Sookey, mother of O-such-gar-holer, Company C, First Regiment Indian Home Guards. Claimant says she has received no allowance of any kind from the Government of the United State on account of the services of said soldier.

Please have information (with blanks of further testimony is required) to Simon Brown, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 139 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 24, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find original application for pension of Che-vose-ska, guardian of Lucy, minor child of Dreadful Water, formerly private of Company D, Third Indian Home Guards, with the best additional evidence attainable.

Respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 140 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 27, 1871.

SIR: Charles Tobacco Pouch, (or Tobacco Bag,) father of James Tobacco Pouch, late of Company C, Third Indian Home Guards, complains that he never received original bounty on account of services of said son, though he acknowledges the receipt of additional bounty through Major Craig, Indian agent. Wright's books show \$165 collected on the claim. The father was himself a soldier, and, as such, traded with the Ross house, hypothecating his claim on account of his own services.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 141 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 28, 1871.

SIR: In the case of Wah-yah-goo-loo-na, Company B, Second Indian Home Guards; Chee-co-no-la, widow. Claim for pension was allowed 12th December, 1867. We have filed in said pension claims the affidavit of Ezekiel Black Fox, a reliable witness,

that he knows the said Chee-con-no-la, and that to his knowledge she was remarried to William Fencer. He knows of no children of the soldier surviving. Widow remarried some four years ago, previous to which she was generally reported to be the lawful widow of Wah-yah-goo-loo-na.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

HON. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 142 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 28, 1871.

SIR: In the case of Lacy Wilson, Company D, Second Indian Home Guards; Peggy Wilson, widow. We suspended payment on pension certificate on account of inconsistencies in her declarations, and took her deposition and forwarded the same to the Commissioner of Pensions, asking instructions.

Notwithstanding the glaring discrepancies between her statements to us and the allegations of her former declarations, we believe she is the widow of the soldier, and entitled to all arrears and allowances due on his services.

The informality of her original papers we attribute to the utter recklessness of her attorneys, of which we have forwarded to you some illustrations.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

HON. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 143 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
February 28, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith supplemental declaration and additional evidence in the case of A-nee-key, widow of Water Hunter, application No. 110,504, with original papers. The claimant is an old woman, and apparently truthful and frank in her statements. We are satisfied as to her identity, her union with the soldier, and her continued widowhood.

We believe the testimony as to the death of the soldier, and origin of disease, is the best now attainable during our stay in this nation. That informally taken by Mr. Whiting, and indorsed on the original jacket, cannot be duplicated.

We believe the claimant is equitably entitled to the pension applied for.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Widow's declaration.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation, ss:*

On the 28th day of February, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, United States pension-agent, Fort Gibson, in the nation aforesaid, personally appeared A-nee-key Water Hunter, a resident of Cherokee Nation, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the acts passed by Congress granting pensions to widows:

That she is about sixty-four years of age, and is the widow of Water Hunter, who enlisted, under the name of Water Hunter, (Ah-ma-dou-e-ka,) at ———, on or about the month of July, A. D. 1862, in the Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, Company B, in the war of 1861, and who died of winter fever and diarrhea, at Neosho, on or about the ——— December, 1862, and who bore at the time of his death the rank of corporal in the company and regiment aforesaid; that she was married under her maiden name of "Ko-oole, or Go-oole," to the said Water Hunter, on or about the spring of 1840, at Tahlequah district, by custom, there being no legal obstacle to said marriage; that

she has, to the present date, remained his widow; that there are no legitimate children who were under the age of sixteen years, and were surviving at the father's death; that she has not abandoned the support of any of his children; that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that no prior application has been filed by her deceased husband, but one was filed by herself, through John W. Wright, her attorney, No. 110,504; that her evidence is as above stated; and that her post-office address is Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

A-NEE-KEY ^{her} + WATER HUNTER.
mark.

Also personally appeared Morter Vann, acting United States interpreter, and Tom Wilson, residing in this nation, persons who appear to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw A-nee-key Water Hunter make her mark to the foregoing declaration; that they have been intimately acquainted with her for thirty and six years respectively, and Tom Wilson was also acquainted with her husband, Water Hunter, now deceased, for twenty years prior to his death; that he knows that during the whole of that time the said A-nee-key and Water Hunter lived together as man and wife, and were recognized as such throughout this country, and that they have every reason to believe, from the claimant's appearance, and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim; and Morter Vann knows that the declarant is generally reputed to be the lawful widow of Water Hunter.

^{his}
TOM + WILSON.
mark.
Morter Vann.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of February, A. D. 1871, and I certify that the contents of the foregoing declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing; that I carefully examined the deponents in order to ascertain the truth of their statements, especially those which do not conform to allegations appearing in papers previously filed in the Departments of the United States; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

GEORGE E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

Certificate to be sent to, and all correspondence conducted with, Rev. J. B. Jones, United States Indian agent, Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

GEORGE E. WEBSTER,
Pension-Agent.

Widow's claim for pension.

CHEROKEE NATION, ss :

On this *twenty-first* day of *July*, eighteen hundred and *sixty-five*, personally appeared before me, a *district judge* in and for the *Cherokee Nation*, *A-nee-key*, a resident of *Cherokee Nation*, aged *sixty* years, who being duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension provided by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862: That she is the widow of *Water Hunter*, who was a *corporal* in *Company B*, commanded by *Captain Spillman*, in the *Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards*, in the war of 1861; that her maiden name was *Ko-oo-ley*, and that she was married to said *Water Hunter*, deceased, on or about the *twenty-first* day of *April*, eighteen hundred and *forty-nine*, at *Spring Creek*, in the *Cherokee Nation*, by the customs of the *Cherokees*, and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage,

She further declares that said *Water Hunter*, her husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid at *Neosho*, in the State of *Missouri*, on or about the *twenty-second* day of *December*, 1862; cause of death unknown.

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said *Water Hunter*, and that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints *John W. Wright*, of *Washington City, D. C.*, her lawful attorney, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim, and to receive and receipt for any orders or certificates that may be issued or paid in satisfaction thereof.

A-NEE-KEY WATER ^{her} + HUNTER.
mark.

Witnesses:

S. S. Stephens.
J. B. Wright.

Also personally appeared before me *Cha-we-yonke* and *Ca-ho-kah W. Catcher*, residents of *Cherokee Nation*, to me well known as credible persons, who being duly sworn, declare: That they were present and saw said *A-nee-key Water Hunter* sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized her as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

CHA-WE-YONKE, her + mark.

CA-HO-KAH, her + mark.

Witnesses:

S. S. Stephens.

J. B. Wright.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *first day of August, 1863*, and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim; and I certify that I have read and explained the same to said affiants.

ROBERT CROFFORD,

Official signature, District Judge.

NOTE.—If there is any record evidence of the marriage, insert, except that of which a true copy is hereunto annexed, and append a certified copy of the record accordingly. The cause of death must be specified in the second clause of the declaration. The declaration must be made before a court of record, or before some officer of such a court duly authorized to administer oaths, and having custody of its seal, which must be attached.

Post-office address of claimant, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

All therein written on original is underscored.

No. 144 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,

February 28, 1871.

SIR: In bounty case of *Moses Swinger*, now deceased, Company I, Third Indian Home Guards, we have to report that the widow, *Anna*, died on the 17th of November, 1870, as appears by certificate of the clerk of the *Tahlequah* district court authorizing *Columbus Baldrige* to represent the minor children as guardian and administrator. Said certificate is now on file in the Third Auditor's Office, with vouchers for pension payment.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,

F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,

Second Auditor.

No. 145 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,

February 28, 1871.

SIR: We report in case of *Henkee*, Company E, Third Indian Home Guards, *Is-fi-a-gee*, widow. Widow appeared before us on the 21st instant and established her marriage to soldier and continued widowhood, by sworn testimony of *Spar-ne-harjo*, *Ni-kee*, and *Ce-ho-has Martler*, the latter a very reliable witness. *Simon Brown* was interpreter, and was duly sworn. All the above parties were Creeks. Pension was paid to *Is-fi-a-gee*, who may be addressed through *Simon Brown*, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, until the Creek Indian agent assumes his position.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,

F. E. FOSTER,

Special Agents.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,

Second Auditor.

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No. 146 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 3, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith original application of Lucinda Scarce Water, widow of Alex. Scarce Water, Company A, Third Indian Home Guards.

Among the papers found among the effects seized at Clapperton's office was an application executed in 1868, and which the claimant thought had been filed more than two years ago. She further says she made yet another application as early as 1866, and in view of our discoveries at this place we do not doubt her veracity. Her original claim was forwarded to our office, together with other effects seized.

S. W. Bengé, one of claimant's witnesses, is a prominent citizen, a cousin of the applicant, and was formerly United States interpreter. We believe his testimony to be reliable. The other witness, Joseph Young, also speaks both English and Cherokee.

Should the evidence on file at the Adjutant General's Office favor this claim, we recommend its admission.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agent.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 147 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 3, 1871.

SIR: We are requested to inquire relative to the claim for bounty of Thomas Starr, Company A, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, Jenny Starr, widow. We are satisfied as to claimant's marriage to soldier, and continued widowhood.

John A. Foreman, late major Third Indian Home Guards, thinks soldier was killed in a skirmish near Fort Gibson, in June, 1863, but is unable to certify on his present recollection. Wright's books show no receipt of bounty or other allowance on this claim. Please address J. B. Jones, Indian agent.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

HON. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 148 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 3, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith original papers in the claim of Betsey Dry Water, widow of Dry Water, Company G, Second Indian Home Guards, application No. 111,248; also affidavit of Mrs. Drum as to marriage and continued widowhood.

For evidence of origin of disease in line of duty, we can refer only to the rolls of the Adjutant General. Two diseases were prevalent and generally fatal in this country during the war—pneumonia, (winter fever,) generally attended by diarrhea, and small-pox—and we are inclined to accept such as incident to the Indian service.

Mrs. Drum, the witness examined by us, is an intelligent woman, and her testimony is more valuable than that of most witnesses appearing before us.

The pension certificate, if issued, will reach the claimant if forwarded to Rev. J. B. Jones, United States agent, Tahlequah, Cherokee agency, Indian Territory.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agent.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 149 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 4, 1871.

SIR: We inclose herewith original papers in the case of Le-wah-hok-te, widow of Lee-he-lla-theh, certificate No. 112,843, together with application for arrears under act of July 27, 1868.

By our indorsement it will be seen that we have taken testimony to establish title to continuance of original pension.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 150 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY.

March 4, 1871.

SIR: We forward herewith application of pension of Nancy Hyman, late widow of John Riley, Company E, Second Indian Home Guards, and now guardian of his minor children. Although the claimant has kept a record of the births of her children, she is unable to verify it otherwise than has been done in the affidavits of Mrs. Carter and Crane. We are satisfied that her allegations are true. Also, inclosed certificate of J. B. Jones, United States Cherokee agent, as to widow's remarriage, and of Albert Barnes, clerk of Illinois district court, as to guardianship. We recommend the allowance of the claim.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 151 C.

Case of Daniel Backbone, alias Daniel Nickajack, deceased, formerly of Company C, Second Indian Home Guards.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,

March 4, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find affidavit of Jacob Bushyhead, judge of the district court of Illinois district, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, which, in connection with the accompanying "certificate of discharge," and the anomalous inscription under the head of said discharge, showing that payment of both bounties, apparently upon one certificate, was made after the decease of the claimant, is deemed worthy of your special personal attention.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

No. 152 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,

March 4, 1871.

SIR: We inclose original papers in the original claim of Washington Henson, late private Company A, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, application No. 91,241, together with report of examination by Dr. Samuel F. Few, examining surgeon. It will be seen that no disability at present exists, and we have nothing to urge in favor of a consideration of past disability.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

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No. 153 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 4, 1871.

SIR: We forward original papers in the case of Daniel R. Goard, application No. 91,232, together with supplemental declaration, additional evidence of origin of disability, &c. We believe Dr. Few has underrated the extent of disability, as the degrees are now estimated, and from the appearance of the claimant should think him entitled to "total." We believe the testimony taken, together with that before on file, warrants the allowance of this claim.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions

No. 154 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 4, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith surgeon's certificate of medical examination in case of John A. Foreman, late major Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.

In most of the engagements in which the Third Indian Regiment participated, Major Foreman commanded, and his reputation in this nation for skill and bravery is not excelled.

We believe the claim meritorious, and, unless precluded by record evidence, recommend its allowance.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 155 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 4, 1871.

SIR: The examinations within reported were ordered by us, and it is trusted that the fees therefor may be allowed, notwithstanding the absence of the formal requisition from our office. Dr. Few received his instructions and blanks but a few days ago, and the examinations had been previously made, whence may have arisen some deficiencies in minor details.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agent.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 156 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 4, 1871.

SIR: We forward an original claim for pension, Aaron Crittendon, Company L, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, together with certificate of discharge, affidavit of Major Foreman, and report of examining surgeon.

Should the adjutant general's report be favorable, we recommend the allowance of this claim.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 157 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 4, 1871.

SIR: We forward herewith surgeon's certificate in the invalid claim of John Pickup, late a private Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, application No. 119,715, together with original papers in the case. The claimant was before us and established his identity. Notwithstanding the irregularities in the original declaration, we recommend the admission of the claim. Please direct that certificate be sent to Cherokee Indian agent.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 158 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 4, 1871.

SIR: We inclose papers in claim of Dick Crittenden, Company D, Second Indian Home Guards, application No. 119,964, together with Dr. Few's report of examination. As no disability is returned by the surgeon, we recommend the final rejection of the claim.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 159 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 5, 1871.

SIR: Yours of the 3d instant was received on the 4th instant. You state that Captain Fish and his wife say we sent them to you to make out their claim. We informed them that our stay here would probably be too short to admit of receipt of any answer from the Pension-Office at Washington respecting said claim, if we should make up and forward the application, and that inasmuch as the action of the Pension-Office in said claim, whenever it might be forwarded and there acted upon, would be communicated through the Indian-Office to you, and inasmuch as your certificate (in our absence) would be indispensable to secure recognition of the validity of any papers showing authority of guardian, or of any other evidence, not taken before us, the most expeditious method of completion of the claims seemed to us to be to secure your services in the matter at the outset.

We are aware that attorneys have heretofore filed claims of Indians in the Department at Washington, and also that it would have been better for all parties concerned (except as to the pecuniary emolument which has accrued thereby to said attorneys) if all claims of Indians had (as some of them were) been prepared and filed by the United States Indian agent for the nation or tribe to which those making said claims belonged.

Our estimate of the present well-founded judgment of the officers of the United States Government at Washington is that it is correctly opposed to the recognition of any attorneys for the Indians, except the Indian agents, and we are decidedly of the opinion that there are few matters more strictly within the province of the Indian agent, or of more importance to the Indians, than the proper preparation and authentication of applications and evidence in their claims against the United States Government.

These views we have already indicated to the proper authorities at Washington. It is but just to ourselves to add, in conclusion, that while we knew such applications as we prepared could receive attention and recognition thereof, and announcement of the result of said consideration could be communicated in due course of mail to the claimants, through us; during our stay here, we did not hesitate to aid the claimants to the

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full extent of the time and knowledge at our disposal. But we cannot any longer do this.

Very respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Rev. J. B. JONES,
United States Indian Agent for Cherokees, Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

No. 160 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find affidavit of one Tyner, a Cherokee, father of James Turner, at one time private of Company P, Third Indian Home Guards, to which your personal attention is specially requested.

Had we not so many calls upon our time and strength, and was there not so much difficulty in overcoming the natural distrust and reticence of the Indian, greatly increased in and among those of this Territory by the conviction that they have been trifled with as well as defrauded by those whom they supposed to be (and some of whom were actually, for a time at least) agents of the United States Government, there is no doubt many such affidavits could be obtained.

With such of those cases as were placed in our hands when we left Washington, wherein the claimants will visit us, we shall file their testimony and deliver the same to you.

Respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent.

No. 161 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: The mother of Ah-bar-ner, formerly of Company L, Third Indian Home Guards, Charlie, formerly of Company B, Second, and Lewis McNair, at one time of Company —, Second Regiment, the first two privates and the last-named a sergeant, all her sons, and all said to have died single, on account of whose services she alleges that she endeavored to make application for bounty and back pay through John W. Wright, requests that she may be informed as to the condition of her said claims, through Rev. John B. Jones, United States Indian agent for Cherokees, Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 162 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith original papers in case of Sarah Hawkins, together with supplemental declaration including application for increase, application No. 111,106. We consider the identity of Charles Hawkins with Charles or Charlie as satisfactorily established; and of the witnesses to the claimant's declaration, Simon Brown is careful and clear in his statements, and Morris Tucker is a relative of the deceased soldier, and appeared frank and unreserved.

We recommend the allowance of this claim, with increase for minor children, whose ages have been given as great as we think they can possibly be.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

*Widow's claim for pension.*CHEROKEE NATION, *ss*:

On this *sixteenth* day of *August*, 1865, personally appeared before me, a district judge, in and for the Illinois district, Cherokee Nation, *Sarah Hawkins*, a resident of *Cherokee Nation*, aged *thirty-five* years, who, being duly sworn, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension provided by the act of Congress approved July 14, 1862: That she is the widow of *Charles Hawkins*, who was a *private* in *Company D*, commanded by ———, in the *First Regiment of Indian Home Guards*, in the war of 1861; that her maiden name was ———, and that she was married to said *Hawkins*, deceased, on or about the *tenth* day of *August* eighteen hundred and *fifty-nine*, at *Creek agency* in the *Creek Nation*, by *customs of Creek*, and that she knows of no record evidence of said marriage.

She further declares that said *Hawkins*, her husband, died in the service of the United States as aforesaid, at *North Fork*, in the State of *Creek Nation*, on or about the *twelfth* day of *August*, eighteen hundred and *sixty-three*.

She also declares that she has remained a widow ever since the death of said *Hawkins*, and that she has not in any manner engaged in, or aided or abetted, the rebellion in the United States; and she hereby appoints *John W. Wright*, of *Washington City, D. C.*, her lawful attorney, and authorizes him to present and prosecute this claim and to receive and receipt for any orders or certificates that may be issued or paid in satisfaction thereof.

SARAH HAWKINS.

Witnesses:

*J. B. Wright.**E. S. Stephens.*

Also personally appeared before me *Brown Johnson* and *Eliza Johnson*, residents of *Cherokee Nation*, to me well known as credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they were present and saw said *Sarah Hawkins* sign her name to the foregoing declaration, and that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said applicant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be, and know that said deceased recognized her as his lawful wife, and that she was so recognized by the community in which they resided; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

BROWN + JOHNSON.
his
mark.ELIZA + JOHNSON.
her
mark.

Witnesses:

*J. B. Wright.**E. S. Stephens.*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this *sixteenth* day of *August*, eighteen hundred and *sixty-five*. And I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim; and I certify that I have read and explained the same to said *affiants*.

ROBERT CROFFARD.

NOTE.—If there is any record evidence of the marriage, insert, except that of which a true copy is hereunto annexed and append a certified copy of the record accordingly. The cause of death must be specified in the second clause of the declaration. The declaration must be made before a court of record, or before some officer of such a court, duly authorized to administer oaths and having custody of its seal, which must be attached.

All that was herein written is underscored.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation, ss*:

On this 6th day of *March*, A. D. 1871, before me, *George E. Webster*, United States pension agent at *Fort Gibson*, in the Nation aforesaid, personally appeared *Sarah Hawkins*, a resident of *Cow-e-ta* district, of the *Creek Nation*, who, being by me duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the pension provided by acts of Congress for widows of minor children:

That she is about *forty-three* years of age, and is the widow of *Charles Hawkins*, who enlisted under the name of "*Charles*," or "*Charlie*," in *Company "D"*, of the *First Regiment of Indian Home Guards*, in the war of 1861, and who died of *small-pox* at *North Fork*, in the fall of 1863, and who bore at the date of his death the rank of *private* in

the company and regiment aforesaid; that she was married under her maiden name of Sarah (Marshall,) (she was a slave, and her master's name was Marshall,) to the said Charles Hawkins, at Cow-e-ta district, Creek Nation, some eighteen years ago, (1853;) that she had been previously married to a man called Jim, who died some two years prior to her marriage with Hawkins, leaving no legal obstacle to such marriage; that the following are the names and dates of birth of all the legitimate children of Charles Hawkins who were surviving and under sixteen years of age at the time of said soldier's death: Ellen, born (not earlier than) March 5, 1854; Abram, born (not earlier than) September 5, 1858; that Charles Hawkins had never been married prior to her marriage with him, and that the above constitute all his legitimate children except one, Annie, who died before his enlistment; that she is unable to give the ages of said children except approximately, as above, but knows that they are not older than herein indicated, to wit: Ellen, 17 years of age March 5, 1871; Abram, 13 years of age September 5, 1871; that she has not abandoned the support of either of said children, but that both are living with her and under her care and in her custody; that she has not in any manner been engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that she made a prior application for pension (the number of which is 111,106) in the summer of 1865, but is informed that the same contains irregularities, and includes no application for increase; that she does not know Brown Johnson or Eliza Johnson, witnesses to her former declaration, and never heard of them; that she desires that all discrepancies appearing between this and her preceding declaration be attributed to her ignorance of requisite formalities and the carelessness of the parties who made her original papers; that her post-office address is, "Care of Simon Brown, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation."

her
SARAH + HAWKINS.
mark.

F. E. FOSTER.
MORTER VORUN.

Also personally appeared Simon Brown and Morris Tucker, residing in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, who, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say that they were present and saw Sarah Hawkins make her mark to the foregoing declaration; that they heard the same read and explained to her, and believe the statements therein made are true; that they have known the said declarant intimately for the past twenty years, and were well acquainted with the husband, Charles Hawkins, for fifteen years prior to his death; that of the deponents hereunto, Simon Brown was a soldier in the First Regiment Indian Home Guards, and know that said Charles Hawkins was enrolled in said regiment under the name of "Charles" or "Charlie;" that both deponents know that said Charles Hawkins served in Company D, of the First Indian Home Guards, and died at North Fork, Creek Nation, late in 1863; that they know that previous to his enlistment the said Charles Hawkins and Sarah lived together as man and wife, and were recognized as such by the community, and that while they so lived together as man and wife there were born to them the minor children above mentioned by the widow, who were recognized by the said Charles Hawkins as his legitimate children, and were so regarded by the community; that they have frequently seen said children, and know that they are not older than alleged by declarant, to wit: Ellen, 17 years old March 5, 1871, and Abram, 13 years old September 5, 1871; that both of said children are now living with said declarant; and that the said declarant, Sarah Hawkins, has not remarried since the death of her husband, Charles Hawkins; and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

SIMON BROWN.
his
MORRIS + TUCKER.
mark.

F. E. FOSTER.
MORTER VORUN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of March, A. D. 1871, and I certify that the contents and full import of the foregoing declaration, &c., were fully made known to the declarant and witnesses before swearing; that the dates of birth of the children in the foregoing were fixed at dates fully as early as was compatible with the statements elicited by a rigid cross-examination; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension Agent.

No. 163 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: One Sally Homan, or Horman, whose identity as the widow of a soldier, who was at one time a private in Company C, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, was satisfactorily proven to us, to-day, requests information as to the allowance of her claim for back pay and bounty as widow aforesaid.

We find upon record in our copy, (made by me before sending the original to Washington, per order of the Secretary of the Interior,) of Book C, the entry, "Amount collected (by John W. Wright) \$237.53, less \$28 for clothing." In the case of "Sally, widow of Homan, Company C, First Indian Home Guards," members of said company state that there was one man in said company named "Harman," and one named "Homan," as they understood it.

She asserted she did not get this money, and asks that you will communicate with her in the matter, through John B. Jones, Indian agent, Tablequah, Cherokee Nation.

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 164 C.

FORT GIBSON INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: Che-co-ma-lar, widow of Wah-yah-gru-loo-nee, formerly private of Company B, Indian Home Guards, appeared before us to-day, to inquire concerning her claim for additional bounty. Careful cross-examination satisfied us as to her identity as the rightful claimant, and as the person who made the application herewith, filed by John W. Wright, but she brought no witnesses with her. She was formerly a pensioner, re-married, and did not claim pension after re-marriage.

Blackhaw is her present husband's name. Her claim is good. In the application herewith, however, she was sworn by Alex. Clapperton, (late pension-agent,) though the papers purport to have been subscribed and sworn to before Amos Thornton, judge, &c. The "signature" of Thornton (said judge) was written probably at a different date and place.

Applicant desires that you will address John B. Jones, Indian agent, as to her case.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents
By WM. P. BOUDINST,
Clerk.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 165 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: James Lastley, father of Jesse Lastley, appeared before us to-day to inquire concerning his additional bounty. Cross-examination elicited the fact that the application herewith filed by John W. Wright, incomplete as it is, is not correct even in the points presented.

The mother of the soldier died before the emigration of the Cherokees, which transpired in 1858. The name of one of the witnesses to identity of the applicant, given as Wesley, is wholly different from the party who was joint witness with Two Cutter.

The applicant was sworn by Alex. Clapperton, (late pension agent,) who filled up this and a large proportion of the other bounty claims, and the name of Judge Thornton. The applicant positively asseverated that he touched the pen but once when mark was made for his signature, and it is probable that Form 65, in this and many other cases, was signed by mark without the presence or knowledge of the claimant.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 166 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: It appears from Wright's books that the bounty claim in case of Charles Hawkins—Sarah Hawkins, widow—was rejected because the soldier's name was not found on the rolls in the Adjutant General's Office.

The applicant was before us to-day for the purpose of establishing her claim for pension. It appears that her husband was enrolled under the name of "Charles" or "Charlie," and died of small-pox at North Fork Creek, November 8, 1863; of which fact we have this day forwarded testimony to the Pension-Office, with recommendation that her claim be allowed.

The claimant is also the mother of James Harrison, Company E, First Indian Home Guards, a son by her first marriage, and her claim for bounty as such is now in our possession, and will be returned to you with a report.

Claimant and her husband were slaves before the war, and the names of their masters were at times assumed by them. Her address is, "Care of Simon Brown, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory."

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
*United States Agent.*Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 167 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: In the bounty case of James Harrison, private, Company E, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, Sarah, widow, we have to report:

Sarah, the applicant, is the widow of Charles Hawkins, who was also a soldier and served in Company D, First Indian Home Guards. James Harrison is applicant's son by a former husband, to which fact Simon Brown and Morris Tucker testified on oath. Simon Brown is an intelligent and careful witness, and has been employed by us as interpreter in conducting our business with Creek Indians.

Sarah Hawkins and both her husbands were slaves before the war, and, as is customary in this Territory, either resumed their master's name or dropped it, at pleasure.

We have confidence in the testimony of our informants, who testify upon an acquaintance with applicant of twenty years' standing.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
*Special Agents United States Pension-Office.*Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 168 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 6, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find application for increase of pension by Nelly Sourjohn widow of William Sourjohn, pensioner under certificate No. 104637, with the papers in her original claim, including her pension certificate. Please observe that in her declaration, and in the affidavit of witnesses as to her identity, and also as to the ages of the children, the earliest dates possibly consistent with the dates by which the ages are fixed by affiants are given.

The examination of the affiants was complete and satisfactory to us.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
*Special Agents Pension-Office.*Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 169 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY.

March 6, 1871.

SIR: Herewith we transmit application for pension to minors of Thomas Hammond, at one time private of Company D, Third Indian Home Guards, by Liddy Stealer, mother of said children, and by virtue of said relationship guardian (under the laws of the Cherokee Nation) of said minors. Said Liddy Stealer was formerly a pensioner, as the widow of Thomas Hammond aforesaid, under certificate No. 65874, issued to Liddy Hammond, dated March 2, 1866. Her status as formerly said widow, now the wife of Stealer, and the mother of said children, was established to our satisfaction by a full cross-examination. Her certificate of pension is said to have been surrendered to the pension agent, and to have been forwarded by him, with evidence of her re-marriage, when she was paid to date thereof, February 4, 1868.

The dates of births of her children are fixed at the earliest dates consistent with the date by which she and her witnesses reckon them.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER.
GEO. E. WEBSTER.
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 170 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY.

March 6, 1871.

SIR: Herewith we transmit additional evidence in the case of Daniel B. Gourd, pending application for pension No. 91232, which case was forwarded to you on the 3d instant.

Respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER.
GEO. E. WEBSTER.
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 171 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY.

March 8, 1871.

Private.]

DEAR SIR: Inclose herewith deposition of Nelly Doctor relative to retention of her back pay. As stated therein it appears that Wright received \$129.03, of which the widow obtained but \$85, which was disbursed through F. H. Nash in produce and merchandise. The amount retained is comparatively small, but as an illustration of the manner in which Wright's business was conducted, the Indians swindled, and the traders enriched, and as cumulative testimony, it may be of some weight.

We propose leaving here on the 15th, unless otherwise ordered, and but little time remains in which to gather the testimony that may be required by the Government.

We shall take to Washington the papers by you intrusted to our care.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER.
United States Pension-Agent, Special Agent Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 171 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY.

March 6, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith original papers in the case of Martha Rogers, widow of Jackson Keuard, certificate No. 104,626. Payment was suspended on account of discrepancies appearing between the pensioner's deposition of 27th December and her original declaration.

As the pensioner speaks English the errors in such declaration are as inexcusable as they are glaring, and illustrate the entire disregard of accuracy which characterized the

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preparation of papers filed in claims for the prosecution of which John W. Wright was attorney.

In this case the claimant was doubtless entitled on a true statement, yet a tissue of falsehoods was filed, and upon it her certificate was issued. We maintain the suspension until the case has received your consideration, and with the papers forward additional evidence, upon which we recommend a restoration of payment.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 172 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 21, 1871.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM, *Commissioner of Pensions :*

We inclose herewith original papers in the claim of Nelly Doctor, widow of Doctor, application No. 121,269, together with supplemental declaration.

Of the identity of the claimant and her relationship to the soldier there is no doubt, and as she is very old it is not likely that she has remarried. The origin of the disease of which the soldier died will have to be presumed; but in all cases of winter fever it would seem a fair presumption to attribute the disease to the line of duty.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

No. 172 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 8, 1871.

SIR: Inclosed please find a copy of a printed circular, the certificate appended to which, and purporting to have been signed by you, I am informed, from Washington. Colonel Vaun, of the Cherokee delegation, states you did not sign, and that neither the delegation as it was at the date of said circular, nor you as a member thereof, authorized such statement or the signature thereto. Please inform me of the truth of this matter, and return the printed circular.

Yours, for truth and fair dealing,

F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agent United States Pension-Office.

H. D. REESE, *Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.*

If you desire to know who I am, I refer you to Acting Principal Chief Captain James Vaun, or Rev. John B. Jones.

F. E. F.

No. 173 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 9, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith original papers in claim of Lucinda Sanders, widow of Arch Sanders, Company L, Third Indian Home Guards, application No. 111,168, together with application of the late widow on behalf of her minor child.

By the laws of the Cherokee Nation the surviving parent is the legal guardian of a minor's person and estate, and we therefore deem the judicial appointment, so easily obtained in this country, as superfluous as it is worthless.

The applicant speaks English fluently, and voluntarily gave the date of birth of her child exactly as it was fixed in her declaration of eighteen months ago, but she is

unable to verify it otherwise than has been done. Also inclose affidavit of Lieutenant Red Bird Six Killer as to death of soldier.

We recommend the allowance of the minor's claim upon the evidence adduced.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER.

Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 174 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY.

March 10, 1871.

SIR: In the bounty case of Going-to-Mill, private, Company D, Second Indian Home Guards, we have to report:

Two applications for pensions were filed on account of services and death of this soldier, upon both of which certificates were issued—one to Kut-te-cloy-ye, the other to Kla-que-clas, widows. It appears that both names represent the same person, and that Kut-te-cloy-ye is the better orthography, and represents the Cherokee pronunciation.

Rev. J. B. Jones, Cherokee Indian agent, investigated this case, and reports, on the testimony of Frog Six Killer and Bark, which evidence he indorses, that Kut-te-cloy-ye is the widow of Going-to-Mill, and as such entitled to all allowances due on account of the services and death of said soldier.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER.

Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 175 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,

March 10, 1871.

SIR: Inclosed please find original claim of Daniel Muskrat, invalid.

When applicant appeared before us, Dr. Few had not received his appointment as examining surgeon, and Muskrat was therefore examined by Dr. Cowdrey, post surgeon, and the result of such examination transferred to the prescribed blanks after Dr. Few had received his supply from the Pension-Office. We have generally devoted our attention to the settlement of claims already on file, and the inclosed is one of the very few exceptions to the rule.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER.

Special Agent.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 176 C.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION,

March 13, 1871.

SIR: Yours of 8th instant is received; also "circular of Judge Wright," with certificate with my name attached thereto.

The circular, in its *present shape*, I never saw before. Matters are contained in the three last paragraphs of which I know nothing; at least up to May, 1869. The Fuller case at that time had no existence that I knew of. Know nothing of the Sergeant-Major case, or Charles Ewing, esq.

However, I believe that I certified to the correctness of the statements made in the first five paragraphs; at least, I believe the statements to be true yet. I aided Judge Wright to hunt up the claims of the Indian soldiers, and was present much of the

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time when he paid them their money. I do not, cannot believe that he wrongfully withheld any money from any of them. Heard one applicant complain—bitterly complain. She was the widow of Cook Still. Saw her statement in print. It was notorious in camps that Still was "absent without leave" from his command at the time of his death; that he was slain in a drunken brawl, and *not* in the line of his duty. The muster-roll that I saw of his company had him down as a deserter.

I will add that I am under no obligations whatever to Jno. W. Wright.

Very respectfully,

H. D. REESE.

Mr. F. E. FOSTER.

P. S.—I signed the old certificate for myself alone, and not in behalf of the delegation. Chairman was put in mercy to show status.

Signed in my private capacity.

R.

No. 177 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 14, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith original papers in the case of Jack, minor child of Potato, application No. 111,161, together with additional evidence.

Smith Christie, formerly guardian, is now dead, and his widow, Pooker Christie, succeeds to the trust.

The guardian's word alone would be more reliable than the testimony on which most claims in this country are allowed, and we are convinced not only of her veracity, but that whatever is realized on her claim will be judiciously appropriated to the benefit of her ward.

The other children of the soldier are now over sixteen years of age, and though Jackson was under that age in 1866 the difficulty of establishing the date of his birth has impelled us to omit his name in the claim.

We recommend the allowance of pension to Mrs. Christie on account of the minor child (Jack) of Potato.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 178 C.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation; ss:*

On this 14th day of March, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, personally appeared Martha Buchanan, formerly widow of William Root, who was a private in Company H, Second Regiment Kansas, who was enlisted in said company and regiment (company commanded by A. Gunther) in 1863, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and died September 2, 1864, at Fort Smith; that his death was caused by wounds received in action; that she made application for both original and additional bounty, on account of the services of her said husband, William Root; that she has not bartered, sold, assigned, transferred, loaned, exchanged, nor given away any interest in the said bounties provided for by the acts of July 21, 1861, and July 28, 1866, respectively, except in so far as she provided for the payment to John W. Wright, her attorney in said applications, of his fee of \$15, in each of said claims; that she has never received one penny accruing from said claims, nor any equivalent thereof in trade; that she has never attempted nor agreed to trade thereupon, that she is informed that the said claims have both been allowed by the United States Government, and that the money arising from said allowances has been paid to John W. Wright, aforesaid, of Washington, D. C., and that she verily believes that said money has been so paid to him; and further, she deposes that said John W. Wright has unlawfully withheld said money from her; that she has never seen any checks for said amounts, nor has she ever indorsed any checks therefor; that she has never aided or abetted the rebellion against the United States; that she resides at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, and that is her post-office address.

MARTHA BUCHANAN.

Also personally appeared before me George O. Sanders and Samuel Crossland, believed to be credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they have been for two years intimately acquainted with the above-named applicant, and with said William Root, (for twelve years before he deceased,) who was a private in Company H, Second Regiment Kansas Cavalry, and died September 4, 1864; that they know that said William Root and Martha Root (now Buchanan) lived together as man and wife, and were so acknowledged by each other, and by the community in which they resided, and that the statements, all and singular, made by the applicant in the above declaration are, to the best of their knowledge and belief, true and correct; and further, that said applicant has always been loyal to the Government of the United States; that they saw her sign her name to the aforesaid declaration, and that they have no interest in the claims of said declarant.

GEO. O. SANDERS.
SAMUEL CROSSLAND.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, George E. Webster, the day and date above given, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration and affidavit were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest direct or indirect on the claims therein named.

GEORGE E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

No. 179 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *March 15, 1871.*

SIR: Herewith please find claims intrusted to our custody with request that such investigation concerning their validity, and such explanation of "irregularities" in the papers therein filed, as might be feasible, should be secured and reported to you.

The accompanying schedule, (marked K,) in addition to its presentation of dates copied from Wright's Book C, &c., as shown by its caption, indicates the claims in which applications for pension were also in our custody, and in which copies of notes of comparison will also be found; exhibits our information upon some and action upon others of said pension claims, and designates those in which special reports have been made and filed with the papers therein by the entry. "Report with claims," and those in which we were unable to obtain information by the note, "Could not hear of this claimant." The annexed memorandum will serve as an index to the letters embodying information heretofore forwarded to you, especially with reference to complaints of non-receipt, by claimants, of moneys believed to have been collected by John W. Wright, and sometimes so shown by Book C, and also as to affidavits of non-receipt of bounty or back pay, or both, in some of said cases.

The dates of the letters and the pages upon which they were copied (in letter-book No. 2, indorsed, "Investigation at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, from December, 1870, to March, 1871") are given, that, in case of loss of any of the letters aforesaid, reference may be had by you to said letter-book at the Pension-Office. Said annexed memorandum is marked L.

Other information desired by you will, by either or both of us, be cheerfully furnished, verbally, at any time after our arrival at Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully, yours,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. J. WEBSTER.
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

N. B.—Please see also affidavit of Martha Root, (now Buchanan,) widow of William Root, Company H, Second Kansas Cavalry, herewith.

L.

Memorandum referred to in report to Second Auditor dated March 15, 1871, copied in letter-book, marked Investigation at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, &c., pages 178, 179, 180.

December 7, 1870, page 11, with specimens of papers prepared by John W. Wright, or his agent.

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January 10, 1871, page 35, case of heirs of Lieutenant Alex F. Barnes, (Inquiry. &c.,) Company M, Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry.

January 30, 1871, page 50, case of Widow Toney, Company D, Third Indian Home Guards.

January 30, 1871, page 52, relative to Book C, Wright's record of bounty cases filed and collected by him.

February 1, 1871, page 59, relative to Book C, and case of Ar-tus-se-na-ler, Company E, First Indian Home Guards.

February 3, 1871, page 64, case of widow of Wolf Track, Company L, Third Indian Home Guards, and Rope, of Company G, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.

February 4, 1871, page 65, case of widow of Gas-wah-ohes-yoo-lar, Company B, Second Indian Home Guards.

February 6, 1871, page 66, with affidavits as to non-receipts of bounty; name not given.

February 7, 1871, page 68, case of James Taylor, (colored,) Company E, Second Indian Home Guards.

February 7, 1871, page 69, cases of Man Killer Catcher, Little Hair, Big Mush, Henry Big Mush, Ask Water, Sam Crittenden, and Ed. No-sis-lo, as to non-receipts of bounty and method of trading therein.

February 8, 1871, page 72, case of father of John Vaun, (non-receipt of bounty,) Company A, Third Indian Home Guards.

February 8, 1871, page 72, case of Henry Clay, (colored,) non-receipt of bounty, Company B, Third Indian Home Guards.

February 8, 1871, page 73, case of Margaret, widow of William Webber, (colored,) non-receipt of bounty, Company E, Third Indian Home Guards.

February 8, 1871, page 73, case of Margaret, widow of James Height, (colored,) non-receipt of bounty, Company C, Second Indian Home Guards.

February 13, 1871, page 87, case of Walter Downings, inquiry as to bounty, Company M, Fourteenth Kansas.

February 16, 1871, page 92, case of Katy, widow of White Path Jug, (with affidavits,) Company —, Second Indian Home Guards.

February 16, 1871, page 93, case of minors of Pelican, with affidavits, Company D, Second Indian Home Guards.

February 16, 1871, page 94, case of Che-me-que, father of Chee-cos-nes-lah, with affidavits, Company E, Second Indian Home Guards.

February 16, 1871, page 95, case of brother of Johuson, (with affidavits,) Company D, Second Indian Home Guards.

February 16, 1871, page 105, case of Minerva, widow of Jesse Davis, with affidavits, Company E, Third Indian Home Guards.

February 16, 1871, page 128, case of mother of O-such-yar-holer, Company C, First Indian Home Guards.

February 16, 1871, page 148, case of Daniel Backbone, alias Daniel Nickajack, with affidavits, Judge Bushyhead, Company C, Second Indian Home Guards.

March 6, 1871, page 167, case of Ah-har-ner, non-receipt of bounty, Company L, Third Indian Home Guards.

March 6, 1871, page 167, case of Charlie, non-receipt of bounty, Company B, Second Indian Home Guards.

March 6, 1871, page 167, case of Lewis McNair, non-receipt of bounty, Company —, Second Indian Home Guards.

March 6, 1871, page 168, case of Sally, widow of Horman, non-receipt of bounty, Company C, First Indian Home Guards.

March 6, 1871, page 169, case of Tyner, father of James Ferner, with affidavits, Company F, Third Indian Home Guards.

March 8, 1871, page 170, case of Nelly Doctor, with affidavits.

No. 180 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, *March 14, 1871.*

Hon. E. B. FRENCH, *Second Auditor:*

I inclose herewith additional evidence in the bounty (additional) claim of Lime-har-kee, widow of Ah-ha-loe-a-hols, late private of Company A, First Regiment Indian Home Guards. I assume that the inclosures comprise the evidence required to complete the claim, from the fact that the blanks (Forms 63 and A 35) were found, bearing the soldier's name, and the papers seized at the office of Alexander Clapperton, late United States pension-agent and clerk to J. W. Wright.

The claimant is a pensioner, and her relationship to the soldier, and continued widowhood, is established by the testimony of Mikkopajo, So-kullis-hajo, Samuel Ballard, William Marshall, and Simon Grown, all Creek Indians.

In the absence of a United States agent to the Creeks, she desires to be addressed through Simon Brown, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and revokes any former power of attorney in favor of Wright.

Respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

No. 181 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 15, 1871.

SIR: The inclosed circular from your office, relating to the additional bounty claim of the minors of Jack Barnett, Company K, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, was found among the papers seized at the office of Alexander Clapperton.

On account of the services of said soldier a pension was allowed to Mrs. Lochar Barnett, guardian of George, sixteen years old July 31, 1863; Lina, sixteen years old July 31, 1871; William, sixteen years old July 31, 1873; James, sixteen years old July 31, 1876, minor children of Jack Barnett. The ages are, of course, approximated. The guardian appeared this day with William F. and Simon Brown as witnesses. All testified that each of the above children was alive, and also one Timothy, two years older than George, and whom they consider too old to participate in the allowance made by the Government. To require any further explanation of discrepancies appearing in papers prepared by the agents of Wright would be futile.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEORGE E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension Agent.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 15, 1871.

SIR: We were yesterday called upon by Jane Hawkins, widow of Thomas Hawkins, late of Company E, First Indiana Home Guards, who inquired respecting the bounty due on account of the services of her husband. She has at different times heard that the claim had been allowed, and that a check for the satisfaction thereof was in the hands of Wright, but was retained upon different pleas. We suspect that, as the soldier died subsequent to muster-out, the check was made payable to his order, and, consequently, retained on account of his death. Our visitor was identified as the widow of the soldier by several reliable persons in the office at the time.

Very respectfully, yours,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

Please address the claimant, care of F. H. Nash, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

No. 182 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
March 15, 1871.

SIR: In the case of Tah-con-thl-as, late private Company K, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, Charles Brown, father, we have taken the testimony of William F. and Simon Brown, both intelligent men, speaking English fluently, and residents of the Creek Nation. Both assert that the claimant was the father of the soldier, and was always recognized as such, and we are inclined to commend the claim to your favorable consideration.

There were in the First Indian Regiment several Tah-con-thl-as and Tah-con-thl-is, and we were careful to have the claimant identified as the father of the soldier serving in the company specified.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

No. 183 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,

March 15, 1871.

SIR: Herewith please find claims intrusted to our custody with request that such investigation concerning their validity, and such explanation of "irregularities" in the papers therein filed, as might be feasible, should be secured and reported to you.

The accompanying schedule, (marked K,) in addition to its presentation of dates copied from Wright's Book C, &c., as shown by its caption, indicates the claims in which applications for pension were also in our custody, and in which copies of notes of comparison will also be found; exhibits our information upon some and action upon others of said pension claims, and designates those in which special reports have been made and filed with the papers therein by the entry, "Report with claims;" and those in which we were unable to obtain information by the note, "Could not hear of this claimant." The annexed memorandum will serve as an index to the letters embodying information heretofore forwarded to you, especially with reference to complaints of non-receipts, by claimants, of moneys believed to have been collected by John W. Wright, and continues so shown by Book C, and also as to affidavits of non-receipts of bounty or back pay, or both, in some of said cases.

The dates of the letters and the pages upon which they were copied (in letter-book No. 2, indorsed Investigation at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, from December, 1870, to March, 1871) are given, that, in case of loss of any of the letters aforesaid, reference may be had by you to said letter-book at the Pension-Office. Said annexed memorandum is marked L.

Other information desired by you will, by either or both of us, be cheerfully furnished, verbally, at any time after our arrival at Washington, D. C.

Please see, also, affidavit in case of Margaret Buchanan, formerly widow of William Roor, private Fourteenth Kansas.

Very respectfully,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Washington, D. C.

No. 184 C.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,

March 15, 1871.

SIR: We transmit herewith application for pension of Lucinda Wilson, mother and legal guardian of the minor child of Robert Grayson. The witnesses to the declaration are reliable, and were careful in giving their testimony. Under the Creek and Cherokee laws, the surviving parent is the legal guardian.

The claimant has a record of the birth of her child, but is unable to verify it otherwise than has been done in her application. She also exhibited a memorandum of her marriage to Wilson, written, as she says, by the officiating minister, but also unattested. As she is entitled, either as widow or guardian, from the date to which she was last paid, we deem this less material to the case.

That immediately upon her re-marriage she frankly acknowledged it and surrendered her certificate, is an evidence of honesty rarely furnished in this country, and supported by the general appearance of the applicant.

We recommend this claim to your favorable consideration.

Very respectfully,

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions.

No. 185 C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Pension Office, Washington, D. C., March 15, 1871.

SIR: Having complied with your instructions to us, as special agents of the Pension-Office, to investigate certain claims, both "pending" and "admitted," of Indians and

others in the Indian Territory, we have the honor to submit our report of investigations and consequent action.

There were transmitted to us at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, three hundred and twenty-three "pending" and one hundred and seventy-eight "admitted" claims for pension, and also some applications for bounty; and, upon our arrival at said point, December 2, 1870, the commanding officer of the military post there turned over to us sundry books and papers, which (in compliance with an order from the Secretary of the Interior, through the Acting Commissioner of Pensions, under date of August 18, 1870) had been seized by him at the "office of the pension-agent," so called, at that place.

Upon inquiry, and by personal observation, we ascertained that the office at which these papers were seized was at the time of said seizure occupied jointly by Alex. Clapperton, then pension-agent; John Brown Wright, "claim-agent," and attorney for his father, John W. Wright, of Washington City, D. C.; and Albert Barnes, then and now clerk of the Illinois district court, Cherokee Nation.

Examination of said papers elicited the fact that some of them were the private property of Alex. Clapperton, and others of John Brown Wright, and had no relevance to the subject-matter of the investigation ordered. They were collected in packages, respectively, to be delivered to them whenever they should call for them, and said parties were notified thereof at the earliest opportunity. Mr. John Brown Wright came to the office which we occupied and received his, but Mr. Clapperton did not request that his might be given to him.

Among those thereafter retained by us we found a large number of official certificates of discharge, (for list of which please see paper marked A.) many applications for pension, bounty, arrears of pay, &c., (some filled up, others partly filled, some partly and others wholly executed, with and without the signatures of the claimants and witnesses, and some with the signature of judge or clerk, or both, and without any other writing therein,) prepared years before, but never forwarded to the Department at Washington, (for list of which please see paper B;) a considerable quantity of blanks; a series of correspondence between John W. Wright, attorney in the aforesaid Indian claims, and Alex. Clapperton, late pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, showing said Clapperton's employment by, and labor (shown also by other data to have been for compensation) in the interest of, said John W. Wright, as a prosecutor of claims for pension, bounty, arrears of pay, &c., against the United States Government, coercer of the Indians to trade (both before and after his receipt of the moneys therefor) upon the very claims the payment for which were made to said Wright, and as a collector for traders, both in the Indian Territory and in the United States, out of the aforesaid moneys, accruing from their claims, of the debts of Indians to said traders, for further particulars respecting which please see correspondence and statement herewith marked D, and two books showing "collections" by said Wright upon claims for bounty and arrears of pay, concerning one of which, marked C, (please see statement therewith and note that our estimate of said book therein set forth was confirmed by the correspondence between Wright and Clapperton aforesaid, and by the report of the Second Auditor in response to inquiries made by us for claimants; as in cases of Lata Big Talker and Chice-wa-tah Ola-he-at-er, see letter-book No. 2, pages 66 and 67, and paper marked E. Said books, papers, and correspondence were, February 25, 1871, forwarded to you from Fort Gibson, with statements concerning the same, (see letter-book No. 2, pages 108 to 113, 124, 125, and 133.) in compliance with your order pursuant to instructions from the Secretary of the Interior under date of February 16, 1871.

Of those cases, as heretofore stated, placed in our hands by you, which had been admitted, and the names of claimants in which had been placed upon the pension-rolls, we were aware, by reason of copies of orders, reports, and memoranda in our possession, that many had been placed upon the rolls in 1866 by order of the then incumbent Secretary of the Interior, in the absence of the proof usually required in similar claims; that an agent of the Department had been sent to the Indian Territory with the attorney for the claimants, and with a discretionary order to investigate said claims, and to pay thereon, whenever he should deem the claimants entitled; and that, (as shown by the memoranda taken by the said agent, in connection with our knowledge of the loose manner in which statements in evidence were accepted in said Territory,) as a legitimate sequence of the discretionary order aforesaid, and of the unusual confidence apparently reposed in aforesaid attorney for the claimants, said investigation was lax.

Being aware that there was a considerable number of Indians in the rebel service during the late civil war, one of the first questions that suggested themselves to the undersigned was, What proportion, if any, of these people are excluded from title to the gratuities of the United States Government by reason of their having aided or abetted in the rebellion? The amnesty of the treaty of 1866 with the Cherokees seemed to settle the question in favor of those of that nation; but the status of the Creeks appeared to be different. The sequence of query upon this subject was such as to induce our belief that nearly all those applicants of that nation, not otherwise precluded, were entitled also. The result of investigation upon this point is embodied

in paper marked F, which said paper not only availed as presenting the status of the body of the members of the regiments enumerated at the commencement and during the continuance of the war, but also furnished data for admission or rejection of claims of loyalty, service, and disability of persons in given regiments and companies at dates and localities stated.

The matter of "desertion," as charged against many of those on account of whose services claims were made, was the next question considered, and whereas there was ample assurance that many of the so-called desertions were wholly unwitting violations of military law, most of the said charges we decided must needs stand unremoved because the proof of the requisite leave granted could not be produced, and we acted upon this in rejecting many pending claims.

The next general question was as to the validity of "marriage by custom," and the legitimacy of widows and children thereunder.

We ascertained that, though there is a law requiring the performance of a marriage ceremony by a clergyman or magistrate in cases of unions of whites and Indians, there is no provision rendering any ceremony a precedent requisite to marital rights of those living together as man and wife, where both parties are Indians. For the basis of above deduction, please see what we certify to be Cherokee laws upon this subject, as copied from the "Laws of the Nation," and to be found also in official papers furnished us, at request, by the acting chief of the nation, (marked G,) and please note our certificate hereby, that there are no other laws upon this subject, among the Cherokees and Creeks, than those to which reference has heretofore been made. Hence we concluded that it was competent to accept proof of cohabitation and acknowledgment as man and wife by each other and by the community in which the parties resided, as the only available and sufficient evidence of that relation in a majority of cases, the proportion of any other method of assumption of the marriage relation being very small, and the precedent of such acceptance having been fully established in the offices of both the Second Auditor and the Commissioner of Pensions.

In minors' cases, the Indian law as to appointment of guardians, in both said nations of Cherokees and Creeks, and as to the manner of payment of pensions to them (as set forth in the law for the payment of pensions granted by the Cherokee Nation) being amply stringent and comprehensive, if executed, (see paper marked H,) despite our information as to the unreliable character of many of the sureties of guardians, we were constrained to admit their authority, whenever they produced "letters of guardianship," which, by reason of our official knowledge of the incumbency of the clerks or judges and of the signatures of said officers, we believed to be genuine.

In invalid claims for pension, of which but few have been made, the necessity of the best evidence as to the origin of the disability in the service and line of duty, and of the services of an examining surgeon was apparent at the outset. Upon the origin aforesaid we required strict compliance with the requisite above set forth. The appointment of Dr. Few, a highly reputable physician, whose term of service as a United States contract surgeon at Fort Gibson expired soon after our arrival there, was recommended, and until his appointment the services of Dr. Cowdrey, the Regular Army surgeon at the post, were invoked.

In addition to the official presentation of the laws of the Cherokee Nation, upon the point above named, we also obtained (as will be seen by reference to the papers marked G) a copy of the law authorizing the use of the national seal of said nation, and providing for its manufacture and inscription, exhibiting such date, as (with the statement of the acting chief of the nation and of a judge of the supreme court thereof—see paper marked H—and of other reputable persons) fully to establish the fact that the seal, impress of which is affixed to most of the papers in applications of Cherokees in claims against the United States Government, was spurious, and manufactured for and used by John W. Wright, attorney in the said claims, before the nation had, or had ever authorized, a national seal; that none of the officers of courts of districts, the circuit courts, or the supreme court, have any warrant in law for the adoption or use of a seal; and finally, we were assured, on every hand, that the Creeks never had any seal, and had no courts or judiciary until about three years ago, and that the so-called Creek seal, impress of which is affixed upon some of the papers prepared in claims against the United States by the aforesaid attorney and his agents, the manufacture of which was procured by him also, was likewise spurious. This latter point is corroborated by expression, upon his part, in the aforesaid correspondence, of intent to dispose of the same to Creeks and to collect the price of it from the nation.

The fact that scarce any of the judges could write their names in English, and that the clerks were accustomed to do most of the writing, and generally to append the names of the judges, as signatures, to papers purporting to have been signed by said judges came to our knowledge, and led to inquiry as to the jurisdiction of the judges, which elicited official copies of the Cherokee laws thereupon, also the statement of the acting chief of the nation (see H) and the sworn declaration of the clerk of the Illinois court (see I.)

While procuring these data, we had examined applicants for pension and bounty, as

well as those whose claims therefor had been granted, as to the manner in which their applications had been prepared, as to their cognizance of the contents of those papers to which they purported to have been sworn, and as to the identity of the party who swore them; and we had prepared a schedule of all the claims in our possession which had been made in this Territory, numbering considerably more than four hundred, which we present herewith, and which is so arranged as to exhibit, at a glance, the name of the soldier on account of whose service the claim is made, and of the heir or representative, (in other than invalid claims,) the service of the soldier, the report of the Department, the name of the party before whom, and the date at which, the claimant's declaration purports to have been made, the stated jurisdiction of said party, the names of the witnesses, the fact, date, and manner of marriage, or of guardianship, as stated, and the fact of the impress (or otherwise) thereon of the bogus seal. This schedule we found to be invaluable in aiding and expediting our inquiries, and in avoiding the necessity of exposing papers; and we have noted upon it, in the column of remarks, our action upon every case upon which we have passed.

The first of the aforesaid examinations was adjudged to indicate that no claim should be paid, and no application further entertained by the Department, until a supplemental declaration had been made in every case; and this indication having been found to be almost universally correct, the claimants and their witnesses were carefully cross-examined in every case, and depositions taken in nearly every instance, setting forth the facts and the discrepancies in the papers filed by the attorney. Of these depositions many were forwarded to you, with supplemental applications, from time to time during our investigation. They, as well as those now with the cases returned to the files of the Department, show a degree of recklessness as to statements of facts and circumstances to which claimants were or purport to have been made to swear, elsewhere unparalleled in our experience.

Whereas, as is elsewhere officially set forth among the papers herewith accompanying, the judges and clerks of the courts of the respective districts are not authorized to take affidavits, or certify thereto, in any other district than the one in which they are officially incumbent, nor to sign in any wise except as judges or clerks of their respective districts, an examination of these claims shows that Daniel R. Hicks purports to have signed declarations in twenty-one cases as judge of the Illinois district, in one hundred and twenty-six cases as district judge "in and for the Cherokee Nation," in one case as judge of the circuit court, in another as clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, (which court does not exist,) and as a judge of the Illinois district, when he was not judge of any district; and it is in evidence that when all these declarations, except that last named, were dated and signed, (sometimes by Judge Hicks and sometimes by parties having no authority for such action,) at a time when said Hicks was a judge of the Coo-wee-skoo-wee district; (see schedule for dates, and G for terms of service of judges;) and further, it is in evidence that for several months Judge Hicks was employed, while yet judge of the Coo-wee-skoo-wee district, by John W. Wright, attorney in these cases, to officiate, in violation of law, as above stated. (See I.)

Again, it is in evidence (see I) that Robert Crawford, judge of the Illinois district, cannot write his own name in English; that said name, as "signature" of said judge, or purporting so to be, is written in five different styles of orthography; that his name was also written, as aforesaid, in the same manner as was that of Hicks, in the absence of said judges, (and by parties without the semblance of authority,) and when the affiants had never appeared before them; that persons purport to have signed as clerks of courts in said papers who never were clerks as aforesaid, and that *bona-fide* clerks of certain districts certified in other districts in which they had no authority; and that John W. Wright and his son, and their clerks, swore persons themselves, and signed, or procured the signing of names of judges as the persons before whom said affiants were sworn.

Furthermore, we certify that we were informed by persons who acted as clerks (and whose names were shown by us to them, as used as witnessing signatures and identity) that they and other clerks were in the habit, while working for the attorney for the claimants aforesaid, and under his supervision, and that of his son, of signing each other's names indiscriminately. The name of one of these clerk-witnesses, which occurs in more than a hundred cases, is spelt in three different styles, and he positively asserts that he always spells it in but one of those styles; and one of the clerk-witnesses, whose name occurs ninety times, was declared by the other aforesaid witnesses, and by all of whom we inquired diligently, to be a myth.

In repeated instances, as shown by comparison of the "declarations" of claimants with their affidavits taken by us, and with other evidence, they were made to swear, or purport so to have sworn, in said declarations, that they were married at dates and places, and in a manner entirely different from the facts, and, as they positively swear, they never declared knowingly.

In support of these statements we refer to the affidavits forwarded to you during our investigation, to the papers in the claims filed by aforesaid attorney, to the official documents herewith, and to the schedule.

In the bounty claims transmitted to us by the Second Auditor, as well as those prepared but not filed by said attorney and his agents, the violations of both United States and Cherokee laws, in procuring false and reckless swearing and in colluding with and instigating the illegal action of judges and clerks and of each other, similar to those in pension claims, abound.

There came under our observation but few instances of intent upon the part of claimants to obtain money by fraudulent presentations. In the large majority of cases we became convinced, by careful cross-examinations of claimants and witnesses, by continual communication, both personal and by correspondence, with the officers and prominent soldiers who formerly served in the Indian regiments, with the former and present Indian agent for the Cherokees, and with the leading men among the Creeks, that the discrepancies between the former and recent statements of the claimants and witnesses were, as heretofore stated, caused by the reckless manner in which the papers were prepared by the attorney prosecuting for the claimants, and his assistants.

Though the ignorance of many of the claimants and witnesses renders unusually laborious and comparative examination indispensable to any decision upon the title as well as to procuring of evidence in substantiation of said title in a manner approaching accord with official requirements, even with all the allowance justly due to the peculiar antecedents and present condition and surroundings of the said peoples we have almost always found that such data was obtainable from the said claimants and witnesses, and that in but very few instances wherein said data were supplied with the purpose of supporting a claim without regard to the facts were the claimants or witnesses willing or knowing parties to said supply.

By faithful use of all the means heretofore set forth we have been enabled to decide upon the merits of two hundred and seventy-three claims; of these we have determined that forty-three have been justly admitted, and that payment should be continued upon them, and that fifty-nine should be dropped; and that one hundred and fifty-two pending claims should be rejected, and but a small portion of one hundred and sixty, not acted upon, are believed to be susceptible of proof. There remain one hundred and eleven on the admitted roll, sixty-eight of which were not acted upon.

Though but few applications for bounty were sent to us by the Second Auditor, we were unable to secure the attendance of persons needed as witnesses in some of those. We acted upon them as far as possible, and have communicated to the Second Auditor the results of said action. A very considerable proportion of our time was occupied in endeavoring, by comparison (at the request of claimants for back pay and bounty) of the various papers seized, (as heretofore stated,) and of the records of Book C with the statements of said claimants as to what they had received; in aiding them to make supplemental applications; in giving information to parties interested, verbally, and by correspondence, as to the title, forms, and requirements of evidence in both pension and bounty claims; in seeking information from the Second Auditor, at request of claimants; and in furnishing him with affidavits concerning matters within his province.

Our action in such matters, as well as in correspondence with the Pension-Office and with parties here as to the purposes of necessary data for our own investigations, is, most of it, shown by copies of letters in letter-books Nos. 1 and 2, accompanying this report.

The season of the year (especially by reason of its unusual inclemency and the consequent bad roads and high water throughout the the country) in which our investigation was made; the natural Indian distrust of all white men, much increased and fully confirmed by the long delays in the adjudication of their claims; the strong conviction of some of them, communicated also to others, that the attorney who filed their claims was the agent of the United States; that he had deceived and defrauded them; that he and his agents had (in some instances) withheld money (which had been paid to him by the United States for them,) so as to induce them to trade, and thereby make a debt to traders, with whom said attorney was interested, and in others withheld back pay entirely; the impossibility of convincing them of the necessity or propriety of their being so closely questioned and of their reiterating statements and swearing to the same again, when they had previously, as they honestly had supposed, been reported to the proper department of the Government as having made and sworn to the statements; and the fact that many of them had been paid, with very little precedent form on account of either bounty or pension; all these circumstances combined to delay, and in some instances utterly to thwart, our effort to procure the attendance and testimony of claimants and witnesses; and hence we were precluded from investigation of all the cases in our possession.

To the commanding officer of the military post at Fort Gibson and the other officers of the Sixth United States Infantry there stationed; Major John. H. Craig, late Indian agent for the Cherokees; Rev. J. B. Jones, present Indian agent for the Cherokees; to Captain James Vann, Acting Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and to Morter Vann, a member of the Cherokee National Council, who acted as our interpreter, we may be per-

mitted to suggest that the Commissioner of Pensions and the Second Auditor, as well as the undersigned, are under obligations for continued and valuable services rendered to us during our labors under your commission.

We have the honor to recommend that all communications concerning claims of persons resident in the Indian Territory vs. the United States be hereafter forwarded to the United States Indian agents there resident, and that no claim-agents or attorneys for the Indians therein be recognized.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

F. E. FOSTER,
GEO. E. WEBSTER,
Special Agents United States Pension-Office.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C.

No. 186 C.

PENSION OFFICE, *May 9, 1871.*

SIR: In compliance with your oral instructions of yesterday, we present herewith a report supplemental to that submitted by us to the Commissioner of Pensions detailing the results of our recent mission to the Indian Territory.

On the 18th November last we were detailed from the Pension-Office to investigate the titles of Indian applicants for pensions and, taking with us all the books and papers in this Bureau appertaining to such claims, we proceeded to Fort Gibson. There were also intrusted to us by the Second Auditor certain claims to additional bounty received from that locality. Mr. Webster had been appointed agent for paying pensions at Fort Gibson, superseding Alexander Clapperton, who had been suspended. The results of that investigation were, as has been above intimated, reported to the Commissioner of Pensions. Accompanying such report was a schedule showing the facts elicited by your inquiries relative to each individual case; and also the books and papers taken by us from the office, with entries and indorsements indicating our action. While our attention was directed particularly to the merits of individual claims, it was understood that we should gather such information as might be attainable relative to certain alleged irregularities attending the prosecution of claims against the Government, and whatever else in connection with the business of our Department might be deemed prejudicial to the interests of the Indians or the nation.

Upon arriving at Fort Gibson we found that the books, papers, &c., at the office of the late pension-agent had been seized by the commandant at that post; the same including private correspondence, records of business transactions, &c., besides the documents legitimately belonging to the agency. These were at once turned over to us. Major J. N. Craig, late United States agent for the Cherokees, and his successor, J. B. Jones, provided an interpreter; and we were furnished with quarters within the garrison.

With these facilities at our command, we caused to be printed in the Cherokee Advocate, (a weekly paper published at Tahlequah,) the names of all those who it appeared from the documents in our possession were in any way interested in claims against the Government. Some weeks of continuous rain, and consequent heavy roads and trails, delayed the appearance of the scattered inhabitants of that wild country, but subsequently our presence became known throughout the Cherokee and Creek Nations, and it was with difficulty we were able to answer the calls upon our time.

The facts elicited and conclusions attained therefrom we here give briefly, referring to our previous report and accompanying documents, including copies of our correspondence, for details. We would premise, however, that the action taken by the Secretary of the Interior in 1866, ordering the names of all claimants in the Territory to be placed upon the pension-roll, and authorizing their payment at the discretion of Mr. George C. Whiting, who was then acting as special agent of the Department in that country, seriously embarrassed us. It was finally determined to pay those already so placed upon the rolls, upon acceptable testimony of an equitable title, but that all pending claims should be subjected to the severest scrutiny.

1. It appears that, while acting as United States pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Alexander Clapperton had, during the whole of his residence in the Territory, been employed by John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C., as his clerk in the prosecution of claims for pension and bounty, and had received a stipulated compensation therefor. This is evidenced by correspondence between Wright and Clapperton, by Clapperton's returns to the assessor of internal revenue, and by the face of the claims themselves. Whether this employment was a violation of the act approved *June 11, 1864, prohibit-

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ing the receipt by Government employes of compensation for the prosecution or assistance in the prosecution of such claims, and as such entitled to notice, it is for the Department to determine.

2. The claims which had been filed in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions and Second Auditor, while in most cases on behalf of parties having a shadow of a title involved, in their preparation and prosecution, glaring irregularities, and, in some respects, impudent fabrications. In order to effect an apparent compliance with the statute requiring the execution of declarations before an officer of a court of record having custody of its seal, a seal, purporting on its face to be that of the Cherokee Nation, was devised, manufactured, and applied by and in the interest of J. W. Wright and his agents. Its impress will be found upon nearly all the papers filed by said Wright in the Department.

3. Declarations and affidavits were sanctioned by what purported to be the signatures of judges of district courts whom we know to have been unable to write, said signatures having been written by other parties, and often apparently by the agents of Wright. At one time a judge was imported from another district for the special purpose of authenticating claims and testimony at Fort Gibson, alternating his judicial duty with clerical labor in Wright's office. It was customary for the judge or clerk to receive at night the depositions written during the day, and to affix his signature thereto, he never having sworn or seen the parties. These statements are established by the depositions of claimants who appeared before us, and who positively asserted that neither judge nor clerk of the court were present when their papers were made; and also by the admissions contained in the correspondence of Wright and Clapperton.

4. Many of the signatures purporting to be those of attesting and identifying witnesses are entirely fictitious, and in some cases represent parties who never existed. This was evolved, on the one hand, by inquiries of the living persons represented; on the other, by the failure of the most persistent efforts to discover a trace of the parties, who must, in so small a community, have been well known had they been other than myths.

5. That the disbursement of pensions and bounties was so managed that payment was deferred until as large a proportion as possible had been absorbed in trade at the stores of the merchants in connection with whom Wright and Clapperton were operating. Many suggestions of this conduct are to be found in the correspondence before alluded to, and it is certainly established by the firm convictions of the Cherokee citizens generally.

6. That before the original bounty of Indian claimants was allowed or applied for, their claims were hypothecated by trading thereupon at the stores of Ross, Gunter & Co., and Ross, Bro. & Co.; notwithstanding his knowledge of which, Wright, as attorney, caused the applicants to swear, as required by law, that they had in no manner sold, transferred, assigned, or in any way parted with their interest in said bounty or any part thereof. At the same time it was stipulated between said merchants and Wright that he should have ten per centum of the full amount by him secured to them when such bounties should be paid.

7. That on the failure of the firms above referred to, the evidences of the indebtedness of these Indian claimants were assigned to their creditors in Saint Louis as assets; and that thereupon said creditors engaged with Wright (through his son) that, for all of said indebtedness that should be to them paid through the influence of said Wright, he should receive ten per centum, as had been previously agreed between him and the Gibson merchants.

8. That if any reliance can be placed upon the testimony of the Indians themselves, a large proportion of the claimants have been defrauded of their back pay, applications for which (though unknown to them) were included in their claims for bounty. Of the many cases into which we inquired, and in which Wright's books showed the collection of these dues, very few were found in which the claimant could be induced to acknowledge the receipt of the money or its equivalent.

9. That Wright obtained from the files of the Government complete transcripts of the record of services of Indian soldiers, to which declarations were made to conform, but that in relation to particulars not therein included the claimants were made to swear to the veriest fictions. In hardly a case did the deposition of a claimant made before us agree with the allegations of the original declaration.

10. That John W. Wright was maintaining interests in the Indian Territory in defiance of the provisions of the intercourse laws, encouraged by the hope of an early disruption of the Cherokee Nation, and by a present profit realized on the transactions heretofore referred to.

In addition to the foregoing the evidence in our possession induces many suspicions of fraud, suspicions, however, which can only be confirmed by an investigation of Treasury and other records more thorough than we have since our return been authorized to make. In one letter Wright calls for the return of checks, expressing an opinion that his original power of attorney for the prosecution of the claim will authorize their indorsement by him; again, he returns bounty receipts which have been signed by the heir of a claimant, deceased since application was filed, insisting that such receipt shall be signed in

the name of the original claimant alone, as otherwise the Second Auditor will require a new application, and he may thereby lose the money. He wrote Albert Barnes that his signature as attorney for a claimant will not answer, but that he must sign the name of the claimant simply.

For evidence in support of our statements relative to the transactions in bounty claims, we refer to the Second Auditor, to whom we forwarded several depositions of claimants implicating their attorney in fraud; and upon which, and in pursuance of our oral suggestions, he has pursued investigations still further.

The action of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in assuming control of the disbursement of Government money due to Indians, has brought within the cognizance of our Department transactions over which it would otherwise have no jurisdiction.

Upon the foregoing, in connection with the impressions of a four months' sojourn in the Indian country, we feel authorized to express to you our conviction that this class of Government beneficiaries have been shamefully swindled—a crime aggravated by their ignorance and defenseless condition.

The facilities for these operations were great and were well employed. John Brown Wright (the son of J. W. Wright) is the husband of a Cherokee woman, and by virtue of such relation a citizen of her nation. F. H. Nash, who appears to be Wright's cashier and his son's guardian, is similarly situated. Alexander Clapperton united in himself the dignity of United States pension-agent and the profession of a claim-agent. The offices of J. B. Wright, Alexander Clapperton, and Albert Barnes, clerk of the Illinois district court, were included in one undivided room.

The Indian was an easy subject upon which to operate: unable to speak English, knowing little of values, taking no note of time beyond the changes of the moon, he was little likely to detect an imposition, unable to protect himself had he suspected fraud, and in no manner calculated for a witness to convict his oppressors of their crime and bring them to punishment. Making every allowance for the peculiarities attending the prosecution of business in that Territory, conceding a liberal margin in favor of the difficulties encountered in identifying parties and procuring testimony, we cannot escape the conviction that the soldiers of the three regiments of Indian Home Guards and their heirs have been the victims of an audacious and pitiless imposition.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
F. E. FOSTER,
Special Agents Pension-Office.

HON. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 191 D.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., February 13, 1865.

GENERAL: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your reference of the letter of Colonel William A. Phillips, commanding Indian brigade, making statements concerning the Indian regiments in his command, and requesting that their muster-out be anticipated a few months, to enable them to raise a crop the ensuing year.

In reply, I am directed to inform you that upon receipt hereof, you are authorized to direct the muster-out of these troops so soon as may be most conducive to the interests of the public service.

A copy of this authority should be filed with the muster-out rolls.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

THOMAS M. VINCENT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Major General J. J. REYNOLDS,
Commanding Department of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas.

No. 192 D.

[Special Orders No. 110—Extract.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS,
Little Rock, Arkansas, May 8, 1865.

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3. The Provost Marshal General of the United States having issued orders, dated April 29, ultimo, prohibiting further enlistments of troops, paragraph 11, Special Orders No. 103, dated April 29, ultimo, from these headquarters, is hereby revoked.

132 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

The First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards will be mustered out of military service on the 31st day of May instant, pursuant to authority granted by the War Department dated February 13, 1865.

By command of Major General J. J. Reynolds.

JOHN LEVERING,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Official copy :

THOMAS M. VINCENT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

No. 193 D.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., *October 16, 1865.*

SIR: The Secretary of the Interior has appointed you a special agent to collect all bounty and back pay due from the United States to any Indians for services in the late rebellion; also for quartermaster's or commissary supplies furnished by or taken from the Indians, and also to procure all pensions and back pay due the Indians under the laws of the United States. Your compensation will be paid out of the sum collected, and will be such sum, in each case, as may be allowed by Secretary of Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

All funds collected by you you will pay over to the claimant himself, through the agent of the tribe, or in his presence, and take receipts witnessed by him; and no assignment of such claims will be recognized by you. The different Indian agents will be notified to aid you in the prosecution of your business, and to prohibit any agent or attorney from procuring powers of attorney to appear for them, and the War and Treasury Departments will be requested to refuse payment to all agents except yourself as long as this authority is not revoked.

The above is a draught prepared by Mr. Wright, as containing the necessary powers and authority for his guidance, &c. I suggested to him the rights and interests which other agents might claim.

D. N. C.,
Commissioner.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington City, D. C.

No. 194 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 28, 1865.

SIR: For your information I transmit herewith a copy of a letter, of this date, to the Commissioner of Pensions, containing directions as to his action in cases of application for pensions for Indians on account of their military service.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary.

HON. D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 195 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 28, 1865.

SIR: I transmit herewith copy of a letter addressed to the Secretaries of the Treasury and of War, respectively, requesting those officers to suspend action on all claims of Indians for bounty, back pay, &c., until the parties representing said claims shall file in the Treasury and War Departments your approval of their authority to act.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary.

HON. D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 196 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 27, 1855.

SIR: I have the honor to request that you will suspend action on all claims of Indians for bounty, back pay, damages, and dues of all kinds, arising on account of their military service, or the operations of the Army in the vicinity of their homes, until the parties representing said claims shall receive and file the approval of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary.

Hon. HUGH McCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

(Similar letter sent to the Secretary of War.)

No. 195 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS.
Washington, D. C., November 5, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from the Department of the Interior, of a communication from J. W. Wright on the subject of powers of attorney from Indians to collect military claims against the Government.

I am still of the opinion as set forth in my report of the 24th ultimo, that as a general rule such powers of attorney should not be recognized; that the Indians should not be put to any expense in collecting their just claims against the Government.

In cases where the circumstances render the departure from this rule proper, I think the field should be left open, and the Indians be permitted to employ whomsoever they choose to transact their business.

But to whatever extent the Department may decide to recognize such powers of attorney, I would respectfully suggest that the following rules and regulations be established to govern all cases where claims are settled on such powers of attorney.

1. In all cases where claims are now pending, or may hereafter be presented, the attorney shall communicate to this office a statement of the nature of the claim, the name of the claimant, and the Bureau to which it has been, or is to be presented: such statement, in the discretion of this Bureau, to be referred to the proper superintendent or agent for report, and such report to be presented to and considered by the Department before which the claim is pending as a part of the evidence in the case. The several Departments to be requested to recognize no act of an attorney until he presents an acknowledgment from this office of the receipt of the statement above provided for.

This rule will, I think, be a sufficient check against the presenting of fraudulent or unjust claims.

2. That arrangements be made with the War and Treasury Departments by which all claims adjusted in favor of any Indian shall be made payable to the order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to be by him remitted to the claimant after deducting a fair and reasonable compensation to the attorney prosecuting the claim. The amount of compensation in all cases to be fixed by this Department.

This rule would be much more simple and satisfactory than to take a bond from each attorney for the faithful performance of his trust.

3. No assignment of a claim by an Indian to be recognized in any case; and no advances made thereon to be allowed or considered as a lien except the just charges of the attorney.

This rule would prevent unscrupulous men from defrauding the Indians by buying their just claims for a nominal consideration.

The establishment of these simple rules would, I think, prevent imposition either upon the Indians or the Government.

The only other desideratum is to save any expense to the Indians, which can only be done by having their claims presented, where practicable, through their duly appointed agents.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

Hon. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, October 24, 1865.

SIR: In reference to the application of J. W. Wright to be appointed a "special agent to collect the bounty and back pay due from the United States to any Indians for services in the late rebellion," &c., I have the honor to submit the following views as to the custom of this Department and the necessity for such an agent:

The theory upon which the operations of the Government with Indian tribes are conducted is, that the Government is their guardian and the protector of their rights and interests. In pursuance of this theory, Government appoints and pays agents whose duty it is to take care of the Indians, to look after their interests, and to be the mediums through which they can communicate their wishes and present their claims.

Prior to the year 1846 a practice had prevailed of recognizing powers of attorney from Indians and paying money on them. This was found to be so detrimental to the interests of the Indians that Hon. William L. Marcy, then Secretary of War, ordered it to cease, and pronounced it to be "wholly inconsistent with the duty of Government to pay over to them promptly and without abatement, whatever may be due to them under any treaty or law, or for any claim whatever to which they may be justly entitled." Since then the practice has been to have all business with the Indians transacted through the regularly appointed agents, a few exceptional cases only appearing where powers of attorney to others have been recognized.

And this system has worked well. The agents are generally personally cognizant of any claims the Indians may have against the Government, and of all the facts relating to them: and, when furnished with such blanks and instructions as are issued by the various Departments, are much better qualified than any mere stranger could be to obtain from Government all just claims of the Indians. This was done some years ago when this office, in connection with the Pension-Office, prepared and forwarded to the Indian agents the regulations governing applications for bounty-land under the act of 1855. The result was that upward of three thousand land-warrants were issued and delivered to the Indians, free of any charge whatever.

I would, therefore, decidedly recommend that this practice be continued.

But if the Department were disposed to recognize powers of attorney, the appointment of Mr. Wright, in the manner he suggests, should not be made. Other persons have been retained by Indians to prosecute such claims, and it would not be fair to them to say that the business they have on hand shall be prosecuted by Mr. Wright; and it would certainly not be just to the Indians to decide that they, so numerous and so widely scattered, shall be compelled to present their claims through Mr. Wright and no one else.

It is due to Mr. Wright to say that the interest he manifests on behalf of the Indians is highly commendable, and his proposition to have all funds collected paid to the claimants through the agent of the tribe shows an honesty of purpose which meets my hearty approval. This is undoubtedly the proper course to pursue, and all other persons representing Indian claims should be compelled to take the same honorable and disinterested course.

In order, therefore, to protect the interests of all parties, I would respectfully suggest that the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of War be requested, in all cases where claims have been presented in favor of Indians, to forward, on settlement, all sums due the Indians, through this Department, to be remitted to them through their local agents, and that the amount of compensation to the attorneys in each case be fixed by you, and paid out of the amount awarded to the claimant. And, as a necessary precaution in protecting the rights of the Indians, I would recommend that no assignments of their claims be recognized, and that no advances on such claims be allowed or considered a lien, except the just charges of the attorney.

And as cases will undoubtedly arise where the surrounding circumstances will render it impracticable for the Indian agents to present the claims of Indians, I would recommend that the rule against recognizing powers of attorney be so far modified as to permit attorneys to prosecute such claims under the same regulations which I have suggested in regard to claims already in the hands of attorneys.

If the views herein expressed meet your approbation I will have instructions, in reference to the presentation and prosecution of claims, prepared and forwarded to superintendents and Indian agents, and direct them in all cases where it is practicable to attend to this business for the Indians without the intervention of an attorney, and without fee or reward.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

HON. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

Statement of the status of the Cherokees and Creeks at the commencement of and during the rebellion.

From various sources, which, by general inquiry and observation, we were led to regard as reliable, we gleaned the following items concerning the status of the Cherokee and Creek Indians at the commencement and during the late civil war, and with reference to the movements made by them, and the skirmishes and battles in which they were engaged.

In the spring and early summer of 1861 all the full-bloods, and a large portion of the half-breeds, were loyal, and opposed the raising of secession flags and any aid and comfort to the rebels.

Every effort was made to induce the alliance of the Cherokees, as a nation, with the so-called southern confederacy, and, that failing, a series of measures was instituted to draw individuals of the nation to the southern side. Among these was the establishment of lodges of Knights of the Golden Circle, the members of which order commenced their operations in this wise, within the nation, before the withdrawal of United States troops which had been stationed at Fort Gibson.

Representations of the necessity of organizing bodies of Home Guards were also made, and this plausible idea was accepted soon after the United States had been compelled temporarily to abandon the post at Fort Gibson.

It was also urged then, and after it became evident that the United States had also abandoned possession of all the adjacent territory, that an alliance with the southern "authorities," which had before been proposed, was eminently desirable, and in view of all the probabilities necessary until July, 1862, the nation, and most of the individuals thereof, were precluded from intercourse with, or support from, the United States Government, and they claim that such action as seemed temporarily to involve the nation in apparent sympathy with the rebels was coerced by this condition of helplessness.

Early in the summer of 1861 Colonel Drew organized a regiment of Cherokees, who understood that they were enrolled solely for home protection and were not to leave the Territory of the nation.

In October, 1861, John Ross, chief of the Cherokees, made a treaty of alliance with General Albert Pike, as the representative of the rebels, to which it is claimed, by persons of both "Federal" and "Confederate" antecedents, he was coerced, and there are many evidences in the history of events which subsequently transpired going to show that neither the rebels out of the nation, nor the avowed sympathizers within, had any faith in this pretended alliance.

Colonel Drew's regiment was called upon to attack Opoth-leyo-hola, a prominent Creek, who had a considerable command, and had refused to act with the rebels. They went, under orders, to the vicinity of Opoth-leyo-hola's camp, but in the meantime the large majority, who were loyal and who were members of an association called the "Pins," determined to act together, not against Opoth-leyo-hola, but with him if necessary; and each one donned the secret badge of their society, viz, a thistle, that they might act in concert, with or without officers; and the result was, on their arrival at the point of destination they refused to fight Opoth-leyo-hola; whereupon Colonel Drew, with some three hundred of his men, went south.

The remainder of the command, some seven hundred, scattered throughout the nation, except McDaniel's command, one company, who determined to go at once northward, which they did, with Opoth-leyo-hola's men and their women and children, and reached Kansas in the winter of 1861, 12th of the same month (December) as above stated.

Opoth-leyo-hola's Creeks were organized as the First Indian Home Guards in the spring of 1862. McDaniel's company formed the nucleus of the Second Indian Home Guards. They came with Colonel Wear's command into the nation in June, 1862.

Captain McDaniel and Chaplain J. M. Jones, of Colonel Wear's command, sent secret messengers and letters to the loyal element in Drew's rebel regiment, and to the loyal men in the nation not in the rebel army.

The result was that Drew's regiment fell to pieces; the loyal portion, being the vast majority, scattered through the nation, gathered all the men and arms they could, and, headed by Colonel Lewis Downing, the present chief, came in and joined Colonel Wear's command.

Parties of these came in at various places, Horse Creek, Wolf Creek, and Flat Rock. Nine companies joined McDaniel's company and formed the Second Indian Home Guards, the wild Indians of that regiment having deserted.

At Flat Rock, in July, 1862, twelve companies of these were organized as the Fifth Indian Home Guards, under W. A. Phillips as colonel, Lewis Downing as lieutenant colonel, and John A. Foreman, of the Tenth Kansas, as major.

This regiment having been tendered formally by Chief Ross to the War Depart-

ment, as mounted infantry, furnishing their own equipments, were accepted as such. They were not known for a long time thereafter as "Indian Home Guards," and did most of the service that was done outside of the territory of the nation.

Captain McDaniel, who had been in command under Opoth-leyo-hola, with his force, composed of some three hundred Cherokees and a number of Creeks and others, with women and children in large numbers, had, in February, 1862, after the movement northward, heretofore stated, and before the organization of the Second Regiment, camped in the vicinity of Leroy, Kansas, most of the time within the Union lines.

In March, 1862, Colonel Furness, of Nebraska, being placed in command of the First, and Colonel John Richey, of Topeka, Kansas, in command of the Second, Colonel Furness remained in command of the First until August, 1862, and was then succeeded by Colonel Wattles, of Nebraska, and Colonel W. A. Phillips was given command of the Indian brigade, composed of these regiments and the Third, after the latter had been enrolled in July, 1862, and the brigade was attached to Colonel Wear's command entire.

In May, 1862, Major Foreman, above named, of the Third Indian, was detached from the command in which he was then serving, the Tenth Kansas, by Colonel Doubleday, commanding the United States forces at Camp Scott, with eight hundred men, three hundred of the Fifth and Sixth Kansas, four hundred of the Ninth Wisconsin, and one hundred of the Tenth Kansas, to enter the Cherokee Nation, and on the 8th of said month (May, 1862) arrived at Baxter Springs, then regarded as within the limits of said nation, now at the edge of the neutral lands, about fifteen miles from the Cherokee lines.

Two days later Colonel Doubleday, with two regiments from Humboldt, joined Major Foreman at Baxter Springs, and these combined forces under Colonel Doubleday had a skirmish on the night of the 10th and 11th in Benton County, Arkansas, eighteen miles from Baxter Springs, with the rebel commands of Waitie, Coffee, and Jackson, under Waitie. The Union commands returned to Baxter after the skirmish, and Colonel Doubleday resigned.

Shortly thereafter Colonel Wear, of the Tenth Kansas, with a force of five thousand, arrived at Baxter and assumed command of the entire force, numbering, with those he brought, about seven thousand; he remained at Baxter until the last day of June, and organized the camp and mustered the command for pay.

On the 4th of July Colonel Wear, with Major Foreman and a detachment of eighteen hundred men, went to Locust Grove and captured Clarkson. Soon after this, a detachment of five hundred Indians, under Colonel Phillips, were ordered by Colonel Furness, commanding the Indian brigade, to make a tour southward to Tahlequah, and thence to Fort Gibson. While executing this order, a portion of the command under Lieutenant A. W. Robb came into collision with a portion of the forces of the rebel General Cooper, under Lieutenant Colonel Taylor. They defeated the rebels after a hard fight, in which Colonel Taylor was killed. And immediately thereafter all, except four hundred under Major Foreman, returned to Wolf Creek.

Major Foreman, with Colonel Cloud, of the Second Kansas, (who had been sent to re-enforce Major F. and return with him to the main force,) and two hundred cavalry of said Second Kansas, then went to Tahlequah and conveyed Chief John Ross, the national treasurer, with \$90,000 and the archives of the Cherokee Nation, out of the territory of said nation to Spring River, on the Kansas border.

In the latter part of August, 1862, Colonel Richey detached his regiment (the Second Indian) from the brigade then under Colonel Furness, and was attacked near Shivley's Ford, or Spring River, by the rebels, and lost a considerable number of men, on the 20th of September, 1862. About this time Colonel Furness abandoned the brigade and went to Nebraska.

On the 30th of September, 1862, the Third Indian Regiment, with the Sixth Kansas, both then with the command of General Solomon, engaged the rebels at Newtonia, Missouri.

After the first day's fight, September 30, 1862, General Brown, of the Missouri State militia forces, with several thousand men, joined General Solomon; but General Solomon declined to remain to give further battle to the enemy, and left with all of his force, except the Third Indian and the Sixth Kansas Regiment, and meantime General Blunt, with a few men, made a forced march from his headquarters at Fort Scott to Newtonia, assumed command of the Union forces above named there remaining on the night of the said September 30, 1862, and the next day, October 1, 1862, put the enemy to flight.

The next engagement was at Fort Wayne, the Indian brigade being in the fight.

Thereafter there was no important battle until December, 1862, when at Cane Hill, Arkansas, Marmaduke, with the advance of the rebel army under General Hindman, was driven from his position, and five days later the same force, under General Blunt, (which had encountered Marmaduke,) having united with the troops under General Herron, defeated General Hindman at Prairie Grove, a point about seven miles from Cane Hill.

In the month of April, 1863, the Indian brigade, then under Colonel Phillips, being

in possession of Fort Gibson, and there being no means of subsistence available for said troops nor for a large proportion of the Indian population of the adjacent country, most of the supplies needed by them from time to time had to be brought in wagons from Fort Scott and other depots in Kansas or Missouri; frequent attacks were made upon these wagon trains.

The first of said attacks was at Verdigris Falls, June 5, 1863, and was repulsed by the Indian brigade, most of said organization being engaged.

Shortly after another similar defense was made by Captain Spillman, of the Third Indian Regiment, against Stand Waitie, on the Barren Fork of the Illinois River.

On the 30th of June and 1st and 2d of July, 1863, another train was saved by the Indian brigade and the Second Colorado and First Kansas, all under command of Major Foreman, of the Third Indian Regiment, against a large force of rebels, in which were comprised a number of the Cherokees and others resident in the nation, who had always sympathized with the rebels, and whenever acted with the Union troops. This action was at Cabin Creek.

There had been a skirmish at Webber's Falls, which we have omitted to mention, which occurred in April, 1863, and in which a considerable portion of the Indian brigade, under Colonel Phillips, was engaged. Another skirmish of same force occurred at same place in October, 1863.

The last important battle of the year 1863, in which the Indian brigade was engaged, took place at Honey Springs, Creek Nation, November 17, 1863. They, with a body of Kansas troops, the entire force under command of General Blunt, defeated a large force of the rebels under command of General Cooper.

In April, 1864, a portion of the Third Indian Regiment had a fight, under Major Foreman, with a considerable rebel force at Brazil Creek, Choctaw Nation.

September 19, 1864, a fight occurred on Cabin Creek, in which Major Hopkins, with a portion of the Second and Fourteenth Kansas Regiments, and a detachment of some four hundred, comprising some from each Indian regiment, was defeated and lost a wagon-train.

In addition to the service above detailed as that in which the Indian brigade, or portions of it, were from time to time engaged, they were several times engaged in other skirmishes in smaller or larger bodies, and whenever allowed so to do they bush-whacked after the style of those on the rebel side.

That portion of them who, having been organized under Colonel Drew, as heretofore stated, were ordered to attack Opoth-leyo-hola, the Union Creek, and refused to do so, were also taken to Pea Ridge to fight with the rebel General McCulloch, but were not there ordered into the battle, because the rebel commanders, knowing the hostility of the Cherokees against the Choctaws then existent, and having but little confidence in their rebel sympathies, feared they would either engage in a contest with the Choctaws, and thus make a pretext of their hostility to that nation to aid the Union forces, or all go over to the latter. The actions named above are as follows, (see B:)

Skirmish in Benton County, Arkansas, 18 miles from Baxter Springs, May 10 and 11, 1862.

Capture of rebel General Clarkson, at Locust Grove, Arkansas, July 4, 1862.

Fight with Colonel Taylor, officer of rebel General Cooper's command, when said Taylor was killed, (severe action,) near Fort Gibson, July, 1862.

Fight of Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, with considerable loss, at Sladdy's Ford, September 20, 1862.

Action of Third Regiment, chiefly at Newtonia, Missouri, September 30, 1862.

Action of Third Regiment, at Fort Wayne, October, 1862.

Action of Third Regiment, at Cane Hill, Arkansas, December, 1862.

Action of Third Regiment, at Prairie Grove, Creek Nation, December, 1862.

Action of Third Regiment, at Webber's Falls, Cherokee Nation, April, 1863.

Action of Third Regiment, at Verdigris Falls, Cherokee Nation, June 5, 1863.

Action of Third Regiment, at Barren Fork, Illinois River, Cherokee Nation, June 5, 1863.

Action of Third Regiment, at Cabin Creek, Cherokee Nation, June 30 and July 12, 1863.

Action of Third Regiment, at Webber's Falls, Cherokee Nation, October, 1863.

Action of Third Regiment, at Honey Springs, Cherokee Nation, November 17, 1863.

Action of Third Regiment, at Brazil Creek, Cherokee Nation, April, 1863.

Action of Third Regiment, at Cabin Creek, Cherokee Nation, September 19, 1863.

Besides these, the Indian brigade, or portions of them, were also engaged in conflicts with the rebels at the dates hereinafter named, the localities being given so far as we can obtain them. They agree as to time, and generally as to the names of the places, with reports of casualties enumerated on the rolls of the Adjutant General of the United States Army:

Spring River, September 20, 1862.

Cox's Creek, September 20, 1862.

Rhea's Mill, Arkansas, November 7 and 9, 1862.

Skirmish, December 15, 1862.
 Skirmish, January 2, 1863.
 Skirmish, March 30, 1863.
 Fort Smith, May 15, 1863.
 Skirmish near Fort Blunt, May 20, 1863.
 Skirmish near Fort Gibson, May 20, 1863.
 Action at Saline Prairie, May 24, 1863.
 Skirmish, August 20, 1863.
 Action, October 18, 1864.

No. 200 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Office Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., November 1, 1865.

This is to certify to the proper officers of the War and Treasury Departments that John W. Wright, esq., of Washington, D. C., is recognized by this office to prosecute military claims of Indians in all cases where he holds proper powers of attorney, with the understanding that said Wright is to obey all orders that may be prescribed by this Bureau in the premises. This certificate is to be regarded as only in force until the general regulations of the Department have been prepared concerning the recognition of powers of attorney to prosecute claims of Indians before the different Departments, of which due notice will be given to the proper officers.

D. N. COOLEY.
Commissioner.

No. 201 D.

WASHINGTON, November 24, 1865.

DEAR SIR: Last spring I made an arrangement with some of the officers of the Indian regiments and the chiefs of the Cherokee Nation that I would visit their country and prepare their claims growing out of the war for settlement. I done so at a very heavy expense, having four clerks and holding courts in different parts of the country, to accommodate the people. They agreed to give me in each case \$5 to pay expenses and as a retainer; in all pensions \$10, and in all back pay and bounty 10 per cent. on amount collected.

Thus, in a case for pension, I would get \$5 retainer; pension \$10, and if back pay was \$50, I would get \$5, making in all \$20.

Where back pay was three months, \$48, I would get \$5 retainer, 4.80 per cent, making \$9.80. Where bounty was \$100, I would get \$5 retainer and 10 per cent., or \$15.

In all claims for property taken by the Army, or stolen, such compensation as was reasonable and right.

When the fact is considered that the rolls of these companies are very imperfect—from the ignorance of the white officers—the above fees would not begin to pay, except a large business was to be done. The Cherokees promised it all to me, and I have substantially all of it.

I accept the terms proposed by the Indian Office, and would like to have the fees above approved or some other scale adopted.

Yours, &c.,

J. W. WRIGHT.

In cases of officers I was to reserve one month's pay each, without commission. All these cases are controverted, and only cases of difficulty are in my hands.

J. W. WRIGHT.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

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J. W. WRIGHT.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Office of Indian Affairs, February 7, 1866.

SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th November, 1865, giving a schedule of fees which you say were agreed to be paid you by Indians for whom you are prosecuting claims against the Government, under powers of attorney.

As at present advised, the fees to be allowed you by this office will conform to the rates which you say were agreed upon, excepting in cases for pensions, which is already fixed by law at \$10 without retainer.

In cases of commissioned officers, in order to obtain the fees said to have been agreed upon, you will produce written contracts, fairly entered into at the time the power of attorney was given.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

J. W. WRIGHT, Esq., *present.*

No. 203 D.

WASHINGTON, November 25, 1865.

SIR: Herewith find a list of cases for bounty and back pay which I have filed with proper powers of attorney in the office of Second Auditor. Also list of applications for pensions, which I have filed in the Pension-Office.

Such claims as I have now on hand, and not filed, I will soon forward you a list of the same.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 204 D.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, November 28, 1865.

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 30th instant, inclosing a copy of a letter from Lewis Downing, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, inquiring whether John W. Wright is an authorized agent of the War Department, to prosecute war-claims for Cherokees, I am instructed by the Secretary of War to inform you that the said Wright is not an authorized agent of this Department for any purpose.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

THOS. F. ECKERT,
Acting Assistant Secretary of War.

Hon. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 205 D.

WASHINGTON, December 11, 1865.

Hon. Mr. COOLEY, *Commissioner of Indian Affairs* :

I have in process of collection, under proper powers of attorney, the accounts of the following Indian officers, all of which is for pay due :

Captain Spring Frog, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain Stand Whirlwind, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain John Shell, of Third Indian Regiment.
 Second Lieutenant Joe Choewie, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain Johnah, of First Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain Jim McDowell, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain Moses Brice, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain Arch Scraper, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain Budd Gritts, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Lieutenant D. Tiger, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Second Lieutenant Jesse Henry, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain S. Christie, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 First Lieutenant J. Turner, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain N. Fish, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain Ta-la-la, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain Thomas Pegg, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain H. Downing, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain Simon Snell, Third Regiment Home Guards.
 Captain White Catcher, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Captain Eli Smith, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Which I report according to order.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, December 21, 1865.

The foregoing is a true copy of the list filed in this office by John W. Wright, esq., of claims and claimants, for the prosecution of which he states he has powers of attorney executed by the parties.

Under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, under date of November 13, 1865, in regard to the recognition of powers of attorney to prosecute claims of Indians against the Government, said Wright is authorized to prosecute any and all of the foregoing claims (on presentation of proper powers of attorney) which were actually pending before any Department of the Government on the 13th day of November, 1865, and none other.

Upon the settlement of any claims contained in the foregoing list, the amount due each claimant will, under the rules and regulations aforesaid, be made payable to the order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to be by him remitted to the parties, after deducting a reasonable compensation to the said attorney.

"No assignment of any claim is to be recognized, nor any advances thereon to be regarded as a lien."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

J. N. Ayers is my assistant in the above claims, and is authorized to appear for me.

J. W. WRIGHT,
Attorney.

No. 306 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 27, 1865.

SIR: You will find inclosed herewith a copy of a communication from the War Department of the 23d instant, in reference to furnishing forms and instructions for the preparation of claims of Indians for the use of your office.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary.

Hon. D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, December 23, 1865.

SIR: I am directed by the Secretary of War to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th ultimo, requesting that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs may be furnished with printed forms and instructions to be used in the preparation of claims of Indians against the United States, and to inform you that this Department is not in possession of documents of the character referred to.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

THOS. T. ECKERT,
Acting Assistant Secretary of War.

HON. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of Interior.

No. 207 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 21, 1865.

SIR: You will find inclosed herewith a copy of a letter from the Hon. William E. Chandler, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, of the 20th instant, in reply to a letter from this Department of the 18th instant, asking for forms, &c., in accordance with a communication from your office, a copy of which was inclosed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary

HON. D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
December 20, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, inclosing a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, asking that forms and instructions for the preparation of claims for arrears of bounty and back pay may be forwarded to him; which letter has been referred to the Second Auditor with directions to comply with the request contained in your letter.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

WM. E. CHANDLER,
Assistant Secretary.

HON. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 208 D.

WASHINGTON, December 11, 1865.

Hon. Mr. COOLEY, *Commissioner of Indian Affairs:*

I have in process of collection, under proper powers of attorney, the accounts of the following Indian officers, all of which is for pay due:

Captain Spring Frog, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain Sland Whirlwind, of Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain John Shell, of Third Indian Regiment.
 Second Lieutenant Joe Chalwie, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain Johnab, of First Indian Regiment, Home Guards.
 Captain Jim McDaniel, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain Moses Price, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain Arch Scraper, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain Budd Gritts, Second Indian Regiment.
 Lieutenant D. Tiger, Second Indian Regiment.
 Second Lieutenant Jesse Henry, Second Indian Regiment.
 Captain S. Cristie, Third Indian Regiment.
 First Lieutenant J. Turner, Third Indian Regiment.
 Captain N. Fish, Third Indian Regiment.
 Captain Ta-la-la, Third Indian Regiment.

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Captain Thomas Pegg, Third Indian Regiment.
Captain H. Downing, Third Indian Regiment.
Captain Simon Snell, Third Indian Regiment.
Captain White Catcher, Third Indian Regiment.
Captain Eli Smith, Third Indian Regiment.
Which I report according to orders.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

No. 209 D.

WASHINGTON, *January 26, 1866.*

DEAR SIR: I have filed in the Pension-Office the following claims of widows for pensions, not heretofore reported:

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| 1. Co-we-ah. | 14. Co-tow-see. |
| 2. Ca-po-kah. | 15. Kem-yah. |
| 3. Mariah. | 16. Mary Palmer. |
| 4. Fru-no-zeb-chee. | 17. I-zo-be. |
| 5. Co-he-nee. | 18. Si-e-quin-nah. |
| 6. Ash Chun-bah. | 19. Ho-yah-bah. |
| 7. Rochul Lookingout. | 20. Nanny. |
| 8. Tager. | 21. Mars-he-wer. |
| 9. Quinny. | 22. Tum-me-hab-yah. |
| 10. Kir-we-che. | 23. Fee-me. |
| 11. Nancy Johnson. | 24. Sally Swimmer. |
| 12. Nancy Glass. | 25. Esther Baldrige. |
| 13. Oh-the-hi-ah. | 26. Anna Baldrige. |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Hon. D. N. COOLEY.

J. W. WRIGHT.

No. 210 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 3, 1866.

SIR: Your communication of the 8th instant, in reference to the appointment of guardians for minor heirs of deceased Indian soldiers who have claims against the Government, has been received. Your recommendation, that the agents of the several tribes be designated as such guardians, is approved, and you are instructed to carry the same into effect, prescribing such regulations and instructions as shall be approved by this Department, and requiring such bonds as will hold the agents responsible for all money placed in their hands.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary.

Hon. D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, March 3, 1866.

SIR: Mr. J. W. Wright has addressed to this office a communication suggesting that guardians be appointed for minor children and heirs of southern Indians, who have claims for the services of their relatives as soldiers in the United States Army.

I concur in the propriety of the appointment of guardians for such purposes, and beg leave to recommend that the agents of the several tribes be designated as such guardians, under such regulations and instructions as shall be prescribed by the Department, and to be held responsible under their bonds for all money placed in their hands.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

Hon. JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 211 D.

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Winder's Building, April 2, 1866.

SIR: Inclosed herewith please find certificates of non-indebtedness for certain Indian officers of the Indian brigade, with powers of attorney from a part of said officers given to J. W. Wright and Teal, Brown & Co., claim agents, together with other papers pertaining to the property responsibilities of these officers. Powers of attorney in all of the cases have been shown, but are not now on file in this office.

It will be observed that in several of these cases the certificate is claimed by both of the above-named agents. These certificates are sent to you with the request that they may be given to the party to whom they rightfully belong, this office not having sufficient data to act in the premises.

R. Teal & Co., successors to Teal, Brown & Co., are at present debarred from doing business with this office, but Mr. O. Diefendorf, of Leavenworth, Kansas, who placed the cases in the hands of Teal, Brown & Co., is at present in this city, and will call upon you in person.

Very respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH,

Auditor.

Per J. B. P.

Hon. D. N. COOLY,

Commissioner of Indian Bureau.

INDIAN OFFICE, April 3, 1866.

In the matter of certain certificates of non-indebtedness of officers of Indian Home Guards, transmitted with letter from Second Auditor April 2, 1866.

Case of Nathaniel Fish, Colonel Third Regiment; Wright shows latter power of attorney than Teal, Brown & Co. Certificate delivered to Wright.

Case of H. Downing, same regiment, same as above.

Case of James Vann, same regiment; Wright says that he has a latter power of attorney; papers retained.

Case of Lieutenant Flule Fox Skin. Wright says he has already collected and paid the money before office regulations took effect; papers retained; shall be returned to Second Auditor.

Case of Captain Talc-lu-la. Wright declines to take the certificate; says the claimant has sold his claim to somebody.

Case of Lieutenant Charles Wickliffe. Wright says he has power of attorney, but has filed it in paymaster's office; papers retained.

Cases where powers of attorney are presented, coming from Second Auditor's office by Teal, Brown & Co. only.

Lieutenant Tats-ca-ha-go, First Indian Home Guards.

Lieutenant Herman Scott, Third Indian Home Guards.

Lieutenant Ca-ho-sa-mal-ha, First Indian Home Guards.

Lieutenant Kat-so-gee, First Indian Home Guards.

Captain No-co-so-lo-chee, First Indian Home Guards.

In the cases of Jim McDaniels and White Catcher, the parties being present, no power of attorney required, and the certificate handed to Wright.

In all the other cases Wright shows a power of attorney in due form, and there is no dispute as to his authority to collect. The certificates given to him.

No. 212 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., April 6, 1866.

SIR: Your application to receive certificates forwarded to this office by the Second Auditor, April 2, 1866, showing that certain officers of the Indian Home Guards are entitled to a final settlement with the Government, has been considered.

In the following cases, to wit: Lieutenant Tats-ca-ha-go, First Indian Home Guards; Captain No-co-so-lo-cha, First Indian Home Guards; Lieutenant Pa-ho-sa-mal-la, First Indian Home Guards; Lieutenant Kat-so-go, First Indian Home Guards, there appears

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sufficient evidence to show that you are entitled to your reasonable commission for the collection of the same.

Under orders in force in the Interior Department, in concurrence with the War Department, upon the settlement of any claim or claims for moneys due to Indian soldiers, the amount due each claimant will be made payable to the order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to be by him remitted to the parties, after deducting a reasonable compensation to the attorney. No assignment of any claim to be recognized, nor any advances thereon to be regarded as a lien.

Under these rules the certificates for the above-named parties are delivered to you, and, on presentation of the checks for the same, they will be indorsed and settlement made with you.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

O. DIEFENDORF, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, *May 11, 1866.*

Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with the information that three of the within-named officers have long since been paid by Major Daniel M. Adams, paymaster United States Army, to wit: Lieutenant Pa-ho-sa-mal-la, First Indian Home Guards; Captain No-co-so-lo-cha, First Indian Home Guards; Lieutenant Kat-so-go, First Indian Home Guards; and that the other officer, viz, Lieutenant Tats-ca-ha-go, First Indian Home Guards, *has not* been paid.

The certificates of non-indebtedness in all the cases issued by the Second Auditor are herewith returned, with the further information that I have no claim for fees in any of these cases, except in the last-mentioned case, and respectfully request that if the fee allowed can be secured for me it will be a favor. The reason I did not collect the pay of these officers, while in Washington, was because I had heard that Major Adams had paid some of them, but I did not know which ones.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

OLIVER DIEFENDORF.

No. 213 D.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, *October 3, 1866.*

SIR: I have the honor to herewith transmit pay-certificate No. 259,673, issued to your order, for Polly Beau, mother of William Bean, deceased, private Company M, Third Indian Home Guards.

I would now respectfully request that you assign to Polly Bean, or take whatever course in the matter that may be proper.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. DANFORD,
Attorney for Polly Bean.

Hon. COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

No. 214 D.

FORM G.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, July 25, 1866.

Inclosed you will receive a certificate, No. 259673, for \$119.93, payable to you for mother of deceased, or to your order, by any paymaster of the United States Army, being for pay due William Bean, a late private in Captain Anderson's company, M, Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards, for services from the 10th day of November, 1862, when enlisted, to the 27th day of December, 1862, time of his death, and \$100 bounty allowed by act June 18, 1866.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Cour. to A. Danford, Fort Scott, Polly Bean, Kansas.

No. 215 D.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, *October 18, 1866.*

SIR: Your letter of 11th instant, acknowledging receipt of pay-certificate No. 259,673, for Polly Beau, mother of William Bean, deceased, private Company M, Third Indian Home Guards, and requesting me to inform you of the residence of Mrs. Bean, and the Indian agent to whom the money should be sent, is received, and, in reply, I have the honor to say Mrs. Polly Bean resides about twelve miles southwest of this place, with post-office here. I cannot ascertain the residence of the nearest Indian agent, as there is none living anywhere near here, say within sixty miles, that I know of. I would suggest, that in view of the great inconvenience and delay it would cause to Mrs. Bean by having the money sent to an agent sixty miles distant, that a draft might be sent direct to her at this place for the amount, less my fee of 10 per cent. If that course would not be incompatible with the rules of your office, it would be greatly to the advantage of Mrs. Bean; otherwise the nearest agent (which I presume the records of your office will show) will be the proper one to send the money to.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. DANFORD,
Attorney for Mrs. Beau.

Hon. D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 215 D.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, *December 4, 1866.*

SIR: I would respectfully request to be informed what action has been taken by your bureau in the matter of pay-certificate No. 259,673, in favor of Polly Beau, mother of William Bean, deceased, private M Company, Third Indian Home Guards, which certificate was issued "to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs," and referred to your office by me, October, 1866, the receipt of which was acknowledged by Hon. D. N. Cooley, October 11, 1866.

Mrs. Beau authorizes me to request that a check or draft may be issued and forwarded to her at this place, instead of being referred to any Indian agent, in consequence of the great inconvenience of the latter mode to her.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

A. DANFORD, *Attorney.*

Hon. COMMISSIONER INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Office of Indian Affairs, February 2, 1867.

SIR: Your letter of 17th ultimo is received, returning office-letter of October 1, 1866, and inclosing one from Mrs. Polly Beau, requesting that a draft for the amount due her as mother of William Bean, late private Company M, Third Indian Home Guards, on pay-certificate No. 259,673, may be sent to her in your care.

I inclose herewith United States draft No. 10,783, for \$11.99 drawn in your favor, being the amount due you as attorney for Mrs. Beau, and United States draft No. 10,784, drawn in favor of Polly Beau, for \$107.94, the two drafts together making the amount collected from the War Department and due to her. You will please acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

L. V. BOGY,
Commissioner.

A. DANFORD, Esq.,
Fort Scott, Kansas.

No. 217 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Office of Indian Affairs, February 7, 1867.

SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th November, 1865, giving a schedule of fees which you say were agreed to be paid you by the Indians for whom you are prosecuting claims against the Government under powers of attorney.

As at present advised, the fees to be allowed you by this office will not conform to the rates which you say were agreed upon, excepting in cases for pensions, which is already fixed by law at \$10 without retainer.

In cases of commissioned officers, in order to obtain the fees said to have been agreed upon, you will produce written contracts, fairly entered into at the time the power of attorney was given.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. N. COOLEY,
Commissioner.

J. W. WRIGHT, Esq., *Present.*

No. 118 D.

WASHINGTON, *February 9, 1867.*

SIR: Yours of February 6th is received.

After filing the bond alluded to in yours, in a conversation with your predecessor I understood from him that he thought that Mr. Cooley had no right to interfere in my business, and I supposed that my duty was performed when I settled with my clients, and that no report to your Department would be required.

This alone is the reason why it was not done.

I collected and paid Mr. Cooley, for one hundred and eighty-three different persons, \$9,500, which he paid to Mr. Whiting to pay to the claimants. As to its disposition I refer to his report.

As to the balance in his hands, I ask it to be restored to me. I have a son there ready to pay it to the claimants, and a man in my employ (Simon) who knows each claimant; and if additional bond is required, I will furnish it.

The claimants look to me for the money, and if I had a list of those not paid I would have paid it before this time.

2d. In June I collected for sundry officers \$11,760.96, and paid Mr. Cooley, and it was transmitted in the fall to Colonel Dunn, and, after I visited the country, paid to claimants.

3d. I collected, before the 1st of December, claims for bounty, back supplies, &c., &c., in number one thousand five hundred and forty-six, amounting in the aggregate to about \$140,000. In October I visited the Indian country, and was at different places at times fixed, ready and willing to pay all claimants; that I paid all that were demanded, and paid all except eighty-one in number, and in amount about \$7,000. These claimants did not appear, owing to sickness and from other causes.

On the 20th of November I returned; and, leaving my son there, prepared to make the payments on demand.

Since my return I have collected four hundred and two claims, of sundry amounts, in the aggregate about \$30,000, and as soon as collected I have directed my son to make payments, and he has done so in more than half the cases, and is now attending to it there and will pay them all. I have not yet received his list of payments.

The collections are now substantially made, and my son will soon return to me, and, if you desire, will furnish a full list of names and amounts; but such a work will require time, as there are more than three thousand names, and the amounts are various, but if you desire it I will furnish at the earliest moment possible.

I inclose herewith a letter from the Cherokee delegation now in this city.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

HON. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 219 D.

WASHINGTON, *March 27, 1867.*

SIR: I desire all the check cases now in your hands to be returned to me or retained by you until the War Department will pay in full.

In all cases where but \$50 is paid on discharge, I wish the discharge returned to me, so that I can sue in the Court of Claims.

All soldiers mustered into the service after October 13, 1863, are entitled to \$300 bounty, and I wish the discharges of such soldiers returned, so that I can collect the

additional \$100; as to other discharges I am willing you shall return them to the claimant.

What I desire is the discharges of all where for additional bounty only \$50 is paid, whether on check or otherwise, and all discharges where it appears the soldier entered the service after the 12th of October, A. D. 1863.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. ELI PARKER.

No. 220 D.

CREEK AGENCY, CHEROKEE NATION,
January 15, 1867.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to inclose receipts of disbursements made by me to Indian officers and soldiers from money placed in my hands in June, 1866, by Hon. D. N. Cooley, Commissiouer of Indian Affairs.

These payments were made complete by the latter part of October, 1866, and as the copy herewith forwarded was in the hands of Judge John W. Wright, attorney for Cherokee Indians, I had supposed that he would make a report of it to the Bureau on his arrival at Washington. But within a short time I have discovered it here with his other papers.

Receipts for these payments were taken in triplicate, and, in case I am so advised, will be promptly forwarded as directed.

Any allowance that can be made for my services and expenses made necessary by this duty, which has led me outside my legitimate duties into the territory under the control of the Cherokees, will be gratefully accepted.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. W. DUNN,
United States Indian Agent.

LOUIS V. BOGY,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington City.

We, the undersigned officers and privates of different Indian regiments, do hereby acknowledge to have received at Fort Gibson, Creek Nation, this day, August 18, 1866, of J. W. Dunn, United States Indian agent for Creeks, the amounts set opposite our respective names, being in full of our back pay due us for services rendered the United States.

Name.	Rank.	Regiment.	Co.	Amount.	Signature.	Witness.
Budd Gritts	Captain	Second	C	\$671 70	Budd Gritts, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Moses Price	do	do	B	637 00	Moses Pierce	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Samuel Snell	do	do		592 48	Simon Snell	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Samuel Snell, quartermaster	do	do		39 32	Simon Snell	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Tuck-a-buck-a-har-jo	do	First	C	523 50	Tuck-a-buck-a-har-jo, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Spring Frog	do	do		711 13	Spring Frog, his + mark	J. W. Wright, J. B. Wright.
Huckleberry Downing	do	Third	F	614 02	Huckleberry Downing, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Nathaniel Fish	do	do	C	657 93	Nathaniel Fish, his + mark	Edwin Archer, John B. Wright.
James Van	do	do		386 50	James Van, his + mark	Josh Ross, John B. Wright.
James Van, quartermaster	do	do		242 92	James Van, his + mark	Edwin Archer, Josh Ross.
Thomas Pegg	do	do		637 93	Lucinda Pegg, her + mark, (widow of Captain Thomas Pegg)	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Arch Scraper	do	do		673 13	Arch Scraper, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Dirt Thrower Tiger	do	Second	I	586 59	Dirt Thrower Tiger, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Stand Whirlwind	do	do	H	465 78	Stand Whirlwind, his + mark	J. W. Wright, John B. Wright.
Ely Smith	do	do		637 04	Eli Smith, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Bear Brown	Second lieutenant	Third	E	543 45	Bear Brown, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Jesse Henry	do	Second	I	618 50	Jesse Henry, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
William Sunday	do	Third	D	505 05	William Sunday	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
William Sunday, quartermaster	do	do	D	9 70	William Sunday	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Joseph Chowee	do	Second	E	556 75	Joseph Chowee, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Leave Hildebrand	Private	Third	H	62 06	Leave Hildebrand, his + mark	Josh Ross, John B. Wright.
Patrick Lyman	do	Fourth Kansas	M	358 81	Patrick Lyman, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Isaac Turner	Second lieutenant	do		168 92	Isaac Turner, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Flute Foxskin	First lieutenant	Third	C	123 25	Flute Foxskin, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
A Hawk	do	Second	E	128 25	Alex Hawk, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Red Bird Six Killer	do	Third	L	142 50	Red Bird Six Killer, his + mark	J. S. Atkinson, Williamson Dunn.
Charles Wickliff	Second lieutenant	do		461 75	Charles Wickliff, his + mark	Edwin Archer, John W. Wright.

No. 221 D.

WASHINGTON, May 17, 1867.

DEAR SIR: About a year since Mr. Whiting was appointed pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, with special instructions as commissioner to decide all the cases then pending in the Indian Territory. He went out and decided and paid a few but owing to sickness in his family he only remained a few days. He was to go out and complete the cases in September, but owing to the change in the head of Department he could not then go, and he was detained here until Congress adjourned, and from that time to this by the sickness of Secretary Browning. These people are my clients, are poor and needy, and I am very anxious that Mr. Whiting should go out and decide, and pay these cases without delay, and settle and pay the cases. His previous instructions are all that is required, except the cases since filed, or that may be filed previous to his departure, should be placed on his docket, so that they could be settled and paid.

I write you thus fully that you can consult with Secretary Browning on the subject, who I learn may go West in a few days.

My clients are poor and needy; many of them have three years' pensions due them, and I am urged by them daily for action.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. WILLIAM T. OTTO.

No. 222 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., May 21, 1867.

SIR: In April of last year I paid to D. N. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, about \$9,500 of money I had collected from the War Department for supplies, &c., furnished by the Cherokee Indians to the Army, and for various matters. Mr. Cooley claimed the right to pay it over to the Indians. Against its payment I protested, but paid it to him, and he paid it to Mr. Whiting, who was then about to go out and pay pensions. This money Mr. Cooley had no right to demand of me, and the balance now suspended, about \$5,000, now in the hands of Mr. Whiting, I ask to have refunded to me, and a certified copy of the payments he has made furnished to me.

At the time I made the payment to Mr. Cooley, Mr. Browning, whom I consulted, advised me not to pay it, as Cooley had no right to it.

An early answer is requested, as I wish to go West at the earliest moment.

Yours, &c.,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. WILLIAM T. OTTO.

No. 223 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., May 24, 1867.

SIR: I return herewith the papers submitted with your report of the 2d of February last, upon the application of J. W. Wright, esq., for moneys collected and due for the services of Indians who were enlisted as soldiers in the United States service; also two letters from Mr. Wright, dated the 17th and 21st instant, in relation to the subject.

Under all the circumstances of the case, the Department deems it best to adhere to the rule established by the late Secretary of the Interior, that all moneys due the Indians shall be paid to them through the duly accredited agents of the Department, without abatement.

As Mr. Wright has been allowed and paid all he is entitled to receive on account of his services in the matter, you will communicate this decision to him, and notify him that he is expected to file in your office the requisite papers conformably to the terms of his bond.

You will take proper steps for having the money in question paid to the Indians entitled thereto through the agents for their tribes.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. T. OTTO,
Acting Secretary.Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

150 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, February 2, 1867.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from J. W. Wright, esq., relative to certain money stated to be due to parties, heirs of Indians, who were enlisted as soldiers in the United States service.

It appears from this letter, and the other papers herewith, bearing upon the case, that the money referred to was collected by Mr. Wright, in the spring of last year, (under existing orders of the War Department, in checks payable to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs,) and by my predecessor, by direction of Secretary Harlan, turned over to Mr. George C. Whiting as special agent of the Department, to be by him paid to the claimants; that Mr. Whiting paid such of them as could be reached, and that he has returned the balance by his check for \$4,935.71 herewith.

Mr. Wright now asks that this Office "refund" to him "the money on hand," so that he may pay the money to the claimants, referring to a bond for \$200,000 given by him to secure the faithful disbursement of money to Indian claimants. A copy of the bond supposed to be referred to is herewith, but is for the sum of \$100,000. This bond requires an accounting to this Office for payments already made, and which Mr. Wright states that he has made to the amount of about \$150,000, while no such account has been rendered.

Under these circumstances, and inasmuch as the Department proper has hitherto directed all the action taken by this Office, I beg leave to submit the case, as now presented, to your Department for final disposition.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. V. BOGY,
Commissioner.

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 223 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, May 25, 1867.

SIR: In the early part of last year, certain moneys, claimed as due for military services by Cherokee Indians, who were enrolled in regiments in the United States Army, were collected by Mr. John W. Wright; and, after his fees had been paid to him, the balance was turned over to Mr. George C. Whiting, a special agent of the Interior Department, to be paid to the claimants in their own country. Mr. Whiting, after preparing a roll, showing the names of the claimants, went to the Cherokee country and paid a portion of the claimants—such as could be found. Since his return, the balance remaining due has been paid into this Office. This money, amounting to \$4,935.71, in currency, is now placed in your hands, and you will be held accountable for it under your bond.

I also place in your hands a copy of Mr. Whiting's roll, which will show the names of the claimants, and which of them have been paid. The money should be paid to them without any abatement whatever, except for the fees which have been settled with Mr. Wright; that is, for illustration, the first person upon this list should receive \$37.09, being the amount of his claim, \$46.76, less 10 per cent.—\$4.67, and \$5 in addition. This rate of deduction should be made in each case—10 per cent. and \$5.

You will turn over this list, with the money now handed to you, to Agent Humphrey, and direct him to pay to the parties respectively entitled thereto the sums stated therein, according to the above instructions.

He will call upon the principal chief of the Cherokees to furnish him, if practicable, with some means of properly identifying the claimants; and, after having receipted to you for the money, will be held accountable for it under his bond, and make special report as to expenditure, as a separate account.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. G. T.,
Commissioner.

JAMES WORTHAM,
Superintendent Indian Affairs, present.

No. 224 D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 26, 1867.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th instant. All the information you desire will be furnished at the earliest practicable

moment. The list is very long, containing about fifteen hundred names, and it will take some time to make it. As to money, I have none in my hands, as I transmitted to my agent in the Indian country, as soon as collected, for payment.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. E. J. TAYLOR,
Commissioner Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, May 25, 1867.

SIR: Your letters of 17th and 21st instant, referring to certain moneys collected in behalf of Cherokee and other Indians, for military services to the United States, with other papers relating to the same subject, have been referred to this Office by the Secretary of the Interior, with the decision that the Department deems it best to adhere to the rule established by the late Secretary of the Interior, that all moneys due to Indians shall be paid to them through the duly accredited agents of the Department without abatement.

This Office is further directed, inasmuch as you have been allowed and paid all that you are entitled to receive on account of your services in the matter, to communicate the decision of the Department to you, to notify you that you are expected to file in this Office the requisite papers conformably to the terms of your bond, and to take proper steps for having the money in question paid to the Indians entitled thereto, through the agents for their tribes.

The balance of the amount heretofore placed in the hands of Mr. Whiting to be paid to the Indians (to wit, \$4,937.71) has been returned to this Office, and turned over to Superintendent Wortham, with directions to hand it to Agent Humphrey, in charge of the Cherokees, for payment to the claimants at the earliest practicable moment. From your several letters upon the subject it appears that you have collected from the United States some \$160,000 in behalf of the Indians. The bond filed by you July 12, 1866, obligates you, within four months from the time of receiving the money, to pay over the amounts so collected to the persons entitled thereto, or tender such payments, less your commission, and to file in this Office the receipts of the claimants; or, if the money is not so paid within four months, to deposit the same with the Secretary of the Interior; and further, to obey all orders made by the Secretary of the Interior as to the payment of said money, or any part thereof.

Under the decision of the Department, hereinbefore recited, you are hereby notified and required to file in this Office the receipts of claimants who have been paid by you, and to deposit with the Secretary of the Interior all moneys collected by you on behalf of such claimants which remain unpaid, and have so remained unpaid beyond four months from your receipt thereof. A prompt response to the requirements of this communication is expected.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner.

J. W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Attorney, present.

No. 225 D.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., April 22, 1867.

SIR: In order that I may satisfy the wishes and interests of the Creek Nation of Indians, I would request that a list of all applications in the First Regiment of Indian Home Guards for bounty, back pay, pensions, &c., be furnished me through your Office, the list to mention all cases as yet received and acted upon, whether approved, rejected, or suspended, with such other information as may be explanatory; together, also, with such as have been paid, amount paid, when paid, and to what person.

If such a list could be furnished monthly or quarterly it would supply a deficiency long felt, and would give the Creek Indians information that would restore their confidence in the intentions of the Government as regards the payment of these claims.

I am, sir, very respectfully,

J. W. DUNN,
United States Indian Agent for Creeks.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington.

152 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

No. 226 D.

WASHINGTON, June 4, 1867.

DEAR SIR: You state to me that in May, 1865, you were authorized by power of attorney to receive the pay and bounty of certain Indian volunteers; that under this power you received \$10,000; that the Commissioner of Indian Affairs claimed that the money should pass through his Office, and that you accordingly paid it over to him, and you ask me if this payment cancels your obligations to your clients.

In my opinion it does not, any more than if you had handed the money over to a stranger. The Indian Bureau had nothing to do with the pay and bounty of individual Indians, and the receipt of this money by the Commissioner was a private, not an official act. The United States is not a second time liable for it, having paid it once. The Commissioner is not liable for it as Commissioner on his official bond. It is a mere personal transaction between you and him. You trusted him with your clients' money. It is in law a mere deposit, and you ought without delay to reclaim it and pay it over to the parties entitled. The Commissioner will, I have no doubt, pay it back on demand, having received it under a mistake as to his powers and duty. If he does not you can recover it back with interest in an action at law.

The bond which you tell me you have given to the Commissioner for the due discharge of your professional duties to the individuals whom you represent, and the payment to them of the money you may collect for them, is extra-official, and of no validity.

Yours.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.

T. EWING, Sr.

No. 227 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., May 24, 1867.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs:

I return herewith the papers submitted with your report of the 2d February last upon the application of J. W. Wright, esq., for moneys collected and due for the services of Indians who were enlisted as soldiers in the United States service; also two letters from Mr. Wright, dated the 17th and 21st instant, in relation to the subject.

Under all the circumstances of the case the Department deems it best to adhere to the rule established by the late Secretary of the Interior, that all moneys due to Indians shall be paid to them through the duly accredited agents of the Department without abatement.

As Mr. Wright has been allowed and paid all he is entitled to receive on account of his services in the matter, you will communicate this decision to him, and notify him that he is expected to file in your Office the requisite papers, conformably to the terms of his bond.

You will take proper steps for having the money in question paid to the Indians entitled thereto, through the agents for their tribes.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. T. OTTO,
Acting Secretary.

No. 228 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., September 24, 1867.

SIR: I have the honor to reply to the letter of M. L. Stephenson and others, of the 5th ultimo, addressed to Hon. B. F. Wade, and referred by you to this Office on the 19th instant, in reference to the agency of J. W. Wright in prosecuting claims against the Government of Cherokees and Creeks for military services, that Mr. Wright was duly recognized by this Office as an attorney to prosecute such claims. I inclose a copy of the certificate of the Commissioner to that effect, and refer to the letter of instructions of the Secretary of the Interior, of November 13, 1865, in regard to the recognition of the powers of attorney in such cases. As to the matter of fees, concerning which inquiry is made, I remark that Commissioner Cooley decided to allow what Mr. Wright stated was agreed by the claimants, so that in cases of claims for back pay and bounty,

he would be entitled to 15 per cent., and for pensions \$10 each, the sum fixed by law. I also inclose a copy of the _____ of this Office of the 17th February, 1866, containing that decision, and of Mr. Wright's letter upon the subject, of 24th November, 1865.

In this connection it is proper for me to refer to the report of this Office to you, of the 2d February last, and to your instructions of 24th May following. On the 25th May Mr. Wright was advised of your directions, and required to file here the requisite papers, conformably to the terms of the bond filed by him July 12, 1866, which binds him to pay over the amounts collected on account of the claims in question, to the parties entitled, within four months of the time of receiving the same, after deducting his commission, and to file in the Department the receipts of the claimants, or, if the money is not so paid within that time, to deposit the same with the Secretary of the Interior. Mr. Wright replied, on the 28th of May, that he would furnish what the Department required at the earliest practicable moment; that the list of names of the claimants being very long it would take some time to make it out, and that he had none of the money on hand, having transmitted it to his agent in the Indian country for payment as soon as collected. Since then nothing further has been received from him upon the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. MIX,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. W. T. OTTO,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, August 5, 1867.

SIR: We beg leave to call your attention to a fact connected with the payment of the bounty to the Indian volunteers from the Cherokee and Creek Nations in the Federal Army.

It appears these nations employed Judge Wright to prosecute this claim against the Government, and procure the payment of the bounty due them as Federal volunteers. It further appears that Judge Wright has been appointed special commissioner to pay these bounties, and is at present engaged in that business. Out of each Indian's money 15 per cent. is deducted as fees for collecting, and considerable dissatisfaction has arisen thereon; the commissioner claims to be authorized to deduct this amount by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; the Indians denying. We wish to know if the special commissioner, Wright, is authorized to make this deduction, or whether it is an unwarrantable proceeding. If right we have nothing to say, and the Indians, on whose behalf we write, are satisfied. If not authorized, we wish the matter looked after, and, relying upon your national reputation for integrity and love of justice, we have presumed to ask you to have the matter investigated.

We have the honor to be, sir, very truly, your obedient servants,

M. L. STEPHENSON.

Attorney at law, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

H. L. HOLLEMAN,

United States Deputy Marshal for Western District of Arkansas.

Hon. B. F. WADE,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

Letter indorsed by Senator Wade as follows, viz:

"This letter contains statements which I do not fully understand. If these agents have no authority to exact such a percentage, (as I suppose they have not,) you will see that the proper remedy is applied.

"B. F. WADE."

No. 229 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, 4

Office of Indian Affairs, October 7, 1867.

Upon examination of the lists and receipts filed by J. W. Wright, as attorney and agent of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of the Indian Home Guards, it is submitted—

1. That there are 1,606 receipts, of which the following is a correct copy:

No. —.

Received of John W. Wright eighty-five dollars, in full for my bounty, as provided

for by resolution of Congress, a private in Company — of the — Regiment of Indian Home Guards.

Attest :

Sixteen hundred and six vouchers for \$100 bounty, less \$15 fee in every case, amounts to \$136,510. There are two other vouchers of the same form but different amounts, one, No. 1891, Company D, Third Regiment, for \$96, and one, No. 2133, Company I, First Regiment, for \$131.04: making the total amount alleged to have been paid to be \$136,737.04.

Accompanying these vouchers are three lists of soldiers alleged to have been paid, in all of 1,619, 11 more than there are receipts for, which, at \$85 each, show a difference between the amount of the vouchers and the accompanying lists of \$935.

There are ninety-four vouchers witnessed by the United States Indian agent, but by no United States interpreter.

There are twenty-three vouchers which are attested by but one witness.

Voucher No. 465, Company A, Second Regiment, is not signed by the payee.

Voucher No. 159, Company E, Second Regiment, is not attested by any witness.

Voucher 1272, Company A, First Regiment, appears to be signed in the handwriting of John Brown Wright, one of the attesting witnesses.

Voucher 1270, Company E, First Regiment, is signed by John B. Wright, one of the attesting witnesses.

Voucher 1297, Company E, First Regiment, is signed in the handwriting of John B. Wright.

Voucher 233, Company D, Third Regiment, the payee's name appears to be in the handwriting of Josh Ross, one of the attesting witnesses.

Though the vouchers referred to above, and unvalidated by these special exceptions, it is further submitted that all of the said vouchers are in derogation of established commercial law and usage in this, to wit :

1. There is no time or place given when and where the same were executed.

2. It does not appear by the said vouchers for what bounty they were given—whether for the original bounty of 1861 or the additional bounty of 1866, being given “in full for my bounty, as provided for by resolution of Congress.”

By the indorsement on the back of the lists accompanying the vouchers, they purport to have been given in satisfaction of the bounty of 1861, but the receipts of themselves do not show this fact.

It is further submitted that none of the said vouchers were executed in accordance with the covenants of the said Wright's bond to the Government, and the instructions of this Department.

1. The bond provided that he should, “within four months from the time of the receipt of any sum of money collected by him for any soldier or his heirs, pay over the amount so received to such person.” The receipts as heretofore shown do not show upon their face when they were executed. The object of this is manifest. But it is regarded as safe to assume that the money was not paid over “within four months from the time received” to those claiming the same.

2. It is further stipulated in the bond that “in case said money is not paid over within the time aforesaid, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior.” No such deposit was ever made with this Department.

3. The receipts taken were required by the conditions of the bond to be witnessed by the United States Indian agents and interpreters of the several tribes. Ninety-four of the said receipts, as heretofore shown, were executed in the presence of the Indian agent. The others, when attested at all, are witnessed by persons unknown to the bond, and in violation of its stipulations.

On the same day, and contemporaneous with the execution of the said bond, July 11, 1866, the said Wright was appointed by this Department special agent “to pay the said Indians in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Department.” The rules thus prescribed may be found in Secretary Harlan's communication to the said Wright of July 11, 1866, and were in accordance with the terms of the said bond. They required that the said Wright should “pay over promptly all money so collected by you to the parties legally entitled to the same, and, if necessary, go to the Indian country and tender the same to such soldier or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the rules prescribed by this Department for its collection, you to take the receipt of such claimant witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or in case the money is not for any cause paid over within the period of four months from date of its receipt, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior, and that in all cases you faithfully conform, in the collection of claims, to such rules as have or may be hereafter prescribed by this Department.” This letter of appointment and instructions, being executed contemporaneous with the bond, is not only explanatory of the bond, but a part of the whole transactions of the *res gesta*. It recites: “You having filed in this Department a bond in the penal sum of \$100,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of your duties, you are hereby an-

thorized and empowered as a special agent of this Department," &c. The filing of the bond was prerequisite to the appointment as special agent.

It is further observed that none of the vouchers signed by + appear to have been executed by the payees, but by one of the attesting witnesses. The payees may have acknowledged and assented to the execution as their mark, and the proceeding may have been entirely honest, yet it was irregular and illegal.

By reports received from the War Department and the Second Auditor of the Treasury, Wright has received on account of the First, Second, and Third Indian Home Guard Regiments, \$300,401.12. He has not accounted to this office but for \$136,737.04, which, as alleged by him, is for bounty due the three regiments under the act of 1861, leaving a balance of \$163,664.08 unaccounted for, besides what he has received since the date of the said reports.

He has not accounted to this office for any money received by him from the Second Auditor of the First Regiment for additional bounty under the act of 1866. He has never accounted to this office for any money received by him for the Second and Third Regiments for the additional bounty of 1866. He has made no report whatever for the Second and Third Regiments as to the additional bounty. In other words he has not accounted for any money received by him for the First Regiment from the Second Auditor's office for additional bounty, nor for any money received by him for the Second and Third Regiments from the Second Auditor and the War Department for the additional bounty.

To determine the amount received by him for the said First, Second, and Third Regiments, it is necessary to ascertain—

1st. From the Second Auditor, what amount has been paid him for the Second and Third Regiments from May 21, 1868.

2d. From the Paymaster General, the amount paid by him for the Second and Third Regiments from July 6, 1868.

3d. From both the Second Auditor and the Paymaster General, what amount has been paid by them respectively to each and all of the said regiments since last reported from.

It is further reported, in conclusion, that Captain F. A. Baldwin, as United States Seminole Indian agent, under date of September 1, 1869, transmitted to this office sixteen affidavits of Seminole Indians, which are now on file in this office, representing that they had delivered to Wright their discharges and taken receipts therefor, and charging that they severally had called upon him at different times in 1867 and 1868 for their bounty, and were informed by him that he had never collected their bounties and had no funds, and that none had ever been turned over to him for the payment of the same.

MARCH 28, 1870.

APRIL 1, 1870.

Since the foregoing examination of John W. Wright's Indian account with the Government, the following additional memorandum has been made, and information received:

Prior to July 12, 1866, J. W. Wright was a claim agent, subject to the rules and regulations governing other claim agents. He executed a bond of that date to the Government, by which he was authorized as a special agent to collect claims for Indians, when authorized by the claimant, upon certain conditions, and in consideration of which bond he was appointed by letter of that date, (July 12, 1866,) of Secretary Harlan, special agent for that purpose.

By the conditions of the said bond, as well as by the letter of appointment of the Secretary, he was to obey all orders made by the Secretary of the Interior as to the payment, &c. He failed to comply with his bond, by which it became null and void, and he ceased to be an agent of the Government.

When? In a letter he addressed the then Indian Commissioner, Bogy, dated December 26, 1866, speaking of the Indian country, &c. "I have been there myself, and paid them about \$150,000."

February 2, 1867. Commissioner Bogy informed Secretary Browning that Wright had not complied with the conditions of his bond.

May 24, 1867. Acting Secretary Otto instructed Commissioner Taylor to adhere to the rule established by the late Secretary of the Interior, that all money due the Indians shall be paid to them through the duly accredited agents of the Department, without abatement; and to inform Wright that he was expected to file in the Indian Office the requisite papers conformably to the terms of his bond; and to take proper steps for having the money in question paid to the Indians entitled thereto, through the agents for their tribes.

May 25, 1867. Commissioner Taylor unto Wright, informing of the Acting Secretary's decision, and notifying to comply with his bond, &c. Thus the matter stood (Wright

failing to render the account, &c., called for*) until July 28, 1869, when his attention was again called by Commissioner Parker, by direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to his delinquency, and requested to render an account and settle up his affairs with the Government, without further delay.

May 28, 1869. Wright responded, promising to comply with request of Commissioner Parker, as soon as practicable.

August 11 and 12, 1869. The foregoing lists of payment to the First, Second, and Third Regiments was received.

Additional information.

Subsequently, in reply to letter of this office, October 13, 1869, the Second Auditor reported that from December 2, 1868, to April 9, 1869, to the Second and Third Indian Home-Guard Regiments, and from February 6, 1869, to April 9, 1869, to the First Regiment was paid to the said Wright \$23,880.24, which, added to the amount reported by the Second Auditor and Paymaster General as received prior to that time, amounted to \$324,281.36, being all required by Wright, as reported by them. By the report of the Paymaster General, of October 19, 1869, the amount received by Wright was \$323,819.40. Included in this amount is \$145,100 for additional bounty under the act of 1866, for which Wright has rendered no account or report whatever.

In reply to a letter of this office, dated October 13, 1869, the Commissioner of Pensions, under date of October 28, 1869, forwarded to this office his report of money received by Wright up to that date for pensions due the said Indians. It being impossible to determine accurately what he had received from the Pension-Office by that report, this office under date of November 1, 1869, requested certain information of the Third Auditor in that connection, and receiving no reply up to the 23d instant, again on that day requested the Secretary of the Interior to request the same of the Secretary of the Treasury. In the month of December, 1869, an understanding was effected with the Second Comptroller, through the honorable Secretaries of the Interior and Treasury, by which all pay and bounty money, and all moneys due Indians upon every claim whatever, should be forwarded to this office for disbursement, less the agent's fees, which arrangement has been complied with.

It being inexpedient to longer wait upon the Third Auditor in the premises, (as the said Wright on the 25th day of May, 1867, was, has since been, and now is in default to the Government by a non-compliance with his bond of July 11, 1866, and the terms of his appointment as special agent under the same,) it is submitted that—

1. He should be immediately notified to render to this Department a full and explicit account for all moneys received by him as back pay, bounty, and pension due the said Indians.

2. That the accounting officers of the Government should be notified of his defalcation, and to withhold his fees until there is a satisfactory settlement with this office.

3. That the several United States Indian agents of the southern superintendency should be notified that he is no longer an agent of the Government to collect pay and bounty, and pension money.

4. That upon failure to expeditiously report a satisfactory statement of his Indian account with the Government, he should be immediately sued upon his bond for the recovery of the penalty, or for any and all damages sustained by his defalcations.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 11, 1868.

Respectfully referred to Hon. N. G. Taylor, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for his information, &c., asking what steps the superintendent shall take in the matter, if any.

JAMES WORTHAM,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

No. 230 D.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 17, 1868.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Agent William B. Davis.

Referring to letter from your office of 25th May, 1867, directed to me, and bearing

* May 28, 1867. Wright replied, promising to furnish the information, &c., called for by Commissioner Taylor, on May 25, 1867.

upon the subject-matter, of my instructions to the agent in letter herewith, I would respectfully ask for instructions as to how the agent shall proceed in disbursing the smaller class of claims referred to, upon the roll of Cherokee Federal soldiers.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES WORTHAM,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, *April 16, 1868.*

SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, transmitting a roll of Cherokee Federal soldier claims, and containing instructions for my guidance in paying the same. You direct me to deduct from each claim 10 per cent. and \$5, and pay the balance to the claimant. Taking the first claim on the roll for illustration, which is \$46.76, you direct me to deduct 10 per cent., which is \$4.67, and \$5. These two sums deducted from \$46.76, leave a balance for the claimant of \$37.09. This explanation, so far as the first claim is concerned, is perfectly clear, but I find upon examination that there are quite a number of claims on said roll that are less than \$5, some of them being less than \$1, to which claims your instructions cannot apply.

I respectfully ask for further instructions applicable to these small claims.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. B. DAVIS,
United States Indian Agent for Cherokees.

Colonel JAMES WORTHAM,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

No. 231 D.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
DIVISION OF REFERRED CLAIMS,
Washington, June 23, 1868.

MAJOR: I have the honor to report that payments have been made by me to John W. Wright, esq., of Washington, D. C., as attorney and agent, in the following cases, viz:

Jack-e-la-co-che, private, Company A, First Indian Home Guards; paid January 25, 1868, voucher 4177, account No. 11.

Nul-ke-put-ke, sergeant, Company B, First Indian Home Guards; paid April 17, 1868, voucher 4826, account for April, 1868.

Felise Turise, private, Company E, Second Indian Home Guards; paid August 1, 1867, voucher 2413, account No. 9333.

Le-ha-mat-ha-joh, corporal, Company H, First Indian Home Guards; paid August 1, 1867, voucher 2412, account No. 8933.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. P. WOLCOTT,
Paymaster.

Major W. R. GIBSON,
Chief Paymaster Division of Referred Claims.

No. 232 D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, January 16, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to herewith transmit Treasury certificate No. 510384 for \$54, issued to Tef-feh, a corporal of Company I, First Regiment Indian Home Guards. This claim was filed in this office by William Dunn, of Logansport, Indiana, signing himself as an Indian agent. The certificate is forwarded to your office for such action as you may deem proper to take. Discharge of soldier also inclosed.

Respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.
By C. P. B.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

158 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

No. 233 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 3, 1869.

SIR: I transmit herewith a copy of a letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 2d instant, transmitting a copy of a letter from members of the Creek nation of Indians, in relation to the claims of the First Indian Regiment, settled in the Second Auditor's Office, and have the honor to request that the information asked for may be furnished to this Department.

Very respectfully, &c.,

O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary.

Hon. HUGH McCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 4, 1869.*

SIR: Your letter of the 3d instant, inclosing a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with a copy of a letter from certain members of the Creek nation of Indians, has been received and referred to the Second Auditor of the Treasury, with instructions to furnish the desired information to your Department.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

J. F. HARTLEY,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

No. 234 D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, February 6, 1869.

SIR: As requested by your letter of the 2d instant, I herewith forward a list of all payments made by this office since December 2 1868, to the members of the First Regiment Indian Home Guards. A complete list of all payments made by this office to members of the First, Second, and Third Indian Home Guards, prior to December 2, 1868, was, at his request, forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on May 21, 1868.

Respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner.

Jo-fix-c-ko, discharged private, Company A, First Indian Home Guards; settlement 495721, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Jo-fix-e-ko; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Kot-so-ma-la, discharged private, Company A; settlement 495722, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Kot-so-ma-la; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Meitsah, discharged private, Company A; settlement 495723, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Meitsah; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ar-che-a-ho-lo, discharged private, Company A; settlement 495724, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Ar-che-a-ho-lo; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Sop-hi-ki, deceased private, Company A; settlement 495725, for \$123; paid to John W. Wright for Af-fo-lo-ke, the brother; allowed December 11, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ge-noppa-yah, deceased private, Company A; settlement 495726, for \$127; paid to John W. Wright for Ye-hol-la-hur-jo, the brother; allowed December 11, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

A-ge-goh, deceased private, Company A; settlement 495727, for \$137.67; paid to John W. Wright for Sup-pi-hec, the brother; allowed December 11, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ah-ha-lla-k-if-fose-koh, deceased private, Company A; settlement 495728, for \$135.53; paid to John W. Wright for Carchen-mikko, the father; allowed December 11, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Clot-loe-ho-lah, deceased private, Company A; settlement 495729, for \$99.54; paid to John W. Wright for Cah-la-ner, the brother; allowed January 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Tal-mo-gis-ha-goh, deceased corporal Company A; settlement 495730, for \$146.52; paid to John W. Wright for No-cho-fix-e-co, the father; allowed December 11, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Pa-he-hay-goh, deceased private, Company A; settlement 495731, for \$32.06; paid to John W. Wright for Oc-cot-ha-jo, the father; allowed December 11, 1868 and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Fal-sa-ya-ho-lah, deceased private, Company A; settlement 495732, for \$143.83; paid to John W. Wright for In-char-wee, the sister; allowed January 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Wat-k-ko-fix-se-koh, deceased sergeant, Company A; settlement 495733, for \$118.15; paid to John W. Wright for Robert, the son; allowed December 11, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Co-oc-co-she, deceased private, Company A; settlement 495734, for \$122.53; paid to John W. Wright for No-co-se-le-har-jo, the father; allowed December 11, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Tus-te-nup-chnp-ko, deceased captain, Company A; settlement 495735, for \$533.60; paid to John W. Wright for Jo-pok-oke-ye-ho-la, the father; allowed December 11, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Thomas, discharged private, Company B; settlement 495736, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Thomas; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Sam Bradley, discharged private, Company B; settlement 495737, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Sam Bradley; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Cot-che-tus-to-no-ko-chee, deceased private, Company B; settlement 495738, for \$124.66; paid to John W. Wright for Lonisa, the daughter; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

O-ge-gup-ko, deceased private, Company B; settlement 495739, for \$145.93; paid to John W. Wright for Hock-tonch-e, the widow; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Chit-ta-ya-ho-la, deceased private, Company B; settlement 495740, for \$135.10; paid to John W. Wright for Te-se-ke, the sister; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Jo-nus-te-ye-men-leh, deceased private, Company B; settlement 507891, for \$135.96; paid to John W. Wright for Chum-po-chee, the son; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Peter Johnson, deceased first sergeant, Company C; settlement 507892, for \$190.56; paid to John W. Wright for Charles Foster and Robert Johnson, brothers; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Nor-mar, deceased private, Company C; settlement 507893, for \$237.53; paid to John W. Wright for Sally, the widow; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Book, deceased private, Company C; settlement 507894, for \$263.70; paid to John W. Wright for Dolly Book, the mother; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Little Alexander, deceased private, Company C; settlement 507895, for \$196.30; paid to John W. Wright for Jonah, the sister; allowed January 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Billy, deceased private, Company C; settlement 507896, for \$129.90; paid to John W. Wright for Conohago, the father; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Johnson Foster, discharged private, Company D; settlement 507897, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Johnson Foster; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

John, deceased private, Company C; settlement 507898, for \$221.26; paid to John W. Wright for Tick-se-ho-la, the mother; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Lowe Wie, deceased private, Company D; settlement 507899, for \$119.50; paid to John W. Wright for San-o-chee, the son; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Co-ca-ha-coh, deceased private, Company D; settlement 507900, for \$256.86; paid to John W. Wright for Nar-to-wee, the brother; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Kot-cof-fa-la-seh, deceased private, Company D; settlement 507901, for \$247.34;

paid to John W. Wright for Ann, the mother; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Is-lar-tis-che, deceased private, Company D; settlement 507902, for \$241.60; paid to John W. Wright for Ma-na-chik, the mother; allowed December 14, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

John Nero, deceased private, Company E; settlement 507904, for \$119.04; paid to John W. Wright for William Nero, the brother; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ar-har-luc-yar-lollar, deceased sergeant, Company E; settlement 507903, for \$113.05; paid to John W. Wright for Tilda, the widow; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Me-lah, deceased private, Company E; settlement 507905, for \$153.83; paid to John W. Wright for Sun-flo-pa, the brother; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Timothy Cooney, deceased private, Company E; settlement 507906, for \$120.80; paid to John W. Wright for Joseph Cooney, the father; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ahlee-ak-ha-jo, deceased private, Company F; settlement 507907, for \$239.10; paid to John W. Wright for Mus-hoi-e, the widow; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

H-ha-ya-ho-la, deceased private, Company G; settlement 507908, for \$126.86; paid to John W. Wright for Amy, the sister; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ya-cho-lie-chee, deceased private, Company G; settlement 507909, for \$227.53; paid to John W. Wright for Ka-pa, the mother; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

No-ko-se-se-la, deceased private, Company G; settlement 507910, for \$115.83; paid to John W. Wright for No-co-eil-loche, the brother; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ko-no-fix-e-ko, deceased private, Company G; settlement 507911, for \$132.73; paid to John W. Wright for Alinga, the brother; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Lit-tif-ha-jo, deceased private, Company G; settlement 507912, for \$125.73; paid to John W. Wright for Pittie, the widow; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Sam-meh, deceased private, Company G; settlement 507913, for \$210.83; paid to John W. Wright for Lizzie, the mother; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Tom-se-koh, deceased private, Company H; settlement 507914, for \$132.06; paid to John W. Wright for Con-bitch-che, the brother; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Colleh, deceased private, Company I; settlement 507915, for \$216.61; paid to John W. Wright for To-foo-lee-chee, the mother; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ah-pe-kar-fix-se-ko, deceased private, Company I; settlement 507916, for \$217.53; paid to John W. Wright for So-hul-kee, the widow; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Isaac Perryman, deceased private, Company I; settlement 507917, for \$153.01; paid to John W. Wright for Pompy Perryman, the brother; allowed January 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Fo-ke-lo-ke, deceased private, Company I; settlement 507918, for \$126; paid to John W. Wright for Ne-ko-mok-te, the father; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Seaborn Lewis, discharged corporal, Company I; settlement 507919, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Seaborn Lewis; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Kel-ver, deceased private, Company K; settlement 507920, for \$113; paid to John W. Wright for Ko-ko-thlo-na, the widow; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ap-peh-kon-ver, deceased private, Company K; settlement 507921, for \$113; paid to John W. Wright for Ner-sen-nee, the widow; allowed December 15, 1868, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Cot-sot-ha-goh, discharged private, Company A; settlement 510372, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Cot-sot-ha-goh; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Fas-hush-e-ma-la, discharged private, Company A; settlement 510373, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Fas-hush-e-ma-la; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ok-ga-ne-yaho-lah, discharged private, Company A; settlement 510374, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Ok-ga-ne-yaho-lah; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

No-ko-se-ho-lah, discharged private, Company A; settlement 510375, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for No-ko-se-ho-lah; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ko-nep-ha-goh, discharged private, Company A; settlement 510376, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Ko-nep-ha-goh; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

York Magilbra, discharged private, Company D; settlement 520377, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for York Magilbra; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Daniel Magilbra, discharged private, Company D; settlement 510378, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Daniel Magilbra; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Hardy Stidam, discharged private, Company G; settlement 510379, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Hardy Stidam; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ya-ha-fix-se-co, discharged private, Company G; settlement 510380, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Ya-ha-fix-se-co; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Mack, discharged corporal, Company K; settlement 510381, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for Mack; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

O-cla-lee, discharged private, Company K; settlement 510382, for \$200; paid to John W. Wright for O-cla-lee; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Ets-ha-fix-se-ko, discharged sergeant, Company I; settlement 510383, for \$60; paid to John W. Wright for Ets-ha-fix-se-ko; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

Teffeh, discharged corporal, Company I; settlement 510384, for \$54; paid to Taffeh or his order; the agent was William Dunn, of Logansport, Indiana. The certificate was transmitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on the 16th day of January, 1869.

Pen-e-mart-ler, deceased private, Company C; settlement 510394, for \$179.30; paid to John W. Wright for Jok-kos-e-ko, the father; allowed January 13, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright at Washington, D. C.

George Hawkins, discharged private, C Company; settlement 510398, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for George Hawkins; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Joseph Sugar, discharged private, Company C; settlement 510399, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Joseph Sugar; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Chiesa, discharged private, Company C; settlement 510400, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Chiesa; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Co-har-se-martler, discharged private, Company C; settlement 510401, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Co-har-se-martler; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Caw-lith-che-ha-jo, discharged private, Company C; settlement 510402, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Caw-lith-che-ha-jo; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Ok-ta-ha-jo-chee, discharged private, Company C; settlement 510403, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Ok-ta-ha-jo-chee; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

John Cousins, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510404, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for John Cousins; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Calvin Frazen, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510405, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Calvin Frazen; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Stewart McKinney, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510406, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Stewart McKinney; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Elijah Miller, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510407, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Elijah Miller; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Mathy, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510408, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Mathy; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Ko-no-fix-se-ko, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510409, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Ko-no-fix-se-ko; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

James Kernel, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510410, for \$100; paid

to John W. Wright for James Kernel; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Ke-el-te, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510411, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Ke-el-te; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Samuel Jones, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510412; paid to John W. Wright for Samuel Jones; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Love Jim Boy, discharged corporal, Company E; settlement 510413, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Love Jim Boy; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Tom Bear, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510414, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Tom Bear; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Doc Brady, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510415, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Doc Brady; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

David Barney, discharged private, Company E; settlement 510416, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for David Barney; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

George Grayson, discharged private, Company D; settlement 510417, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright, for George Grayson; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Charley Perry, discharged private, Company D; settlement 510418, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Charley Perry; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Ne-bah, discharged private, Company D; settlement 510419, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Ne-bah; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Abb Nevins, discharged corporal, Company D; settlement 510420, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Abb Nevins; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Ah-chee-le, discharged private, Company D; settlement 519421, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Ah-chee-le; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Bob, discharged private, Company D; settlement 510422, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Bob; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Tis-leh, discharged private, company H; settlement 510423, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Tis-leh; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Dennis Herrod, discharged private, company H; settlement 510424, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Dennis Herrod; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Sam Barnett, discharged private, company H; settlement 510425, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Sam Barnett; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

John Perryman, discharged private, company I; settlement 510426 for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for John Perryman; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Joseph Painter, discharged private, company I; settlement 510427, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Joseph Painter; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Tie-dar-kee, discharged private, company I; settlement 510428, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Tie-dar-kee; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Edmund Butler, discharged private, company I; settlement 510429, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Edmund Butler; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Henry Grayson, discharged private, company I; settlement 510430, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Henry Grayson; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Co-fa-na, discharged private, company K; settlement 514971, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Co-fa-na; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Fox, discharged private, company K; settlement 514972, for \$100; paid to John W. Wright for Fox; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Nok-kus-mek-koh, deceased private, company D; settlement 515024, for \$236.96; paid to John W. Wright for Sa-le-fa-na, the widow; allowed February 2, 1869, and sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

Carto-che-her-mic-ko, deceased captain, company E; settlement 515025; reported to the Second Comptroller for confirmation January 27, 1869, for \$861.06, in favor of John W. Wright, for En-fitta, the widow, the certificate to be sent to John W. Wright, at Washington, D. C.

No. 235 D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
Second Auditor's Office, March 2, 1869.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 20th ultimo, I have to inform you that no payments for arrears of pay and bounty to members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards were made by this Office between May 21, 1868, and December 2, 1868.

Respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH, *Auditor.*
 By C. P. B.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner.

No. 236 D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 24, 1869.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor 20th instaut inclosing Treasury certificate No. 510384 for \$54, issued to Tef-fah, a corporal in Company I. First Regiment Indian Home Guards, for delivery to the claimant in person.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. N. ROBINSON,
Superintendent Indian Affairs.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 236 D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 26, 1869.*

SIR: For the purpose of facilitating the investigation and securing the payment of moneys due the members of the First Regiment of Indian Home Guards, as back pay, bounties, &c., I respectfully request to be furnished with certified copies of all affidavits on file in the Indian Office relating to the collection and payment of said back pay and bounties by one J. W. Wright.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. G. BLUNT,
Attorney for Indians.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 237 D.

OFFICE OF R. J. HARPER,
 (Probate Judge of Riley County,)
Manhattan, Kansas, March 24, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Treasury certificate No. 407972, issue to Daniel L. Chandler, discharged hospital steward, Third Indian Home Guards, for bounty, act July 11, 1862, and act July 28, 1866, \$200.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. J. HARPER,
Attorney for Daniel L. Chandler.

Hon. N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 237 D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a power of attorney from the chiefs and head-men of the Creek Nation of Indians, relative to the bounties of the First Regiment of Indian Home Guards, and request that the same be placed on file in your Office.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. G. BLUNT.

HON. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Know all men by these presents, that whereas one John W. Wright, a claim-agent of the city of Washington, D. C., has filed applications in the name of the members of the First Indian Regiment, "composed of Creek Indians," for bounties as provided by the joint resolution of Congress, approved June, A. D. 1866, and for additional bounties under the act of Congress of July, A. D. 1866; also, for bounties, back pay, and pensions, on account of deceased soldiers of said regiment; and whereas many of said applications and powers of attorney, especially for additional bounty, were never executed by the claimants; and whereas, when said bounties have been allowed, checks on the assistant treasurer of the United States have been issued in payment thereof, payable to the order of said claimants; and whereas said checks have never been indorsed by the party to whose order they were payable, either in person or by legal power of attorney; and whereas many of said claimants have never received said checks or their equivalent in money; and whereas we, the undersigned, have been appointed by a council of the members of said First Indian Regiment to visit the city of Washington and to investigate the matter of the payment of the aforesaid bounties and allowances, and endeavor to secure to the members of the said First Indian Regiment the moneys that have been allowed them by the United States, with power to employ and appoint an attorney to prosecute the matter to a final issue: Now, therefore, we do, by these presents, appoint and constitute James G. Blunt, of the city and county of Leavenworth, Kansas, the true and lawful attorney, without revocation, and with power of substitution, to represent the members of the said First Indian Regiment in the matter of bounties and allowances as aforesaid, and to do any and every act necessary to secure the payment of the same to those legally entitled thereto, and to do all and singular every act that may be necessary to secure full and complete justice to the claimants as aforesaid, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said attorney may legally do in the premises.

In testimony whereof witness our hands and seals in the city of Washington, D. C., A. D. 1869.

OK-TAR-SARS-HARGO OR SANDS, ^{his} + [SEAL.]
mark.

Chief of the Creeks.

COT-CHU-CHE. ^{his} + [SEAL.]
mark.

THAR-THO OR FISH. ^{his} + [SEAL.]
mark.

Witness signing:

CHAS. CONS. CALLAN.

J. F. CALLAN.

^{his}
KETCH + BARNETT,
mark.

Interpreter.

[50 cent stamp.]

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, *Washington County, ss:*

Before me personally appeared Ok-tar-sars-hargo or Sands, Cot-Chu-Che, and Tha-Tho or Fish, known to me to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument of writing, and they severally acknowledge the same to be their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of February, 1869, at Washington, D. C.

JOHN F. CALLAN,
Notary Public.

No. 238 D.

Copy of an approximate statement furnished to Commissioner of Indian Affairs April 10, 1869.

Memoranda of moneys received from the Government by John W. Wright, as attorney for Indians composing the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, officers and men, as far as the papers in the Office of Indian Affairs will show it, viz :

Received from the Secretary of War, of date February 27, 1869, a statement of the payments of bounty to officers and men of the First Indian Regiment, amounting to.....	\$121,185 20
Received from Paymaster General, of date July 6, 1868, a statement of payments to officers and men of the Second and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, amounting to.....	115,660 55
Received from Second Auditor, of date May 21, 1868, a statement of payments made to members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards up to that date, of which payments the following amount appears to have been to John W. Wright, as attorney for said Indians, to wit.....	48,417 20
Received from Second Auditor, of date February 6, 1869, a statement of payments made to First Regiment Indian Home Guards since the previous statement of May 21, 1868.....	15,138 17
	300,401 12
	300,401 12

Memo.—What seems to be wanting to arrive at the amount of money paid to John W. Wright for said Indians is—

- 1st. A statement of payments made to members of the Second and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards from May 21, 1868, to the present time by the Second Auditor.
- 2d. A statement of payments by the Paymaster General to the Second and Third Regiments of the Indian Home Guards, from July 6, 1868, to this time. And,
- 3d. A statement of any payments that may have been made to members of either or any of the three regiments named since the date of the foregoing statement.

No. 238 D.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Creek Agency, July 13, 1869.

SIR: Under date of January 21, 1869, the Hon. N. G. Taylor, Commissioner Indian Affairs, placed in my hands for delivery to the party entitled to receive it, the certificate, No. 502304, issued by E. B. French, Second Auditor, for \$135.10, in favor Jacob Smart, private Company E, Eighty-third Regiment United States Colored Troops.

I have delivered the papers to said Jacob Smart in person, and inclose his receipt for the same.

Also, under date of March 20, 1869, was placed in my hands certificate No. 510384, for \$54, in favor of Tef-fah, for delivery to the person entitled to receive the same. Not being able to find said Tef-fah, I have placed the papers in the hands of J. W. Dunn, United States Indian agent for the Creek Indians, and inclose his receipt for the same.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. N. ROBINSON,
Superintendent Indian Affairs.

HON. ELY S. PARKER,
Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Received at Creek agency July 5, 1869, of L. N. Robinson, superintendent of Indian affairs for the southern superintendency, certificate No. 502304, of E. B. French, Second Auditor of the Treasury Department, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars and ten cents, being for "bounty and difference of pay." Also my discharge as private in Company E, Eighty-third Regiment United States Colored Troops.

his
JACOB + SMART.
mark.

Witnesses:
JUCET PARKINSON.
JOS. E. RIGGS.

Received Creek Agency, Cherokee Nation, of L. N. Robinson, superintendent of Indian affairs for the southern superintendency, United States Treasury certificate No. 510384, issued by E. B. Freuch, Second Auditor, in favor of Tef-fah, discharged corporal Company I, First Indian Home Guard, for the sum of fifty-four dollars. Also the discharge of said Tef-fah, both of which are received for delivery to the person entitled to receive the same.

Dated this 13th day of July, A. D. 1869.

J. W. DUNN.
United States Indian Agent.

No. 239 D

Know all men by these presents, that I, John W. Wright, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, am held and firmly bound unto Daniel Butterfield, assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, in the sum of seventeen thousand four hundred dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Daniel Butterfield, assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, or his official representatives, successors, or assigns, for which payment, well and truly to be made, I bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal, dated the twenty-seventh day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

The condition of the above obligation is this, that whereas the above-bounden John W. Wright has presented to the said Daniel Butterfield, assistant treasurer of the United States in the city of New York, certain drafts, drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, at Washington City, for one hundred dollars each, the same being payment of bounties to persons named in said drafts, and which are numbered as follows, to wit: 18528, 17392, 16314, 16407, 16427, 16487, 16970, 17891, 17397, 17831, 16992, 17377, 17330, 18653, 18608, 18648, 17782, 17647, 17070, 17162, 17051, 18510, 18514, 17681, 17876, 17632, 18669, 17312, 17422, 16865, 18652, 10517, 18618, 16440, 17299, 18650, 17799, 16881, 18623, 17590, 18673, 17883, 17588, 20813, 18653, 16890, 17374, 16325, 17103, 18612, 17884, 17897, 17410, 17669, 17642, 18656, 18672, 17161, 18706, 17187, 16388, 18668, 18621, 18701, 18667, 17031, 176446, 17139, 16345, 16883, 16480, 17177, 18632, 18736, 18721, 17007, 16361, 17839, 17897, 17275, 17040, 18642, 18641, 17747, 16887, 17855, 17671:

Now, if the indorsements on the said drafts are genuine and legal, and payment thereon be made to the said John W. Wright, then this obligation to be void; but if from any cause the payment so made shall be wrong, or illegal in any respect whatsoever, then the above bond to be valid, and of full force and virtue.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

JOHN W. WRIGHT. [SEAL.]

Sealed and delivered in presence of—

CITY AND COUNTY OF *New York*, ss:

John W. Wright, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he is a citizen of Washington, D. C., that he knows the indorsements of the drafts named in the within bond to be genuine, and in legal form; that he presents said drafts in good faith for payment, and that he is worth property, over and above all debts and liabilities whatsoever, to the amount of seventeen thousand four hundred dollars.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of July, 1869.

JOHN W. WRIGHT.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27th day of July, 1869, by John W. Wright, above subscribing.

C. H. PATTERSON, [Stamped seal.]
Notary Public.

We hereby certify that we are personally acquainted with John W. Wright, the person named in the foregoing bond, and that he is worth the sum of seventeen thousand four hundred dollars over and above all debts and liabilities.

Certification not required.

D. B.

No. 240 D.

WASHINGTON, July 28, 1869.

SIR: I am verbally directed by the Hon. Secretary of the Interior to call your attention to the letter of Hon. N. G. Taylor, late Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated May 25, 1867, in which reference is made to certain moneys collected by you in behalf of Cherokee and other Indians, for military services rendered the United States, and on account of which you were notified and required to file in this Office the receipts of claimants who had been paid by you, and other papers, conformably to the terms of your bond, and to which, on the 28th day of May, 1867, you replied, that "all the information you desire will be furnished at the earliest practicable moment;" since which time no further communication has been received from you on the subject.

The Secretary of the Interior is desirous of closing this business, and requires that you will, without further delay, submit to this Office a full account of your collections for back pay and bounty for military services rendered the Government of the United States by the Cherokees, Creeks, and other Indians, together with all receipts of claimants whom you may have paid under the authority of your letter of appointment as "special agent of this Department," dated July 11, 1866, and in conformity thereto as well as conformably to the conditions of a certain bond given by you on same date.

Early and prompt attention to this matter, on your part, is very important.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. P. *Commissioner.*

J. W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

No. 241 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., August 2, 1869.

SIR: I transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in reference to receiving applications or claims for, and to making payment of, pensions, back pay, or bounty, due to Indians by reason of their connection with the military service of the United States.

I fully concur in his views on the duty and obligation of his Bureau to protect the interests of these wards of the Government in all their relations with it, and in the prosecution of claims of the character in question.

I have, therefore, the honor to request that you will direct that no such claims or applications, the allowance or payment whereof falls within the province of your Department or any of its Bureaus, shall be considered or paid unless the same be sanctioned by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and that all correspondence in relation to such claims, or the payment thereof, be transmitted through his Bureau.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX, *Secretary.*

Hon. GEO. S. BOUTWELL,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Warrants.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

August 10, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d instant, inclosing copy of one from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs relative to payments of bounty, &c., to Indians, and to inform you that I have referred your letter to the Second Comptroller, with instructions to cause the request therein contained to be fully complied with.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. A. RICHARDSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. J. D. COX,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 242 D.

NORTH FORK DISTRICT, *Creek Nation, ss:*

Know all men by these presents, that I, William McIntosh, judge of the aforesaid district, do, by the authority in me vested by virtue of my office, nominate, constitute,

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and appoint Simon Brown to be the legal guardian for the minor children of George English, late a soldier of Company F, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, to wit—said Simon Brown having given bonds and security for the faithful performance of the duties of guardian of the aforesaid minor children—John, ten years, and Louisa, eight years.

Given under my hand this 21st day of August, 1869.

WILLIAM F. MCINTOSH,
District Judge.

I certify that the above letters of guardianship and the signature of the judge are genuine.

In witness whereof I have herenunto signed my name and affixed my official seal this 21st day of August, 1869.

[SEAL.]

CHILLY MCINTOSH,
Clerk of the District Court.

No. 243 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., August 3, 1869.

SIR: I transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 30th ultimo, in reference to receiving applications or claims for, and to make payment of, pensions, back pay, or bounty due to Indians by reason of their connection with the military service of the United States.

I fully concur in his views on the duty and obligation of his Bureau to protect the interests of these wards of the Government in all their relations with it, and in the prosecution of claims of the character in question.

I accordingly direct that you will not determine a pension-claim on behalf of an Indian, which may be hereafter filed, unless it be transmitted to you by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and that all your correspondence in relation to any such claim, which is now pending or which shall hereafter be filed, shall be had with him; and upon the allowance of such claim the certificate shall be sent to him for transmission to the Indian thereunto entitled.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, July 30, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to call your attention to the following subject:

Under existing laws and treaty stipulations this Office has immediate charge of Indians and the supervision of all their transactions, whether between themselves or with white persons.

I am satisfied that applications have been and are being made and money collected, without the cognizance of this Office, by attorneys for bounty, back pay, and pensions due Indians or their heirs for services rendered in the United States Army. In order, therefore, that the interests of the Indians may be properly protected, I respectfully recommend that you request that the Hon. Secretary of War and the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury to direct that no applications as above stated be considered by their respective Departments unless the same are authorized by this Office; and that all correspondence relative to claims due and allowed for military services by Indians be transmitted through this Office; and that you give similar directions to the Commissioner of Pensions.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. Cox,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 244 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., September 20, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to herewith transmit the discharge certificate of Tef-feh, (Creek,) late private Company I, First Regiment Indian Home Guards; a pay certifi-

cate, dated January 9, 1869, No. 510384, in his favor for \$54 pay, signed by yourself and the Second Comptroller; and a blue letter, addressed by your Office to the said Indian; all of which have been returned to this Office for the allowance of bounty.

It is respectfully requested that all correspondence by your Office in relation thereto shall be through this Office.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. F. CADY,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Treasury Department.

[Indorsement.]

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
September 22, 1869.

Respectfully returned with information that bounty in this case is forfeited, the soldier having been a deserter during his term of service.

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.
By H. A. W.

No. 245 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, October 12, 1869.

SIR: Referring to my letter to you of the 3d of July last, relative to the collection of bounty, back pay, and pensions due to Indians or their heirs for services rendered in the United States Army, and in which letter I had the honor to recommend that you request the Hon. Secretary of War and the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury to direct that no applications for collection of money for services as above stated be considered by their respective Departments, unless the same are authorized by this Office; and that all correspondence relative to claims due and allowed for military services by Indians be transmitted through this Office, and that you give similar directions to the Commissioner of Pensions; and also referring to your letter of the 3d of August last, informing this Office of the action taken by you upon the subject, I now respectfully recommend that the Hon. Secretary of War and the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury be requested to instruct the proper Bureaus under their jurisdiction in all cases of bounty and back pay accruing to Indian soldiers, or their heirs or legal representatives, to remit to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the amount due and payable, less the fees allowed by law in similar cases of white soldiers, such fees to be paid by the respective Bureaus to the attorneys representing the claims who have been authorized by this Office; and that similar directions be given to the Commissioner of Pensions relative to the claims for pensions due to Indians on account of military services.

If this course is adopted, this Office can have the money paid to the parties entitled through the authorized agents without additional expense to the claimants.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. COX,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 246 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, October 13, 1869.

SIR: By direction of the Hon. Secretary of the Interior you are respectfully requested to furnish, for the information of this Office, at your earliest possible convenience, a statement showing the amount of money paid by your Office to John W. Wright up to the present time, on account of back pay and bounty due the members of the First, Second, and Third Indian Home-Guard Regiments, specifying the amount received by him for the original bounty under the act of 1861, and the amount received by him for the additional bounty under the act of 1866, and the amount received by him for each regiment respectively, both for back pay and bounty.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Brigadier General B. W. BRICE,
Paymaster General.

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PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, October 19, 1869.

SIR: In reply to your inquiry of the 13th instant, I have the honor to state that the amounts paid to the Indian Home-Guard regiments through John W. Wright, special agent, are as follows:

Regiments.	Back pay.	Bounty act of 1861.	Additional bounty act of 1866.	Amounts.
First Regiment.....	\$1,761 10	\$63,497 60	\$54,750 00	\$120,008 70
Second Regiment.....	6,360 16	30,700 00	36,900 00	82,960 16
Third Regiment.....	7,200 54	60,200 00	53,450 00	120,850 54
Totals.....	15,321 80	163,397 60	145,100 00	323,819 40

Respectfully, your obedient servant.

B. W. BRICE,
Paymaster General, United States Army.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 247 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 13, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, dated the 12th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, referring to a former communication, dated July 30, 1869, relative to the collection of bounty, back pay, and pensions due to Indians for services rendered in the United States Army, and recommending that in all cases of bounty and back pay accruing to Indian soldiers, or their heirs or legal representatives, the amount due and payable, less the fees allowed by law in similar cases of white soldiers, be remitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for payment to the parties thereto entitled.

The recommendations of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs are approved by this Department, and your attention is respectfully invited to the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Comptroller's Office, October 21, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith the letter of the Secretary of the Interior, dated the 13th instant, and covering a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 12th instant.

The Commissioner renews the request, made in his letter of July 30, 1869, relative to the collection of bounty, back pay, and pensions due the Indians or their heirs, that the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Treasury be requested "to direct that no applications for collection of money for services as above stated be considered by their respective Departments, unless the same are authorized by this Office, (of Indian Affairs,) and that all correspondence relative to claims due and allowed for military services by Indians be transmitted through this Office" (of Indian Affairs.) This suggestion of the Commissioner is sanctioned by the Secretary of the Interior.

If any mode can be devised by which the moneys of the Indians can be made to reach them, instead of being absorbed on the way the accounting officers will co-operate in any legal effort to effect so desirable an end. They have shown their willingness to adopt the suggestions of former Commissioners of Indian Affairs, and have gone to the verge of illegality in their compliance. On the 13th of November, 1865, the Commissioner, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, requested that claims for bounty and back pay due Indians should "be made payable to the order of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to be by him remitted to the parties."

There was very little warrant of law for such a proceeding, as no account was to be rendered by the Commissioner for the money thus placed in his hands; but the official responsibility of the Commissioner offered so strong an inducement that the ac-

counting officers felt justified in interposing him between the Government and the claimants, especially as he was presumed to know the whereabouts of these wandering creditors of the United States. Some hundreds of claims were therefore settled, and some thousands of dollars made payable to the order of the Commissioner, of which, I believe, no account has yet been given, when, on the 10th of July, 1866, a new arrangement was suggested by him, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, and the accounting officers were officially notified that "John W. Wright, esq., has been appointed a special agent to collect and pay over certain back pay and bounty for such Indians as may employ him, and he having filed a bond to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, he is hereby authorized to collect claims due the Indians when he has proper power of attorney from claimants, and the order heretofore issued and requiring drafts for Indians to be made out in the name of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, is revoked as to said Wright."

Supposing that the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs had good reasons for their action, the accounting officers again acquiesced, and made settlements in accordance with expressed wishes. The result does not appear to have been satisfactory, and it is now proposed that no applications for bounty, back pay, and pensions due the Indians, shall be even considered by the Treasury Department, "unless the same are authorized," not by law, but by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

I have no reason to doubt that this supervisory power over the War Department and the accounting officers would, if granted to the Commissioner, be judiciously exercised, but, so far as legality is concerned, it might as well be delegated to any other individual. There is not a shadow of law to sanction the proposition. The Commissioner has by law (of July 9, 1832) the direction and management of Indian affairs and of matters arising out of Indian relations as well as administrative examinations of accounts and vouchers connected with Indian affairs; but back pay, bounty, and pensions do not spring out of Indian relations, nor do the direction and management of Indian affairs give the Commissioner control in any way of the compensation to Indians for military services performed for the United States, any more than they give him command of an army that may be operating against Indians in hostility to the Government. The pay, bounty, and pension laws apply to Indian soldiers, as to other soldiers. Does the Commissioner desire that the pay and muster-rolls of Indian soldiers shall not be sanctioned by the War Department, nor applications for payment of balances on these rolls "be considered" by the accounting officers unless authority to do so has first been obtained from the Indian Office?

I am compelled to the opinion that applications of this kind from Indian soldiers must be considered as such applications from white soldiers are considered, whether they are authorized or not by the Commissioner; nor can the accounting officers be divested or divest themselves of responsibility by invoking his interposition. The law says that "all claims and demands whatever by the United States or against them, and all accounts whatever in which the United States are concerned, either as debtors or as creditors, shall be settled and adjusted in the Treasury Department." To be settled and adjusted, they must be considered here by the officers to whom that duty has been expressly assigned by statute.

So far as relates to the medium through which payment shall be made to an Indian, after his claim has been adjudicated, the accounting officers will gladly adopt any legal course that may be indicated by the Commissioner, or by anybody else, to prevent his money from being intercepted by swindlers.

As the laws now stand, however, applications of the kind specified by the Commissioner, if made to the Treasury, must be "considered" at the Treasury, and additional legislation would seem to be necessary, before the request of the Commissioner can be granted.

The direction of the Secretary of the Treasury in the premises is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. M. BRODHEAD,
Comptroller.

HON. GEORGE S. BOUTWELL,
Secretary of the Treasury.

No. 248 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, October 13, 1869.

SIR: By direction of the Hon. Secretary of the Interior, you are respectfully requested to furnish, for the information of this Office, at your earliest possible convenience, a statement showing the amount of money paid by your Office to John W. Wright

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up to the present time, on account of back pay and bounty due the members of the First, Second, and Third Indian Home Guard Regiments, specifying the amount received by him for the original bounty under the act of 1861, and the amount received by him for the additional bounty under the act of 1866, and the amount received by him for each regiment, respectively, both for back pay and bounty.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER.

Commissioner.

HON. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Second Auditor's Office, October 20, 1869.

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 13th instant, I herewith inclose, for your information, a roll, embracing all payments made by this Office from December 2, 1868, to April 9, 1869, to members of the Second and Third Indian Home Guard Regiments, and from February 6, 1869, to April 9, 1869, to members of the First Indian Regiment, on account of arrears of pay, bounty under joint resolution of June 18, 1866, (July 22, 1861,) and bounty under act of July 28, 1866.

It is proper to state that at the request of the then Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, (of date May 2, 1868,) a complete list of all payments made by this Office to members of the above organizations to May 21, 1868, was at that date furnished him. Again, at the request of the above-named officer, of date February 2, 1869, (addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior,) a list of all payments made by this Office to the members of the First Indian Regiment from December 2, 1868, to February 6, 1869, was at this last date forwarded him. No payments were made between May 21, 1868, and December 2, 1868, nor have any been made since April 9, 1869, though about one hundred claims for bounty, under act of July 28, 1866, filed by John W. Wright, are now awaiting settlement.

Respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH.

Auditor.

HON. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

No. 249 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., October 28, 1869.

SIR: In reply to your letter of October 13, 1869, requesting a "statement of the amount of money paid by this Office to John W. Wright, on account of pensions due the members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, and their legal representatives," I herewith present such *data* as is available to me.

The annexed paper, marked A, is a copy of a letter from Hon. James Harlan, Secretary Interior, to the Commissioner of Pensions, ordering the inscription of the names contained therein upon the rolls of the pension agency at Fort Gibson. The checks in red ink, with number of the case in pencil opposite the names, are placed there to denote the claims paid by Mr. Whiting, which are filed with vouchers attached.

These claims never have been adjudicated by the Pension Office. Those names marked thus * denote those which are found upon the abstract sheet of payments (marked F) made by Mr. Whiting, although several names appear upon abstract which are not contained in said letter marked A.

The paper marked B is a copy of the letter of credentials and instructions from Secretary Harlan to Mr. Whiting, for the mission of investigation of claims of Indians at Fort Gibson, &c., and the payment of those of the validity of which Mr. W. should be satisfied.

The paper marked C includes all the names of Indians, claimants for pension, inscribed on a book in this Office by verbal orders of Secretary Harlan, through George B. Whiting, son of George C. Whiting, prior to the departure of Mr. Whiting, sr., upon the mission with which he was charged in letter of Secretary H., under date of March 15, 1866. (A copy herewith, marked B.)

A settlement with all these is supposed to have been made by Mr. W., sr. Of them, the names of all for whom certificates are known to have been issued are inscribed in the list marked D. For the first twenty-nine named, certificates were issued and delivered to Mr. W., sr., before his departure upon the aforesaid mission.

The paper marked D comprises a list of all the cases of Indians in the region heretofore named which have been adjudicated by this Office under the order of Sec-

retary Harlan, either before or since Mr. Whiting's investigation, and in which certificates of pension have been issued.

The paper marked E is a copy of a letter from Secretary Harlan to the Commissioner of Pensions, giving a list of claimants (in addition to those ordered verbally and also to those mentioned in letter of August 15, 1866) to be inscribed upon the roll of pensioners at Fort Gibson agency, in none of which certificates appear to have been issued or other adjudication had by this Office.

The paper marked F is a copy of "abstract of payments" found among papers supposed to have been furnished by Mr. Whiting.

The records of this Office do not comprise any payments made directly to J. W. Wright on account of pensions. The only *data* in the possession of this Office which will aid in obtaining the desired statement is herewith transmitted, with the suggestion that a reference (with these lists) to the vouchers on file in the Third Auditor's Office may secure the desired information.

The list marked G includes claims supposed to be still pending and unadjudicated in this Office, (of payments of which no record is to be found,) in all of which Mr. J. W. Wright is the recognized attorney.

Regretting that I cannot furnish you any further *data* (with the clues in my possession) in reply to your inquiry, and desiring it to be understood that if you can suggest any other means by which I may aid you, I shall be pleased to act upon your suggestion,

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 250 D.

FORT GIBSON, November 19, A. D. 1869.

SIR: Liley English, widow of George English, late a private in Company F, First Regiment of Indian Home Guards, was pensioned on the 12th December, A. D. 1866. She is disloyal, having remained *South* during the war, but George English has two children, aged eight and ten respectively. The court has appointed Simon Brown guardian of said children. Will a new application be necessary, or shall I pay him from original time of the certificate?

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
Pension-Agent.

Hon. H. VAN AERNAM,

Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City, D. C.

P. S.—If any payment has been made to Liley English I have no record of it.

A. C

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, November 19, 1869.

I certify that I am guardian of the minor children of George English, late a private in Company F, First Indian Home Guards, who died in the service of the United States. The names and ages of my wards are Job, aged ten years the 25th day of August, 1869, and Louisa, aged eight years the 10th October, 1869.

his
SIMON + BROWN.
mark.

Attest:

JOHN BROWN WRIGHT.
FRANK J. NASH.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension Office, Washington, D. C., December 3, 1869.

SIR: The inclosed papers, pertaining to a claim in behalf of "minor children of George English, formerly of Company F, First Indian Home Guards," are respectfully referred to you, with information that "Liley English," was not "admitted to pension" until May 7, 1868, and that no payments to her have ever been noted, as is shown by the records of this Office.

The simple statement of disloyalty of widow is not sufficient for acceptance of a

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claim of minors and estoppel of the widow's pension; and if it was, no proper form of application has been filed.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Present.

No. 251 D.

CREEK AGENCY, December 21, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th ultimo, inclosing a list of the First Regiment Indian Home Guards, instead of a list of the Second Regiment, as mentioned in the communication.

On examining it I find that the roll is composed entirely of Cherokees, and thinking it the intention of the Department to have sent me a list of the Second Regiment, composed of Creeks, I therefore return the roll, with the request that I may be furnished with the one mentioned in the communication, or with instructions to investigate into the matter of that of First Regiment.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, Agent.

Colonel E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 252 D.

WASHINGTON, December 14, 1869.

SIR: Inclosed find the application of the widow of Yit-o-che Stake, of Company H, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, for a new draft. With it find original draft, discharges, and vouchers.

2d. Testimony in the case of Thomas Saunders, Company M, Third Regiment, under a requisition of Second Auditor. This case has been pending some years.

3d. A return of the papers in case of Jim Broge, Company C, Second Regiment.

The application which the Second Auditor desired was inclosed in vouchers and overlooked. Please find them with Second Auditor, and oblige,

Yours, &c.,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. ELI PARKER,
Commissioner, &c.

No. 253 D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Comptroller's Office, January 4, 1870.

SIR: I would be pleased to have you call at this Office to-morrow, the 5th instant, at 1 o'clock p. m., to confer with the Second Auditor and myself in relation to the arrears of pay, bounty, &c., due to Indian soldiers and their heirs.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

J. M. BRODHEAD,
Comptroller.

Hon. ELI S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 254 D.

FORT GIBSON, January 28, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I understand that certain charges have been made against Alexander Clapperton, pension agent at this place, by Captain Baldwin, and that he (Captain Baldwin) stated that the same could be proven by me.

He cannot prove anything against Mr. Clapperton by me.

Very respectfully, &c.,

M. C. JONES.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

No. 255 D.

WASHINGTON CITY, *March 5, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward a certified copy of an act of the Cherokee national council, having reference to the payment of pensions and bounties to Cherokees in money instead of drafts.

A recommendation that such course be adopted was made by the undersigned some time since, under the conviction that the Cherokee pensioners, to whom drafts were given by the pension agent, were subjected to extortion in realizing money upon them.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,

Brevet Major, United States Army, Agent for the Cherokees.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

AN ACT in reference to bounties and pensions due Cherokees from the Government of the United States, for services in the United States Army during the late war.

Be it enacted by the national council, That the United States Cherokee agent, in connection with the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, be requested to adopt such measures as will hereafter require the proper officer or officers of the United States Government to pay out in money, to all Cherokees or their legal representatives, all bounty and pension now due or that may become hereafter due them, on account of their late services in the United States Army during the late war of the rebellion.

TAI-LAQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, *December 2, 1869.*

Approved:

LEWIS DOWNING,

Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

No. 256 D.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, *February 16, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 15th ultimo, inclosing pay-roll of the Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.

In reply, I would respectfully state that few if any Seminoles belonged to this regiment, as they all served with the First and Second Regiments, and nearly all were members of the First Regiment of Indian Home Guards.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,

Captain, United States Army, and Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington City, D. C.

No. 257 D.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, *February 24, 1870.*

SIR: In obedience to instructions received in your communication of November 30, 1869, inclosing pay-rolls of Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards, I would respectfully state that I have made diligent inquiry and thorough investigation, and am unable to find any Seminole names thereon, and am informed that nearly all were members of the First Regiment, and that no Seminoles are known to have served in the Third Regiment.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,

Captain, United States Army, and Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 258 D.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., March 9, 1870.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 26th ultimo, requesting to be informed of the cause of the discharge of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, I have the honor to inform you that the said regiments were mustered out of the service of the United States May 31, 1865, by Special Orders No. 110, Headquarters Department of the Arkansas, May 8, 1865, pursuant to the authority from the War Department, dated February 13, 1865, copies herewith, by reason of the statements of Colonel William A. Phillips, commanding the Indian brigade, and to enable them (the Indians) to raise a crop the ensuing year.

The following embraces the periods of service served by each regiment:

The First Regiment was organized May 22, 1862, for three years, and was mustered out as before stated, May 31, 1865.

The Second Regiment was organized from June 22 to July 1, 1862, for three years. The original members of Company E, this regiment, (Osage Indians,) deserted in September, 1862, and a new company of Cherokees, to replace it, was organized in November, 1862. The Second Regiment was mustered out May 31, 1865.

The Third Regiment was organized September 16, 1862, for three years, and was also mustered out May 31, 1865.

From the foregoing it will be perceived that the First Regiment served a few days over its term, evidently from the delay in exercising the authority of February 13, 1865, authorizing its muster out; and also that the Second and Third Regiments did not serve the three years for which they were mustered in.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
THOMAS M. VINCENT,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

MARCH 10, 1870.

SIR: The comptroller is of the opinion that we can allow the members of the second and third regiments but \$50 additional bounty as the case now stands.

If the War Department should decide that they were discharged by reason of the close of the war, it would change the aspect of the case.

E. B. CURTIS,
Chief Clerk.

Mr. WHALLOW,
Second Auditor's Office.

No. 259 D.

WASHINGTON, March 22, 1870.

SIR: I wish to withdraw the papers in the following cases, sent you on the 12th of March:

He-sa-lah, company K, First Regiment.

Et-cat-ha-jo, company D, First Regiment.

Ly-ur, company I, Second Regiment.

John Der-ah-dus-ke, company I, Second Regiment.

Jesse Bushehead, company M, Third Regiment.

On the return of discharges of soldiers to your office, please return them to me. As there is many cases for other claims, it will be advisable for me to have their discharge.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. ELI PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 260 D.

WASHINGTON, March 26, 1870.

SIR: Herewith, at the request of Secretary Cox, I send you a copy of my argument, this day sent to the Secretary of War, asking him to reverse the ruling of General

Vincent as to the Indian regiments; also copies of the letter of General Vincent, and of the orders on which his letter is founded.

Please consult with Secretary Cox, and take such action as the merits of the case requires.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. ELI PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March, 1870.*

SIR: I ask your attention to the following statement of facts, that justice may be done my clients.

Three Indian regiments were in the Army during the late rebellion, and served about three years. When mustered out, they were refused bounty, 1st, because they were called home-guards, and, 2d, because they were not black or white. As their attorney, I applied to Congress, and the act of June 18, A. D. 1866, was passed, and the bounty paid.

When the act of July 28, 1866, for additional bounty was passed, I applied for it, and was again refused. The opinion of the Attorney General, taken in two different administrations of that office, was given in their favor, (see vol. 12, Attorneys General's Opinions.) and in October, November, and December, 1868, about one thousand two hundred drafts of \$100 were issued in the name of the soldier to my care, and I went to Fort Gibson, and delivered the drafts to the proper person.

In about seventy cases the parties were dead, and, to avoid the trouble of administrators, I took proof of death and heirship, returned the drafts with discharge, and such proof to the Second Auditor, for a new draft in the name of the proper heir.

Since that time the Second Comptroller has decided that the soldiers in these cases can only have \$50 for the \$100, for the reason that Colonel Vincent has certified that these soldiers were not mustered out because of the close of the war, but were mustered out because a Colonel Phillips had asked to have them mustered out in time to raise a crop of corn; (see copy of Vincent's letter, herewith, and indorsements.) Now, this decision only affects some seventy widows and orphans, whose husbands have died after their muster-out, and before I could deliver the drafts, and a few soldiers that did not send their papers in time before I went West.

In the first place, the Second Comptroller cannot legally go behind the draft; it is a matter adjudicated, and the only question now is, who is the proper owner? And on that question being determined, the draft ought to issue for same amount.

Second. The facts on which General Vincent bases his statement are false, and he ought to know it if he does not. What are the facts as appear in the papers? In January, A. D. 1865, Colonel Phillips wrote through General Reynolds, asking the War Department to muster out the Indian regiments in time in the spring to enable them to raise a crop of corn: as a friend and adviser of these Indians, I called, early in February, on the Secretary of War, to urge this request. It was most emphatically denied, and the reason given was that Kirby Smith was in Texas, and these troops needed, and as soon as the rebellion was put down, they would be discharged, and no sooner.

On the 13th of February, the order marked A was issued to General Reynolds. Does it say to muster them out in time to raise a crop? No, it does not; but totally ignores the request of Colonel Phillips, and says to "muster them out whenever it may be most conducive to the public interest."

On the 31st of May, they were mustered out, under order of General Reynolds, founded on the order of February 13, which order is dated May 8, and a copy, marked B, herewith inclosed.

Now, in General Vincent's letter, he says, that these regiments were mustered out by reason of the statements of Colonel Phillips, commanding the Indian brigade, and to enable them, (the Indians,) to raise a crop the ensuing year. This is not true; he could not draw any such conclusion from the orders, and his statement is only impertinence, and drawing conclusions and wrong ones, when he ought only to give the facts.

Before this time, June 1, A. D. 1835, more than two hundred thousand troops were discharged, because not further required, and if these troops were to be mustered out in time to raise a crop, it was not done, for all corn is planted in March and April in the Indian country, and is far advanced to maturity the 1st of June.

But why put in this request of Colonel Phillips? Suppose it? been written in A. D. 1862, it had as much force. The Secretary refused to discharge them until he got ready, and paid no regard to this request; but when it is necessary to deprive a few women and children of a few dollars, it can be stated as a fact that could not be drawn from the orders, and was not true.

If the request of Colonel Phillips had been granted as requested, still the bounty

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would be due, as the Government would only discharge them when the public interest would be promoted thereby.

Colonel Phillips is now in the city, and can substantiate all I have said, and I can prove it by General Reynolds.

I do hope the Department will rebuke such interpolation or interpretation of its orders, and order such certificates to be sent to the Second Comptroller that he can cause payment to be made as the law requires to all who were mustered out, because the interest of the public service did not require them. (See order of February 13, A. D. 1865.)

I have had every obstacle thrown in my way in the collection of this bounty, and I do hope it is soon to stop, and these impediments were made by officers who never suffered the fatigues of a solitary day's march, to injure as good soldiers as was found in our Army.

Hon. WILLIAM W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War.

No. 261 D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Third Auditor's Office, March 31, 1870.

SIR: Your letter of November 1, 1869, with list of pensioners, furnished by Commissioner of Pensions, in which Mr. J. W. Wright appeared as attorney, is received.

Upon a careful examination of the accounts of the pension agent at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, at which place all these pensioners are paid, I do not find that Mr. Wright appears as attorney in any of the vouchers, nor does it appear on the face of the voucher that he received any of the money paid. Should you desire any further information or investigation, I should be glad to give it.

The list is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

A. M. GANGEWER,
Acting Auditor.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

No. 262 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, May 21, 1870.

SIR: On the 30th of November last, this office forwarded a copy of the list of members of the First Regiment Indian Home Guards, reported by John W. Wright to have been paid by him, their first bounty of \$100, to Colonel Lewis Downing, chief of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

Since the above date, however, this office has been informed that the members of said regiment were mostly Creeks, and the Cherokee authorities have accordingly been requested to forward said list to you. It is presumed that you have received the list in question, and in regard to this fact you will communicate to this office, and in case you have received it you will proceed immediately to make a thorough investigation of the cases reported paid thereon, and if any have not been paid as reported, you will forward to this office a list of the same, giving the names, rank, and company of the soldier, with conclusive evidence of the fact of non-payment in each case; this should be done as early as possible.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Captain F. A. FIELD,
United States Creek Agency, Indian Territory.

CREEK AGENCY, June 6, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of May 21, 1870. In reply I would respectfully inform you that the roll mentioned in said communication was received from the Cherokee authorities about the 12th of April, since

which time I have been diligently employed in making the investigation as directed in your letter of November, 1869. It will take some time to complete the investigation, as I find it necessary for me to visit the residence of each soldier.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 263 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., May 24, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following statement relative to the agency of John W. Wright, in the collection and payment of certain moneys to members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, &c.

On the 11th of July, 1866, said Wright received instructions from late Secretary Harlan, as special agent, to collect claims for Indians when authorized so to do by the claimants, and pay over to them the money so collected upon certain conditions. He executed a bond in \$100,000 to the Government for the faithful performance of the trust confided to him.

The bond and instructions were in accord, and required that the said Wright should "pay over promptly all moneys so collected by you to the parties legally entitled to the same, and, if necessary, go to the Indian country and tender the same to such such soldier, or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the rules prescribed by this Department for its collection—you to take the receipt of such claimant, witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or in case the money is not, for any cause, paid over within the period of four months from date of its receipt, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior, and that in all cases you faithfully conform, in the collection of claims, to such rules as have, or may be hereafter, prescribed by this Department."

In reply to a letter of inquiry from this Office, the Paymaster General, on the 19th of October last, reports that the payments to the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, through John W. Wright, special agent, on account of back pay, bounty, and additional bounty, amounted to \$323,819.40.

Failing to comply with the stipulations of his bond, to file receipts in this office for payments made by him within four months from the date of receipt of the money, or deposit the money in his hands with the Secretary of the Interior, the attention of Mr. Wright was called to his dereliction. In a letter addressed to Commissioner Bogy, of date December 26, 1866, speaking of the Indian country, he says: "I have been there myself, and paid them about \$150,000."

Commissioner Bogy, February 2, 1867, informed Secretary Browning that Mr. Wright had not complied with the conditions of his bond.

Hon. W. T. Otto, Acting Secretary, May 24, 1867, instructed Commissioner Taylor to adhere to the rule established by the late Secretary of the Interior, that all moneys due the Indians shall be paid to them through the duly accredited agents of the Department without abatement, and to inform Mr. Wright that he was expected to file in the Indian Office the requisite papers conformably to the terms of his bond, and to take proper steps for having the money in question paid to the Indians entitled thereto through the agents for those tribes.

Commissioner Taylor wrote to Mr. Wright May 26, 1867, informing him of the Acting Secretary's decision, and notifying him to comply with the conditions of his bond, &c. Mr. Wright replied May 28, 1867, promising to furnish the information; &c., called for by the Commissioner.

Thus the matter stood, Wright failing to render the account called for until July 28, 1869, when, by direction of the honorable Secretary, this Office again called the attention of Mr. Wright to his delinquency, and requested him to render an account and settle up his affairs with the Government without further delay.

It was not until August 11 and 12, 1869, that any receipts were filed in this Office for payments made by him.

These receipts and lists filed by Mr. Wright have been examined, and the following statement relative to the same is made:

1st. There are 1,606 receipts, of which the following is a correct copy:

"No. —.

"Received of John W. Wright eighty-five dollars, in full of my bounty, as provided

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for by resolution of Congress, as private in Company — of the — Regiment of Indian Home Guards.

“Attest :

“_____”
“_____”

Sixteen hundred and six vouchers for \$100 bounty, less \$15 fee in each case, amounts to \$136,500. There are two other vouchers in the same form but for different amounts—one, No. 1891, Company D, Third Regiment, for \$96, and one, No. 2133, Company I, First Regiment, for \$131.04, making the total amount alleged to have been paid to be \$136,737.04.

Accompanying these vouchers are three lists of soldiers alleged to have been paid, in all 1619, eleven more than there are receipts for, which, at \$85 each, show a difference between the amount of the vouchers and the accompanying list of \$935.

From the foregoing statement it appears that Mr. Wright has received from the Government on account of back pay, bounty, and additional bounty, the sum of \$323,819.40, and paid out, according to the vouchers, \$136,737.04, leaving a balance of \$187,082.36 unaccounted for.

The following statement, however, is made relative to the vouchers filed :

There are 94 vouchers witnessed by the United States Indian agent, but by no United States Indian interpreter.

There are thirty-three vouchers which are attested by but one witness.

Voucher No. 465, Company A, Second Regiment, is not signed by the payee.

Voucher No. 159, Company E, Second Regiment, is not attested by any witness.

Voucher 1272, Company A; 1270, Company E; and 1297, Company E, First Regiment, appear to be signed in the handwriting of John B. Wright, one of the attesting witnesses.

Voucher No. 323, Company D, Third Regiment, the payee's name appears to be in the handwriting of Josh Ross, one of the attesting witnesses.

Though the vouchers referred to above are invalidated by their special exceptions, it is further submitted that all of the said vouchers are in derogation of established commercial law and usage in this, to wit :

1st. There is no time or place given when and where the same were executed.

2d. It does not appear by the said vouchers for what bounty they were given, whether for the original bounty of 1861 or the additional bounty of 1865, being given “in full for my bounty as provided for by resolution of Congress.”

By the indorsements on the back of the lists accompanying the vouchers, they purport to have been given in satisfaction of the bounty of 1861, but the receipts of themselves do not show this fact.

It is further submitted that none of the said vouchers were executed in accordance with the covenants of the said Wright's bond to the Government, and the instructions of this Department :

1st. The bond provides that he shall “within four months from the time of the receipt of any sum of money collected by him for any soldier, or his heirs, pay over the amount so received to such person.”

The receipts, as heretofore stated, do not show upon their face when they were executed.

2d. It is further stipulated in the bond that “in case said money is not paid over within the time aforesaid (within four months from date of receipt) the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior.

No such deposit was ever made with the Department.

3d. The receipts taken were required by the conditions of the bond to be witnessed by the United States Indian agents and interpreters of the several tribes. Ninety-four of the said receipts, as heretofore stated, were executed in the presence of the Indian agent. The others, when attested at all, are witnessed by persons unknown to the bond, and in violation of its stipulations.

It is further observed that none of the vouchers signed by + appear to have been executed by the payees, but by one of the attesting witnesses. The payees may have acknowledged and assented to the execution as their mark, and the proceeding may have been entirely honest, yet it was irregular and illegal.

It is further reported that Captain F. A. Baldwin, a United States Seminole Indian agent, under date of September 1, 1869, transmitted to this office sixteen affidavits of Seminole Indians, which are now on file in this office, representing that they had delivered to Mr. Wright their discharges, and taken receipts therefor, and charging that they, severally, had called upon him, at different times in 1867 and 1868, for their bounty, and were informed by him that he had never collected their bounties, and had no funds, and that none had ever been turned over to him for the payment of the same.

A report was made to you July 30, 1869, recommending that you request the honorable Secretary of War and the honorable Secretary of the Treasury to direct that no applications for bounty and back pay, by attorneys, be considered by their respective

Departments unless the same are authorized by this Office, and that all correspondence relative to claims due and allowed for military services by Indians be transmitted through this Office, and that similar directions be given to the Commissioner of Pensions.

The above recommendations were approved by you August 2, 1869, and the Treasury and War Departments, and the Pension Office, were advised accordingly.

On the 12th of October another report was made to you, in which recommendation was made that the honorable Secretary of War and the honorable Secretary of the Treasury be requested to instruct the proper Bureaus under their jurisdiction, in all cases of bounty and back pay accruing to Indian soldiers, or their heirs, or legal representatives, to remit to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the amount due and payable, less the fees allowed by law in similar cases of white soldiers, such fees to be paid by the respective Bureaus to the attorneys representing the claims, who have been authorized by this Office: and that similar directions be given to the Commissioner of Pensions, relative to claims for pensions due to Indians on account of military services.

The recommendations above were approved by you on the 13th of October last, and the Departments and Bureau named were so advised by you.

Since that date checks have been drawn payable to the claimants for the amounts due them on account of back pay and bounty, less the fee paid to Mr. Wright, and sent to this Office. They are then sent to the Indian agents, to be paid to the persons entitled to them.

There is no evidence in this Office that any money was paid to Mr. Wright on account of pensions.

The report from the Third Auditor shows that the pensioners receipted for their money.

The number of checks drawn for back pay and bounty is two hundred and ninety-seven, and the amount thus paid to soldiers through this Office is \$22,830. The amount of fees on the same paid to Mr. Wright is \$4,170.

As the said Wright, on the 25th day of May, 1867, was, has since been, and now is, in default to the Government, by a non-compliance with his bond of July 11, 1856, and the terms of his appointment as special agent under the same, it is submitted that he should be immediately notified to render to this Department a full and explicit account for all moneys paid him as back pay and bounty due the said Indians.

That the accounting officers of the Government should be notified of his defalcation, and to withhold his fees until there is a satisfactory settlement with this Office.

That the proper Indian agents be notified that the said Wright is no longer an agent of the Government to collect back pay and bounty money, and that they take steps to prevent any more Indian claims being put into his hands for collection.

That upon failure to immediately report a satisfactory statement of his Indian account with the Government, he should at once be sued upon his bond for the recovery of the penalty, or for any and all damages sustained by his defalcation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. Cox,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 264 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., May 25, 1870.

SIR: I have received your letter of yesterday, furnishing a statement of the amounts received by John W. Wright, esq., under his letter and appointment and instructions from Mr. Secretary Harlan, as special agent to collect claims for the Indians, when authorized by the claimants so to do, and to pay over to them the money so collected, upon certain conditions.

It appears from a report made to you on the 19th day of October last, by the Paymaster General, that payments had been made to Mr. Wright for the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, on account of back pay, bounty, and additional bounty, amounting to \$323,819.40, and it seems that Mr. Wright, although thereunto repeatedly called upon, did not, until the 11th and 12th days of August last, file any receipts in your Office for payments made by him. From your statement it appears that there is a balance of \$187,082.36 still in Mr. Wright's hands, wholly unaccounted for, and that some of the receipts and vouchers have not been executed in the mode required by the Secretary's instructions to him.

You will immediately inform Mr. Wright that longer delay in the adjustment of his

account cannot be allowed, and that on his failure to file receipts satisfactorily accounting to you for the moneys due to the Indians and received by him, the case will be submitted to the proper law officer of the Government for legal proceedings against him and his sureties.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. CON,
Secretary.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 265 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
May 28, 1870.

SIR: You were appointed by, and received instructions from, late Secretary Harlan, July 11, 1866, as special agent to collect claims for Indians, and gave bond to the Government in the sum of \$100,000 for the faithful performance of the trust confided to you.

Among other things your bond requires that you shall pay over promptly all moneys collected by you to the parties legally entitled to the same, and take receipts of such claimants, witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such claimant belongs, and file said receipts with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or, in case the money is not, for any cause, paid over within the period of four months from the date of its receipt, the same is to be deposited by you with the Secretary of the Interior. No such deposit has been made by you, and notwithstanding you were repeatedly called upon by this Office to render an account and file receipts showing the collections and disbursements made by you, and your reply in writing, May 28, 1867, promising so to do, it was not until August 11 and 12, 1869, that any receipts were filed in this Office, or account rendered showing payments made by you.

It appears from a report by the Paymaster General of October 19, 1869, that payments have been made to you for the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, on account of back pay, bounty, and additional bounty, amounting to \$323,819.40, and it also appears that the vouchers filed by you only amount to \$136,737.04, leaving a balance in your hands for which you do not purport to account of \$187,082.36.

I would state in this connection that nearly all of the vouchers filed are irregular, not being executed in the mode required by your bond and the Secretary's instructions.

I am directed by the honorable Secretary of the Interior to inform you that longer delay in the adjustment of your account cannot be allowed, and that on your failure to file receipts in this Office, satisfactorily accounting for the moneys due to the Indians and received by you, the case will be submitted to the proper law officer of the Government for legal proceedings against you and your sureties.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 20, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and in response to the statements and demand therein made I have to say:

That in 1865 I received formal powers of attorney from the members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of the Indian Home Guards to claim and receive for them the bounty provided by law for United States volunteers, but which had been refused to them by repeated decisions of the War Department.

My clients were chiefly Indians, but some were negroes and some whites. While prosecuting their claims, in July, 1866, I was called upon by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior to accept an agency from the Interior Department to act for my clients, and to report to it from time to time, turning over receipts and unclaimed bounties or arrears of pay to it.

Not caring to dispute the right of the Department to exact this of me, I on the 11th of July, 1866, accepted the instructions, and gave the bond referred to in your letter. You will observe, on examining those instructions, that the Department did

not assume to do more than give its assent to the powers which had been, or might thereafter be, given me in due form by the individual soldiers entitled to the bounties and arrears of pay. In pursuance of the requirements of the Department I turned over to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, early in 1867, about \$10,000, due privates of said regiments, which had been paid me on powers of attorney, and for which I received to the Paymaster General. Over half of this money was embezzled by one Davis, who was appointed to disburse it, and who filed in the Indian Office receipts in the names of the several claimants, witnessed by himself and one Guliger, which receipts I am prepared to prove are forgeries.

The claimants complained to me that their moneys were never paid them, and I made known their complaints to the Hon. Mr. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; but the amounts embezzled were not recovered.

I then consulted eminent counsel as to my legal responsibilities to my clients and to the Department. I inclose herewith a copy of his opinion, in which he advised me that a payment by me to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of moneys received by me as attorney for individual soldiers of those regiments did not cancel my obligation to my clients, or make the United States responsible for payments by the Commissioner or his agents to the claimants, and that every act or claim of control by the Department over the business of collecting or paying the moneys was extra-official and invalid.

I had, and have, entire confidence in the soundness of that opinion, and, therefore, shall be governed in closing this business by my own sense of duty to my clients, complying with instructions from the Department on the subject just so far as it may seem to me I can do so in justice to myself and my clients.

In 1868 the Hon. Mr. Browning, Secretary of the Interior, called on me to account to the Department for the moneys received as attorney for said soldiers; and I exhibited my books and papers to an officer designated by him to examine them, at the same time protesting that the Department had no right to control the business. While no formal decision was made on the subject, the Secretary became satisfied that the business was honestly and properly conducted, and that he had no authority to interfere with it.

In your letter above referred to you call my attention to the fact that the receipts I submitted to your inspection amount to near \$200,000 less than the amounts paid me by the Paymaster General.

In response to this I have only to say that I distinctly stated when I submitted them that those receipts were only for *first* bounties of living soldiers, and that I still held all receipts for second bounties and for both bounties to representatives of deceased soldiers, which I would submit when the first lot of receipts were gone through with. You further say that the receipts were many of them informal, in not having been witnessed by the Indian agents.

I have only to say, in reply, that whenever it was possible I complied with the requirement of the Department on this point; but it was not possible to get the agents to travel over the Territory to witness the payments. Yet the payments were duly made and receipts taken by me in presence of reliable witnesses, as I am prepared to satisfy you, or to prove in any form in which the fact may be questioned.

I desire to show to the Department that this whole business has been conducted by me promptly, honestly, and to the satisfaction of my clients; and for that purpose respectfully request that a capable officer be detailed to inspect my books and papers, and report on the state of the business and the manner in which it has been conducted. I have nothing whatever to conceal or apologize for.

After such examination shall have been made, perhaps some plan can be adopted satisfactory to all concerned by which the Department will take the unfinished business, including moneys and drafts unclaimed, off my hands, which would be a result highly acceptable to me.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. ELY S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 236 D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 2, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and, in response to the statements and demands therein made, I have to say:

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Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. ELY S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 267 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., June 10, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to refer to your letter to this Office dated October 17, 1869, in which you state that payment had been made to John W. Wright, special agent for back pay, bounty, and additional bounty due members of the First, Second, and Third Indian Home Guard Regiments, amounting to \$323,819.40, and to respectfully request that you will inform me whether since that date any payment has been made to said Wright in behalf of said regiments, other than fees of which this Office has been notified when the checks in favor of the claimants entitled were transmitted, or whether the amount mentioned in your letter of October 19, 1869, embraces all payments made to said Wright in behalf of Indian soldiers, except the fees referred to?

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

W. F. CADY,
Acting Commissioner.

B. W. BRICE,
Paymaster General U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

[Endorsements to the above.]

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, June 10, 1870.

INDIAN AFFAIRS, W. F. CADY, *Acting Commissioner:*

Referring to Paymaster General's letter dated October 19, 1869, in which is stated the amount (\$323,819.40) paid to John W. Wright, special agent for back pay, bounty, and additional bounty of members of First, Second, and Third Indian Home Guard Regiments, requests to be informed whether since that date any payments have been made to said Wright in behalf of said regiments, other than fees of which this Office has been notified, or whether the amount mentioned embraces all payments to him, except the fees referred to.

Received, Paymaster General's Office, June 11, 1870.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
June 14, 1870.

Respectfully returned to the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The payments reported as made to John W. Wright, in letter from this Office of 19th October, 1869, were payments made to him for claims of Indian Home Guards settled in this Office in its division of referred claims. In addition to these payments Treasury certificates amounting in all to \$96,935.02 in his favor as attorney for heirs of deceased members of these Indian organizations, were issued by Second Auditor of the Treasury and cashed by the paymaster assigned to such duty in Washington. These certificates were so issued and cashed during the years 1867 and 1868 and down to 14th April, 1869, since which date no payments have been made him on such certificates except for fees in cases where claimants' checks were forwarded to Commissioner of Indian Affairs. It is possible also that some payments may have been made Mr. Wright early in 1867 by Major Wm. B. Rochester, then stationed in Washington, but who for the last three years has been absent on distant service. Major Rochester has lately returned to Washington for duty, but has not yet received his old records and papers from his last station; as soon as these are received a further examination will be made, and if other payments to Mr. Wright are found they will be reported.

B. W. BRICE,
Paymaster General.

No. 268 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., June 10, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to refer to your letter to this Office dated October 19, 1869, in which you state that payment had been made to John W. Wright, special agent, for back pay, bounty, and additional bounty, due members of the First, Second, and Third Indian Home Guard Regiments, amounting to \$323,819.40, and to respectfully request that you will inform me whether since that date any payment has been made to said Wright in behalf of said regiments, other than fees, of which this Office has been

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notified when the checks in favor of the claimants entitled were transmitted; or whether the amount mentioned in your letter of October 19, 1869, embraces all payments made to said Wright in behalf of Indian soldiers, except the fees referred to?

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W. F. CADY,
Acting Commissioner.

B. W. BRICE,
Paymaster General United States Army, Washington, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

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June 14, 1870.

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It is possible also that some payments may have been made Mr. Wright early in 1867, by Major William B. Rochester, then stationed in Washington, but who for the last three years has been absent on distant service. Major Rochester has lately returned to Washington for duty, but has not yet received his old records and papers from his last station. As soon as these are received a further examination will be made, and if other payments to Mr. Wright are found they will be reported.

B. W. BRICE,
Paymaster General.

No. 269 D.

Received of Brevet Major J. N. Craig, United States Army, United States Indian agent Cherokee Nation, the following drafts of the assistant treasurer of the United States at New York:

1. February	2, 1870.	24, 760	Penne-fix-e-ko.....	\$85 00
2. February	2, 1870.	24, 762	Penne-ma-sah.....	85 00
3. February	2, 1870.	24, 764	Ah-ho-la-fix-e-ko.....	85 00
4. February	2, 1870.	24, 768	As-tipp-be.....	85 00
5. February	2, 1870.	24, 770	Fa-ma-keh.....	85 00
6. February	2, 1870.	24, 776	Sat-tee-ha-goh.....	85 00
7. February	2, 1870.	24, 778	Osa-ya-ho-la.....	85 00
8. February	2, 1870.	24, 782	No-los-se-ma-rah.....	85 00
9. February	3, 1870.	24, 786	Tul-ke-ya-ho-lah.....	85 00
10. February	3, 1870.	24, 792	Nancy Marshall.....	85 00
11. February	3, 1870.	24, 794	Nau-ny.....	85 00
12. February	3, 1870.	24, 796	Tick-ta na-tee.....	85 00
13. February	3, 1870.	24, 802	Le-wah-hok-te.....	85 00
14. February	3, 1870.	24, 812	Sup-ho-kee.....	85 00
15. February	3, 1870.	24, 814	Salley.....	85 00
16. February	3, 1870.	24, 816	Ok-gou-ha-joh.....	85 00
17. February	3, 1870.	24, 818	Ne-ha-ya-ha-lah.....	85 00
18. February	3, 1870.	24, 820	Char-cher-mek-ko.....	85 00
19. February	3, 1870.	24, 822	Kel-lah.....	85 00
20. February	3, 1870.	24, 824	Ko-mab-ko-geh.....	85 00
21. February	3, 1870.	24, 826	Fa-ya-ha-lah.....	85 00
22. February	3, 1870.	24, 828	Ya-ha-la-ha-goh.....	85 00
23. February	3, 1870.	24, 996	Thomas Butler.....	85 00
24. February	3, 1870.	24, 830	Wak-see-ho-la-tah.....	85 00
25. February	28, 1870.	24, 608	Win-na.....	85 00
26. February	28, 1870.	24, 610	Eliza.....	85 00
27. February	28, 1870.	24, 612	Jas-seh.....	85 00
28. February	28, 1870.	24, 614	Coh-see-ah-to-ho-lo.....	85 00
29. February	28, 1870.	24, 616	Ko-ko-thlo-na.....	85 00
30. February	28, 1870.	24, 618	Wik-chi-gha.....	85 00
31. February	28, 1870.	24, 620	Ken-sah.....	85 00
32. February	28, 1870.	24, 622	Louisa.....	85 00

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33. February 28, 1870.	24, 624	He-ah.....	\$5 00
34. February 28, 1870.	24, 626	Co-tow-see.....	5 00
35. February 28, 1870.	24, 628	Sally.....	5 00
36. February 28, 1870.	24, 630	Wah-te-thla.....	5 00
37. February 28, 1870.	24, 632	Sa-con-wee.....	5 00
38. February 28, 1870.	24, 634	Wen-sen-nee.....	5 00
39. February 28, 1870.	24, 636	Martha Rogers.....	5 00
40. February 28, 1870.	24, 638	Te-th-lic-ke.....	5 00
41. February 28, 1870.	24, 640	Ready McIntosh.....	5 00
42. February 28, 1870.	24, 642	Tuck-we-hick-chee.....	5 00
43. February 28, 1870.	24, 644	Meck-ko-fix-e-ko.....	5 00
44. February 28, 1870.	24, 646	Pit-tee.....	5 00
45. February 28, 1870.	24, 648	Pok-of-lost-spon-na.....	5 00
46. February 28, 1870.	24, 650	I-ya-bee.....	5 00
47. February 28, 1870.	24, 653	Rachel Yarcher.....	5 00
48. February 28, 1870.	24, 654	Sa-nee.....	5 00
49. February 28, 1870.	24, 656	Sampson Steadhim.....	5 00
50. February 28, 1870.	24, 658	Tif-fey.....	5 00
51. February 28, 1870.	24, 660	Louive-sa.....	5 00
52. February 28, 1870.	24, 662	Ann Brown.....	5 00
53. February 28, 1870.	24, 664	Molly.....	5 00
54. February 28, 1870.	24, 666	Se-mor-ta.....	5 00
55. February 28, 1870.	24, 668	Fow-we-chee.....	5 00
56. February 28, 1870.	24, 670	Mis-teh-a-kee.....	5 00
57. February 28, 1870.	24, 672	Ish-chin-lah.....	5 00
58. March 3, 1870.	25, 040	Wah-se-har-pi-che.....	5 00
59. March 7, 1870.	25, 234	John-nee.....	5 00
60. March 18, 1870.	25, 903	Sampson second.....	5 00
61. March 18, 1870.	25, 905	Gow-ne-las-th.....	5 00
62. March 18, 1870.	25, 907	Tilda.....	5 00
63. March 21, 1870.	26, 008	Sike.....	40 00
64. March 21, 1870.	26, 010	David Sigamon.....	40 00
65. March 21, 1870.	26, 027	Fostah.....	5 00
66. March 21, 1870.	26, 029	Adam.....	5 00
67. March 21, 1870.	26, 031	Diana.....	40 00
68. March 21, 1870.	26, 033	Sila.....	40 00
69. March 21, 1870.	26, 035	Te-tah-na.....	5 00
70. March 21, 1870.	26, 037	Sam-wee.....	5 00
71. March 21, 1870.	26, 039	Thla-kee.....	5 00
72. March 21, 1870.	26, 041	Coh-ta-nay.....	5 00
73. March 21, 1870.	26, 057	Mah-teh.....	40 00
74. March 21, 1870.	26, 059	Show-nee.....	40 00
75. March 21, 1870.	26, 061	Faha-Jo second.....	40 00
76. March 26, 1870.	26, 273	John Sheah.....	5 00
77. March 26, 1870.	26, 302	John Harrison.....	5 00
78. March 26, 1870.	26, 306	John W. Perryman.....	40 00
79. April 16, 1870.	28, 129	Se-mo-whio.....	5 00
80. April 16, 1870.	28, 135	Mrs. Cuita.....	5 00
81. April 16, 1870.	28, 145	Mrs. Pinsa.....	5 00
82. April 16, 1870.	28, 149	Mrs. Tick-luni-mi-gie.....	5 00
83. April 16, 1870.	28, 151	Mrs. Yah-nee.....	5 00
84. April 16, 1870.	28, 153	Mrs. Pee-con-thla.....	5 00
85. April 16, 1870.	28, 155	Mrs. Lizzie.....	5 00
86. April 16, 1870.	28, 157	Lucinda Grayson.....	5 00
87. April 16, 1870.	28, 161	Mrs. Watsee.....	5 00
88. April 16, 1870.	28, 127	Mrs. Sine-kee.....	5 00

F. A. FIELD,

Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent. Ch. Nation.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, June 14, 1870.

No. 270 D.

Received at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, this 14th day of June, 1870, of Brevet Major John N. Craig, United States Army, Cherokee agent, eighty-eight checks of Paymaster Hodge, United States Army, for bounty money due the members of the First Indian Regiment Home Guards, (Creeks.)

F. A. FIELD,

Captain, United States Army, Ch. Agent.

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UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEE INDIANS,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, June 14, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to report my arrival at Fort Gibson with moneys for Cherokees, and for agents of Creeks and Chickasaws, and United States paymaster's checks for bounties due for service in First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards.

The moneys due Creeks and Chickasaws have been paid into the hauds of Agents Field and Olmstead, and the checks for members of the First Regiment, eighty-eight in number, have been transferred to Captain Field in accordance with instructions, and his receipt is herewith forwarded.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN N. CRAIG,

Brevet Major, United States Army, Agent for Cherokees.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Received of Brevet Major John N. Craig, United States Army, United States Indian agent Cherokee Nation, this 14th day of June, 1870, the following drafts on the assistant treasurer of the United States at New York:

1.	February 28, 1870.	24,608	Winua	\$85 00
2.	do	24,610	Eliza	85 00
3.	do	24,612	Jassch	85 00
4.	do	24,614	Cah-see-ah-to-ho-lo	85 00
5.	do	24,616	Ko-ko-thle-na	85 00
6.	do	24,618	Wik-che-gha	85 00
7.	do	24,620	Ken-sah	85 00
8.	do	24,622	Louisa	85 00
9.	do	24,624	He-ah	85 00
10.	do	24,626	Co-tow-see	85 00
11.	do	24,628	Sally	85 00
12.	do	24,630	Wah-to-thla	85 00
13.	do	24,632	Sa-con-wee	85 00
14.	do	24,634	Wen-sen-nee	85 00
15.	do	24,636	Martha Rogers	85 00
16.	do	24,638	Te-th-lie-kee	85 00
17.	do	24,640	Ready McIntosh	85 00
18.	do	24,642	Tuck-we-hick-chee	85 00
19.	do	24,644	Meck-ko-fix-e-ko	85 00
20.	do	24,646	Pit-tee	85 00
21.	do	24,648	Pok-of-lost-spon-na	85 00
22.	do	24,650	I-ya-bee	85 00
23.	do	24,652	Rachel Yarcher	85 00
24.	do	24,654	Sa-nee	85 00
25.	do	24,656	Sampson Steadhim	85 00
26.	do	24,658	Tif-fey	85 00
27.	do	24,660	Lon-we-sa	85 00
28.	do	24,662	Aun Brown	85 00
29.	do	24,664	Molly	85 00
30.	do	24,666	La-mar-ta	85 00
31.	do	24,668	Fow-wee-chee	85 00
32.	do	24,670	Mis-teh-a-kee	85 00
33.	do	24,672	Ish-chin-lah	85 00
34.	February 2, 1870.	24,760	Penne-fixe-koh	85 00
35.	do	24,762	Pen-ne-ma-sah	85 00
36.	do	24,764	Ah-ho-lla-fix-e-kah	85 00
37.	do	24,768	As-lipp-be	85 00
38.	do	24,770	Fo-mah-kih	85 00
39.	do	24,776	Lat-tee-ha-goh	85 00
40.	do	24,778	Osa-ya-ho-la	85 00
41.	do	24,782	No-los-se-ma-rah	85 00
42.	February 3, 1870.	24,786	Tul-ke-ya-ho-lah	85 00
43.	do	24,792	Nancy Marshall	85 00
44.	do	24,794	Nanny	85 00
45.	do	24,796	Tick-ta-na-tee	85 00
46.	do	24,802	Le-wah-hok-tee	85 00
47.	do	24,812	Sup-ho-kee	85 00
48.	do	24,814	Sal-ley	85 00
49.	do	24,816	Ok-gou-ha-giho	85 00

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50.do.....	24,818	Ne-ha-ya-ho-loh.....	\$85 00
51.do.....	24,820	Char-cher-mik-ko.....	85 00
52.do.....	24,822	Kel-lah.....	85 00
53. ....do.....	24,824	Ko-mask-go-geh.....	85 00
54. ....do.....	24,826	Fa-ya-hol-lah.....	85 00
55. ....do.....	24,828	Ya-ha-la-ha-goh.....	85 00
56. ....do.....	24,830	Wox-see-ho-la-teh.....	85 00
57. ....do.....	24,996	Thomas Butler.....	85 00
58. March 3, 1870....	25,040	Wax-se-har-jo-chee.....	85 00
59. March 7, 1870....	25,234	John-nee.....	185 00
60. March 18, 1870...	25,903	Sampson 2d.....	75 00
61. ....do.....	25,905	Gow-ne-llos-th.....	85 00
62. ....do.....	25,907	Tilda.....	85 00
63. March 21, 1870...	26,008	Sike.....	40 00
64. ....do.....	26,010	David Sagamon.....	40 00
65. ....do.....	26,027	Fos-tah.....	75 00
66. ....do.....	26,029	Adam.....	75 00
67. ....do.....	26,031	Diana.....	40 00
68. ....do.....	26,033	Sila.....	40 00
69. ....do.....	26,035	Te-tah-na.....	85 00
70. ....do.....	26,037	Sum-wec.....	75 00
71. ....do.....	26,039	Thla-kee.....	75 00
72. ....do.....	26,057	Mah-tee.....	40 00
73. ....do.....	26,041	Coh-ta-noy.....	75 00
74. ....do.....	26,061	Fa-haryo 2d.....	40 00
75. ....do.....	26,059	Show-nee.....	40 00
76. March 26, 1870....	26,302	John Harrison.....	75 00
77. ....do.....	26,306	John W. Perryman.....	40 00
78. ....do.....	26,273	John Sheah.....	85 00
79. April 16, 1870....	28,129	Se-mo-wheo.....	75 00
80. ....do.....	28,135	Mrs. Cuita.....	75 00
81. ....do.....	28,145	Mrs. Pinsa.....	75 00
82. ....do.....	28,149	Mrs. Tick-lum-mi-gie.....	85 00
83. ....do.....	28,151	Mrs. Yah-mee.....	85 00
84. ....do.....	28,153	Mrs. Pe-con-thla.....	85 00
85. ....do.....	28,155	Mrs. Lizzie.....	85 00
86. ....do.....	28,157	Lucinda Grayson.....	85 00
87. ....do.....	28,161	Mrs. Wat-see.....	85 00
88. ....do.....	28,127	Mrs. Stue-kee.....	85 00

F. A. FIELD,

Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent Ch. Nation.

FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY, June 14, 1870.

No. 271 D.

CREEK AGENCY, June 15, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 19th ultimo through Agent Craig. In acknowledgment of said communication I herewith inclose a copy of my receipt given to Major Craig.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. FIELD,

Captain, United States Army, Indian Agent.

HON. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Statement of amount of paymasters' checks delivered to Major Craig, United States agent for Cherokees. Said checks being in payment of additional bounty to First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards.

Inclosed in letters to Captain Field, United States agent, Creek agency, per Major Craig, United States agent for Cherokees:

First Regiment, Indian Home Guards.

79 checks for \$85 each.....	\$6,715
8 checks for \$40 each.....	320
1 check for \$185.....	185
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	\$7,220

Inclosed in letters to Major Craig, United States agent for Cherokees.

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Second and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards.

1 check for \$135.....	\$135
49 checks for \$40 each.....	1,960
159 checks for \$85 each.....	13,515
	\$15,610
Amount of checks delivered to Major Craig in letters dated May 19, 1870	22,830

Received, Washington, D. C., May 21, 1870, of Ely S. Parker, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the letters and inclosures as set forth in the above statement, the checks therein mentioned being drawn by J. Ledyard Hodge, paymaster, United States Army, on the assistant treasurer of the United States, New York, the dates, numbers, and payees of the same being given in the letters inclosing the same.

Those directed to Agent Field to be delivered to him with inclosures,

JNO. N. CRAIG,

Brevet Major, United States Army, United States Indian Agent.

No. 272 D.

WASHINGTON, June 23, 1870.

SIR: Your letter of the 18th instant is before me, and I cannot but be surprised at the persistency with which you urge me to that which I have no right to do. This must result from an imperfect knowledge of the facts, and my liability in the case; and that they may be fully understood it may be as well to again briefly state them.

The law gave the members of the First, Second, and Third Indian Regiments a bounty of one hundred dollars each, subject to the same regulations that govern members of white regiments. I was employed by these soldiers as their agent or attorney to collect their bounty money and to pay it over to them.

I did not act as the special agent of the Indian Bureau, but was only recognized by your Office to do that which I could have done without such recognition; for, under the law, it had no control of the matter. My duties and liabilities were precisely the same as though they were white men for whom I acted in the same capacity.

This view of the case was concurred in by the Hon. O. H. Browning, then the Secretary of the Interior, as will be seen from the following copy of a letter written by that officer to the Secretary of War on the subject, now on the records of the Interior Department:

" DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

" Washington, October 28, 1870.

" SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, relative to the payment of additional bounty to the three Indian regiments.

" The joint resolution referred to, approved June 18, 1866, (14 Stat., 360,) provides: 'that the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be paid to the enlisted men of the First, Second, and Third Indian Regiments the bounty of one hundred dollars, under the same regulations and restrictions as now determine the payment of bounty to other volunteers in the service of the United States.'

" It will be perceived that the bounty is to be paid under the direction of the Secretary of War to the enlisted men, under the same regulations and instructions as determine the payment of bounty to other volunteers in the service of the United States. The payment is to be made to them as discharged soldiers, who have served in the Army of the United States, and not as Indians, and the law does not authorize this Department to assume any control whatever over the payment, or over the money, either before or after it shall have been paid.

" Very respectfully, &c.,

"O. H. BROWNING,

"Secretary of Interior.

" Hon. SECRETARY OF WAR."

It is true that previous to this official view of the case, I did pay into the Indian Bureau, under protest, an amount of money as stated in a former letter, which I understand has been paid to the Indians entitled to receive it, and for which I am still liable.

You cannot fail perceiving why it is that I do not wish to incur that liability by paying the money now in my hands, belonging to those who employed me to collect it, to persons not authorized to receive it.

If the Indian Bureau can procure the authority of those to whom the money belongs, to receive, and to give a release against any liability, I shall take great pleasure in relieving myself of responsibility by payment to you.

Some time ago I submitted receipts for a large amount of money of the first bounty paid my clients to the inspection of your Bureau. Those receipts are my vouchers to establish the faithful performance of my duty to my clients. I respectfully ask that they may be returned to me for preservation.

In your recent letter to me you say "that recent and additional complaints in relation to this matter come in from the Indian country, which are of such character as made the Department feel extremely urgent that this business should be brought to a close."

Now, in justice to myself, I ask that the Department furnish me with copies of these charges, so that I may refute them, as I am confident I can successfully do.

In a previous communication, submitted by me to the Department, I proposed that it should select some competent person to examine the accounts and receipts between me and the persons for whom I am acting, so that it may be satisfied that the business had been properly transacted; but as the Department declines the request, my proposition may be regarded as withdrawn.

I am now and always shall be prepared to pay over every cent of money collected by me to the persons entitled to receive it; and I am making every possible exertion to find the persons to whom I can safely pay it. The amount now in my hands (money and drafts) is about \$20,000.

I can assure you that I am as anxious as you can be that this whole matter shall be satisfactorily arranged; but I submit to your sense of justice whether or not I should not protect myself against any future liability to those who employed me to collect their money and to pay over to them the money to which they are entitled.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

J. W. WRIGHT

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 273 D.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, June 24, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith the discharge-papers and checks in settlement of bounty-claims of twelve Indians, members of the Fourteenth Kansas Regiment.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. LEDYARD HODGE,
Paymaster United States Army.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 274 D.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, July 7, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith the discharges and checks in settlement of bounty-claims of nineteen Indians, members of the Fourteenth Kansas Cavalry.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. LEDYARD HODGE,
Paymaster United States Army.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 275 D.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, July 22, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication inclosing checks of Paymaster Hodge, United States Army, numbered 33317 and 33796, for \$85

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each, payable respectively to Nancy Riley, widow of John Riley, Company E, and Mary Gage, mother of Ross Adair, Company E, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, with instructions for payment to the persons entitled.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN N. CRAIG,
Brevet Major, United States Army.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 276 D.

Memoranda of information and papers furnished to Commissioner July 23, 1866.

Joint resolution No. 52, approved June 18, 1866, (Stat. at Large, vol. 14, p. 360.) provides for payment of bounties to members of the First, Second, and Third Indian Regiments.

John W. Wright's appointment as special agent, &c., dated July 11, 1866. Copy understood to be in the hands of Commissioner. This appointment by the Secretary. His bond was filed in the Indian Office July 12, 1866. Copy herewith. Don't find any instructions to Wright after his bond was filed.

Herewith is the report of George C. Whiting, special agent, to pay certain moneys to Indians in the Indian Territory, and papers connected therewith; also sundry correspondence with Department of Interior, J. W. Wright, and others, relative to matters connected with the agency of said Wright for the collection of moneys due Indian soldiers, and paying the same over to the persons entitled to the same.

Correspondence herewith with sundry officers of the War and Treasury Departments has been confined mainly to requests for lists of payments made to certain Indian soldiers, which were furnished.

Find no letter from Secretary written in February, 1867, requiring settlement of Wright's accounts, but think the letter herewith, of May 24, 1867, may be the one referred to.

Don't find in this Office the opinion of T. Ewing referred to.

No. 277 D.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, July 26, 1870.

SIR: In compliance with your instructions, I have inclosed to Captain Field, agent for Creeks, check No. 25228, payable to Nul-ke-put-ke, Company B, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, and forward herewith his receipt therefor.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN N. CRAIG,
Captain, United States Army, Agent for Cherokees.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Received, Creek Agency, Indian Territory, July 25, 1870, of Major J. N. Craig, United States agent for Cherokee Indians, check of J. Ledyard Hodge, Paymaster United States Army, No. 25228, dated March 7, 1870, on assistant treasurer United States, New York, in favor of Nul-ke-put-ki for eighty-five dollars; also, discharge of Nul-ke-put-ki, of Company B, of First Regiment Indian Home Guards.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, Agent Cherokee Nation.

No. 278 D.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY, *June 27, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor to respectfully request that Captain F. A. Field be ordered to forward all bounties belonging to Seminoles to this agency, or that the bounties

being allowed for B, F, and K Companies, First Indian Regiment of Home Guards, be forwarded direct, as these companies were nearly all Seminoles.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,

Captain, United States Army, and Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 279 D.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, July, 1870.

SIR: In the matter of the applications made by Nancy Ben Sanders and Nannie Sanders, for pension as widows of Benjamin Sanders, late private in Company G, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, I have the honor to report that I have made the investigation as instructed in letter from your Office, dated June 22, 1870, and have ascertained that they were made at different times by the same person. The joint affidavit of J. B. Wright and S. H. Binge, witnesses respectively to the first and second declarations made by Nannie, or Nancy Ben Sanders, is herewith forwarded as additional evidence. She was identified by these witnesses in my presence.

It should be added, in explanation, that she does not understand English.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,

Brevet Major, United States Army.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 280 D.

OFFICE OF CREEK AGENT,

Creek Agency, Indian Territory, August 4, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith application of Sarah McGilbray for arrears of pay and other allowances, in compliance with instructions from your Office dated April 27, 1870.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. FIELD,

Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 281 D.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,

August 6, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to report that I have this day paid to the Absentee Shawnee Indians their bounty, as per instructions from your Office, which instructions have been carried out to the letter.

Inclosed please find individual receipts for discharge-certificates and check paid them.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,

Captain, United States Army, and Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

BEN. ^{his}
+
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

JACKET. ^{his}
+
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

JACKSON. ^{his}
+
mark.

Witnesses present:

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received of Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

LITTLE ^{his} + JOHNSON.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark:

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received of Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

BLACKFOOT. ^{his}
+
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

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SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received of Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

his
JOHN + DUCK.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark:
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received of Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

his
LONG + JIM.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark:
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

his
TA-KA-LE-MO. +
mark.

Witnesses present to mark:
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

his
DICK. +
mark.

Witnesses present to mark:
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

his
LITTLE + SPOON.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark:
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

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SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

MOSES ^{his} + SQUIRREL.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

ROCK. ^{his} +
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

RABBIT. ^{his} +
mark.

Witnesses present :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

POTATOES. ^{his} +
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

PECON. ^{his} +
mark.

Witnesses present :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY.

August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

KA-SE-CA. ^{his}
+
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY.

August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

MULE. ^{his}
+
mark.

Witnesses present to his mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,

August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received of Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

LAGOON. ^{his}
+
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY.

August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

JOHN ^{his}
+ HILL.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY.

August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

ROBERT ^{his}
+ DEER.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

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SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$85.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$85.

his
GEORGE + FISH.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
TA-CUM-LE-CA. +
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
JOHN + WELCH.
mark.

Witnesses present :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
STRONG + MAN.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
LITTLE + FISH
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,

August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
SPANISH + WILSON.
mark.

Witnesses to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,

August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my certificate of discharge from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
WILLIAM + WILSON.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,

August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
JOHN + LINSEY.
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,

August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
LA-LAW-PA. +
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,

August 6, 1870.

\$88.50.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$88.50.

his
WILD. + CAT.
mark.

Witnesses present :

J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

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SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
August 6, 1870.

Received from Captain T. A. Baldwin, United States Army and Indian agent, my discharge-certificate from the United States Army, and a check for my bounty, amounting to \$55.

his
SPAWNEY. +
mark.

Witnesses present to mark :
J. G. VORE.
JOHN SHIRLEY.

No. 281 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PENSION-OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., August 15, 1870.

SIR: Herewith please find inclosed a copy of a letter addressed to this Department by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 9th instant, and also a copy of a letter addressed to the Indian Office, under date of 25th July last, by Captain J. N. Craig, agent for the Cherokees at Fort Gibson.

Upon consideration of the statements made by Captain Craig, I have to direct that you immediately suspend the payment of all pensions at Fort Gibson, or elsewhere in the Indian Territory, until further orders from this Department.

You will also at once forward to Mr. J. W. Wright copies of the letters from the Indian Office and from Captain Craig herewith inclosed, and call upon Mr. Wright to explain the statements contained in Captain Craig's letter immediately.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, present.

No. 282 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., August 16, 1870.

SIR: In compliance with instructions of the Secretary of the Interior, under date of 15th instant, copies of letters from the Indian Office and from John N. Craig, captain United States Army, agent for Cherokees, are herewith transmitted to you, with request that you will immediately communicate to this Office an explanation of the statements contained in said letter of Captain Craig.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. TREVITT,
Acting Commissioner.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq., *Present.*

No. 283 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., August 17, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 16th is before me. I am glad to reply as you desire. As to the cases reported by Agent Craig I know nothing, except the cases were made out by my clerk about two years since and sent me, and filed in your Office. My directions were positive not to make out any claims that they did not believe to be genuine, and if two claimants appeared as widows of the same man, and it was doubtful who was the proper party, to make them both out and let your Office settle the question. Not knowing these parties, so as to testify, yet I have no doubt of the justice of these claims and the injustice of the United States officials in the delay in not allowing and paying them.

As to Agent Craig's remarks: 1st. As to the clerk of the court: he is a man of intelli-

gence, and understands Cherokee sufficiently for ordinary business. He is an educated half-breed of undoubted honesty.

2d. As to the remarks regarding Indian women's names, Agent Craig shows his ignorance.

An Indian woman never changes her name by marriage; she retains her maiden name. White people often call her by her husband's name, and confusion as to names has existed on that account.

3d. As to pension-agent at Gibson, Agent Craig says he is competent to do his duty, but he is a partner of J. W. Wright, alluding to me.

Now, I had Mr. Clapperton, the agent, in my employ as a clerk here about two months before his appointment, for which I paid him \$160; and desiring to have an honest pension-agent in the Indian country, I sought and procured his appointment as pension-agent at Gibson. Since he has been there I have not filed a pension-claim in your Office, and I have no business in the Indian country in which I could have a partner.

4th. As to the seal:

At the request of the chief I procured a seal for their court about A. D. 1866. He furnished the device. I took it out to Gibson, delivered it to the judge, gave him a copy of an order to enter on his book, descriptive of it, and took four certificates of the chief that Mr. Crawford was judge, and the impression thereon was the seal of the court, and filed them in your Office, the Indian Office, and Second Auditor's Office, and retained one myself. I have not seen it (the seal) for three years.

I done the same for the Creeks, and have never seen it or an impression of it since I delivered it.

Why is it that Agent Craig makes these charges? I was in the Indian country last spring.

I found that Craig was a good-natured, drunken officer, and that there was more whisky introduced in the country than at any previous time; that it was furnished, by cooks of officers, and soldiers, to Indians, at about \$4 per pint; and the amount brought in the country by one stage alone for officers was more than sufficient to make ten times their number dead drunk, and keep them so all the time.

I found that Craig was not in the Indian country, but in this city, and that his supply of whisky still was regularly sent to the fort, and I had no doubt, yet I had no evidence, that he had an agent to sell it, and made more money out of it than he did out of his salary. I told General Hazen my suspicions; he informed me he would be glad to stop it, but the officers had a right to introduce it for their own use, (act of Congress of 15th of March, A. D. 1854,) and under an order from General Sherman.

I called his attention to the treaty of the Cherokees, of A. D. 1866, repealing the law. Immediately on my return here I called on General Sherman, and he denied ever giving such permission, and requested me to write to General Hazen for the order, which I did, and advised him to get Clapperton and some others to detect Craig, Field, and some others, in furnishing this whisky; that if I could not punish them in one way I could in another.

If you desire information in the Indian ———, never write to an Indian agent, but write to missionaries: write Rev. John Jones, of Baptist church; Mr. Roberson, of Presbyterian, Mr. Mack, of the Moravian, and you will get the truth.

I wish you would send this letter to the Secretary of Interior.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

No. 284 D.

CREEK AGENCY, *Indian Territory*:

Personally appeared Mary Clinton, a Creek Indian, and to me well known, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the only child of Wianna, deceased, who died some time during the winter of 1869, and that Charles Clinton had no brother, and only one sister, and that she is that sister, and the only living heir to the estate.

her
MARY + CLINTON.
mark.

Witness: J. M. JACOBS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of August, A. D. 1870.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent, Creek Nation.

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CREEK AGENCY, *Indian Territory* :

Personally appeared Jack Brown, a Creek Indian, and to me well known, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is well acquainted with Mary Clinton, and knows that what she has said in relation to the death of her mother, and that she, Mary, is the only living heir to the estate, is the whole truth.

his
JACK + BROWN.
mark.

Witness: J. M. JACOBS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of August, 1870.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent, Creek Nation.

No. 285 D.

CREEK AGENCY, *Indian Territory* :

Personally appeared Jack Brown, a Creek Indian, and to me well known, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that his brother Isaac and his brother's wife, Ann Brown, are both dead, and that they left no children; that his father and mother are both dead, and that he is the only living heir to his brother Isaac's estate, he, Jack Brown, having neither brother or sister.

his
JACK + BROWN.
mark.

Witness: J. M. JACOBS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of August, 1870.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent, Creek Nation.

CREEK AGENCY, *Indian Territory* :

Personally appeared William F. Brown, a citizen of the Creek Nation, and to me well known, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he was well acquainted Isaac Brown, and Ann Brown, deceased, and that they left no children; that the father and mother of the said Isaac Brown are both dead, and that the only living heir is Jack Brown, brother of the deceased soldier, Isaac Brown.

his
WM. F. + BROWN.
mark.

Witness: J. M. JACOBS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of August, A. D. 1870.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent, Creek Nation.

No. 286 D.

CREEK AGENCY, *Indian Territory* :

Personally appeared William F. Brown, a citizen of the Creek Nation, and to me well known, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that Pe-con-thla, widow of James Johnson, is dead, and that he is the lawful guardian of their minor children, Madison and Timmy; that the said Pe-con-thla died some time during the year 1869, leaving the above-named orphan children.

his
WILLIAM F. x BROWN.
mark.

Witness: J. M. JACOBS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day August, A. D. 1870.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent, Creek Nation.

CREEK AGENCY, *Indian Territory* :

Personally appeared Samuel Brown, a Creek Indian, and to me well known, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he has heard the statement of William F. Brown, which he knows to be true in every particular, and that he is well acquainted with the said William F. Brown, whom he knows to be a truthful man.

his
SAMUEL X BROWN.
mark.

Witness: J. M. JACOBS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of August, A. D. 1870.

F. A. FIELD.
Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent, Creek Nation.

No. 287 D.

CREEK AGENCY, *Indian Territory* :

Personally appeared Charley Brown, a Creek Indian, and to me well known, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that his brother Thomas, and his brother's wife, Ann Brown, are both dead, and that they have no children, and that his father and mother are dead, and that he is the only heir to his brother Thomas's estate, he, Charley Brown, having no brother or sister.

his
CHARLEY X BROWN.
mark.

Witness: J. M. JACOBS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of August, A. D. 1870.

F. A. FIELD.
Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent, Creek Nation.

CREEK AGENCY, *Indian Territory* :

Personally appeared William F. Brown, a citizen of the Creek Nation, and to me well known, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he was well acquainted with Thomas and Ann Brown, deceased, and that they left no children, and that the father and mother of Thomas Brown are both dead, and that the only living heir to the estate is Charley Brown, a brother of the deceased soldier.

his
WILLIAM F. X BROWN.
mark.

Witness: J. M. JACOBS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of August, A. D. 1870.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain, United States Army, United States Indian Agent, Creek Nation.

No. 288 D.

Envelope addressed as follows:

"WM. F. CADY,
"Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington."

WASHINGTON, August 24, 1870.

SIR: Yours of the 23d is before me. Like other communications predicated on statements from Captain Field, it is all false, except you received his letter.

1st. There was no person on the dead-list of Company G, of First Indian Regiment, by the name of Oc-ti-ah-chee-harjo.

2d. No member of Company G, of First Regiment, died at Fort Scott.

3d. No money was sent to pay the claim for his to Fort Gibson, because none was received by me.

4th. No claim was made out by the Pok-kee. None could have been made out by her

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without her affidavit that the soldier left no wife or child, no father or mother, and no brother or sister except claimant.

It will at all times afford me pleasure to answer any questions you may ask on the subject of any Indian claim, but the earliest hour you can get rid of this Captain Field from your service the better. I am informed by leading Creeks that he is interested in the sale of goods, and is a most infamous scoundrel.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

No. 289 D.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Dated at Saint Louis, Missouri, August 25, 1870. Received at ——— 3.32 p. m.

To J. D. COX, *Secretary:*

Pension Agent Clapperton has ten thousand dollars to his credit.

A. G. EDWARDS,
Assistant United States Treasurer

No. 290 D.

OFFICE OF CREEK AGENT.

Creek Agency, Indian Territory, August 27, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, and in reply I would state that I am not aware that the Creek Nation has a seal, consequently I cannot inform you of the genuineness of that inclosed by you. I will, however, forward it to the chief, and inform you of the result of my inquiry at an early date.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

F. A. FIELD,
Agent.

Major J. N. CRAIG, U. S. A.,

United States Agent Cherokee Nation, Fort Gibson.

No. 291 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Washington, D. C., August 27, 1870.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, the Secretary directs me to inclose the report of the Acting Commissioner of Pensions, of this date, and also to say that the order sent to the commanding officer at Fort Gibson, by telegraph, and which is copied in the inclosed report, was directed upon receiving the information that A. Clapperton, in connection with J. B. Wright and R. Cuthbertson, were charged with illicit trading at Salt Springs, and upon that charge had been arrested at that place, by the military authority, under the laws, thus leaving the office, books, papers, &c., of Clapperton without a legal or responsible custodian.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEORGE T. METCALFE,
Chief Clerk.

J. W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

[Indorsed.]

CREEK AGENCY, *August 30, 1870.*

Respectfully forwarded to the agent of the Cherokee Nation for his information.

F. A. FIELD,
Captain United States Army, Agent.

No. 292 D.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

Okmulgee, Creek Nation, August 30, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Yours of August 29, referring Major Craig's letter of 27th to this office for authentic information whether the impression on an inclosed letter-envelope was that of the public seal of the Creek Nation; in answer I will state it is not. Again, you wish to know whether the Creek Nation has any public seal or not of any kind. *It has none.*

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. B. SENOS,

Private Secretary to the Principal Chief.

Captain F. A. FIELD, U. S. A.,

Creek Agent, Creek Agency Creek Nation.

No. 293 D.

OFFICE OF CREEK AGENT.

Creek Agency, Indian Territory, September 2, 1870.

SIR: In compliance with instructions contained in your letter to me of July 19, 1870, I have the honor to return the following checks, viz:

Check No. 32880, in favor of Ann Brown, deceased, widow of Thomas Brown, to be transferred to the brother of Thomas Brown, as per affidavit No. 1, (Charley Brown, heir,) inclosed.

Check No. 24662, in favor of Ann Brown, deceased, widow of Isaac Brown, to be transferred to the brother of Isaac, named Jack Brown, as per affidavit No. 2, inclosed.

Check No. 24608, in favor of Winna, deceased, mother of Charles Clinton, to be transferred to Mary Clinton, sister and only heir of Charles Clinton, as per affidavit No. 3, inclosed.

Check No. 28153, in favor of Pa-con-thla, widow of James Johnson, to be transferred to William F. Brown, as guardian for their minor children. Madison and Timmy, as per affidavit No. 4, inclosed.

I would recommend that these new checks be issued at an early day, as these people have been kept out of their money long enough.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

F. A. FIELD,

Captain, United States Army, Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 294 D.

HEADQUARTERS, POST OF FORT GIBSON,

Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, September 11, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, in compliance with telegram from your Office, dated August 18, 1870, and received by me August 21, 1870, I seized the books and papers pertaining to the pension-office in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, and immediately telegraphed the fact to you, as directed in your dispatch. There being no telegraph line at this place, my dispatch was mailed to Baxter Springs, Kansas, from which point it was ordered to be forwarded.

Presuming you have not received it, and as the articles seized are now under seal, and stored in my office, I respectfully request instructions in regard to them.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

DAN'L HOUSTON,

*Lieutenant Colonel Sixth Infantry,**Brevet Colonel, United States Army, Commanding.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C.

No. 295 D.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, September 16, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from your Office inclosing the following checks, with instructions for delivery to parties, entitled:

Check No. 36832, in favor of Jane Miller, mother of David Miller, deceased, Company C, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards.

Check No. 37157, in favor of John Nits, guardian of minor children of James Shavehead, late private Company A, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,
Captain, United States Army, Agent for Cherokees.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 296 D.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, September 26, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to report that in the matter of the double claim of Oker-ker-yon and Polly D. Toney, for bounty due widow of Toney, late private Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, I have examined Morter Vann and George P. Pile, who have made the affidavit herewith returned, and am entirely satisfied that what they attest is true. The first named is a very reliable witness, and from intimate acquaintance with the parties concerned, is able to testify conclusively as to their relationship. He is a resident of Fort Gibson. The other is a neighbor of the two women, and his presence at the agency was procured by Vann. From him I learned that the two witnesses to declaration of Polly D. Toney are dead.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,
Captain, United States Army, Agent for Cherokees.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 297 D.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, October, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to state that David Brown, or Nave, father of late Private George Nave, formerly of Captain Trasher's company, of Colonel Williams's First Regiment United States Colored Troops, as he is only able to inform me, desires to learn from the Pension Office the result of an application made by him for bounty and back pay, due on account of services of his son, which he says have never been received. This application was made in 1866, and the attorney employed was named Acers.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,
Captain, United States Army, United States Agent.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 298 D.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
October 11, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit receipt for one bounty received from Captain F. A. Field, United States Army, and Indian agent for Creeks, and turned over to the claimant, Te-th-lu-ku, widow of Ko-ot-su, deceased soldier of Company F, First Indian Home Guards.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,
Captain, United States Army, and Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington City.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
September 7, 1870.

Received of Captain T. H. Baldwin, United States Army, and Indian agent for Seminole Nation, a check or draft, No. 24638, drawn by Paymaster J. L. Hodge, United States Army, on the assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, in favor of Te-th-lu-ku, widow of Ko-ot-su, deceased soldier of Company F, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, for \$25, and dated at Washington, D. C., February 28, 1870.
TE-TH-LU-KU, her + mark.

Witness: Wm. AIRD.

No. 299 D.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, October 12, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to state that application has been made to me for information regarding claim for bounty of Mary, or Darkey, Chicken, widow of Ned Chicken, Company K, Third Indian Home Guards.

The papers are said to have been made out in 1867, by J. W. Wright, since when nothing has been learned by the party interested.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,
Captain, United States Army, Agent for Cherokees.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 300 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., October 26, 1870.

SIR: This Office is in receipt of letters from Captain John N. Craig, United States agent for Cherokees at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, stating that application had been made to him for information regarding additional bounty claims of the following persons, viz: Mary, or Darkey, Chicken, widow of Ned Chicken, Company K, Third Indian Home Guards, and Jane McCoy, guardian of minor children of James Yo-ho-lo, late private Company E, same regiment.

Having heard nothing from their applications the claimants are desirous of learning their condition.

Will you please inform this Office of the state of the above cases, in order that the parties interested may be made acquainted with the condition of their respective claims?

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor Treasury, Washington, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE, October 28, 1870.

Respectfully returned.

The claim in the case of Ned Chicken was settled for \$201.40, in favor of Darkey Chicken, as widow, by certificate No. 510351, which was sent to her attorney, John W. Wright, Washington, D. C., December 29, 1868.

The claim in the case of Jim Yo-ho-lo, Company G, Second Indian Home Guards, was rejected March 15, 1866, as the Adjutant General reported that no such name appeared upon the rolls of said company.

I have this day addressed a letter to him inquiring if the name appears upon the rolls of Company E. If it shall be so found the case will be reopened and adjusted.

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.

208 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

No. 301 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., November 10, 1870.

SIR: I inclose herewith copy of a letter dated the — ultimo, from Captain J. N. Craig, United States agent for Cherokees, making inquiry concerning an application for bounty and back pay made by David Brown, or Nave, father of late Private George Nave, First Regiment United States colored troops.

Will you please inform this office of the condition of the aforesaid claim, in order that the facts may be communicated to the party concerned?

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor Treasury, Washington, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
November 17, 1870.

Respectfully returned.

The application of David Nave, sr., as the father of George Nave, late of Company E, Seventy-ninth United States Colored Infantry, is suspended, for an application from the mother referring to the father's application on file. The bounty, per act of July 28, 1866, is payable to the parents jointly.

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.
By F. H. G.

No. 302 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PENSION-OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., November 29, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to call your attention to the inclosed checks, drawn by Alexander Clapperton, late United States pension-agent at Fort Gibson, in his official capacity, upon the assistant treasurer at Saint Louis, and returned protested.

This action of the assistant treasurer in not paying the checks is probably in accordance with instructions of the Secretary of the Interior of August, 1870.

An examination of the rolls of this Office shows that the parties in whose favor these checks were drawn are pensioners upon the Fort Gibson roll, and the accounts of Mr. Clapperton show that these pensioners were paid the amount expressed in the checks in the month of April last.

I would respectfully suggest such a modification of the order above alluded to as will permit payment of checks drawn for a *bona fide* payment to a *bona fide* pensioner.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 303 D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 1, 1870.*

Hon. E. S. PARKER, *Commissioner of Indian Affairs:*

About the last of October a conference held with Secretary Cox and yourself, it was agreed to release some goods of my son's seized in the Indian country, for the reason he had no United States license to trade, provided they were not libeled, and you were so to notify Agent Craig. I was so informed by your clerks that it was done.

On the 8th of November Agent Craig informed my son that the next day he would deliver the goods, but the same day he departed to Fort Smith, and on the 14th of November he libeled the goods in the United States court, and the case is now pending in said court, and continued to the next term.

1st. I desire a copy of such instructions as you gave to Craig about returning those goods.

2d. I wish you to take such steps as will cause your order to be executed, as the goods are liable to damage.

Yours,

JOHN W. WRIGHT.

No. 304 D.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR CHEROKEES,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, December 13, 1870.

SIR: In compliance with instructions in letter from your Office, dated December 1 last, asking for report of proceedings taken relative to goods seized at Marble Salt Springs in possession of R. Cuthbertson, a citizen of the United States, for trading without license, I have the honor to state that, after being taken, they were stored in the warehouse of the United States quartermaster at Fort Gibson, and as soon as an invoice could be made out, this was transmitted to the United States attorney at Van Buren, Arkansas, by letter dated September 28, 1870, with request that proper proceedings be instituted. Since then the goods have been removed to the office of this agency, in consequence of request from the post quartermaster, and statement that they could not be safely kept in his store-house.

On the 4th of last November District Attorney Huckleberry was advised of the purport of communication from your Office under date of October 22, and in reply he informed me that proceedings had been instituted in compliance with request made by me in September, and that the matter could only be taken from court after entry of *nol. pros.* "at request of the Department."

J. B. Wright was informed of this, and advised by me to go to Van Buren and adjust the business with the district attorney. He was also informed that my duties in the matter, under the intercourse laws, were ended, since the institution of proceedings in court. Some days afterward he said to me he had been to Van Buren and arranged with the district attorney to continue the case, with a view of obtaining action required for its dismissal from the docket before the next session of court. I have not been at Van Buren since December, 1869.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. N. CRAIG,

Captain, United States Army, United States Agent.

COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

No. 305 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 16, 1871.

SIR: In compliance with your verbal request of this morning, I am directed by the Secretary of the Interior to hand you the accompanying copy of a communication from Agent Baldwin, dated May 11, 1870, relative to the course of Pension Agent Clapperton in the payment of money due Indians at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. S. H. WHITE,

Acting Chief Clerk.

J. W. WRIGHT, Esq., *Present.*

No. 306 D.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
January 29, 1871.

SIR: The Secretary of the Interior directed the War Department, in August last, to seize the pension-office at this place, and, agreeable to said order, Lieutenant Munson seized the pension-office, and, without official orders, arrested me, and placed a guard over me. He also, without orders, seized the books, papers, drafts, postage-stamps, &c., belonging to Judge J. W. Wright; also a writing-desk and pigeon-holes, my own private property. I have repeatedly requested Colonel Huston to deliver over to me Judge Wright's property, which, in the first place, he had no business to seize. I refer you to the order for seizure of pension-office, in Colonel Huston's possession, for

particulars. With reference to the desk and pigeon-holes, if the Government requires the use of them, I respectfully suggest that they be paid for.

I made a demand last Saturday on the commissioners, Messrs. Webster and Foster, for the aforesaid books, papers, drafts, pigeon-holes, desk, &c., but received for answer that the same power that ordered the seizure would be required to order the release.

Now, some of the articles seized have been returned. I would like to know by what authority part of the property can be returned and part retained.

The commissioners were sent out here to investigate frauds, alleged frauds, in the pension-office, but have been unable to find any.

Hoping you will see Judge Wright's property and my own returned to me, I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Colonel W. B. HAGEN, U. S. A.

(Endorsed on back:)

HEADQUARTERS POST OF FORT GIBSON,

January 31, 1871.

Respectfully returned. The authority who ordered the seizure, the Secretary of the Interior, should be applied to for the restoration of the property.

By order of Colonel W. B. Hagen, Sixth Infantry:

J. F. MUNSON,

First Lieutenant Company B, Adjutant.

No. 307 D.

WASHINGTON, February 3, 1871.

Hon. COLUMBUS DELANO, *Secretary of the Interior*:

Last spring, being at Fort Gibson, in the Indian Territory, I found that large quantities of whisky had been introduced in the country by Army officers, and by their servants sold to the Indians at about \$50 per gallon.

On my return to Washington I complained to General Sherman, and he at once issued an order prohibiting the trade, and forwarded a copy of my statement as the ground of his order.

My son, J. B. Wright, had married an Indian woman and was living in that country. Mr. Clapperton, then pension-agent at Fort Gibson, was a friend of mine, and it was conjectured that he had furnished me the facts on which I had based my complaint to General Sherman. A combination was at once formed to drive J. B. Wright and Clapperton out of the Indian country.

At the salt-works near Fort Gibson my son was engaged in trade, having a small stock of goods in addition to the salt which he manufactured for the consumption of the country. The United States Indian agent, Captain Craig, seized the goods as the property of one Cuthbertson, who was a mere clerk, and who had no interest in them, as was well known to the said Craig and to the people generally. The pretext for this seizure was an alleged violation of the intercourse act: trading in the Indian Territory without a license from the United States.

I made a statement of the facts to the Hon. J. D. Cox, then Secretary of the Interior, who, through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, ordered the goods to be returned to J. B. Wright, the true owner thereof. Instead of obeying this order, Captain Craig caused the goods to be libeled in the United States court at Van Buren, Arkansas, no proceedings having been commenced previous to his receiving the order to surrender the goods.

No license had ever been required in the Cherokee Nation before that time; and my son, being an adopted Indian, was entitled to all the privileges of any member of the tribe. The goods are still withheld from him and have been much injured by careless handling and by exposure. The statements of Craig about my son are false and slanderous. The opinion of the Cherokee delegation as to the character of the young man may be found of record in the Indian Bureau, given in October last.

The late Secretary, Mr. Cox, was told that the pension-agent was in jail at Van Buren, and that no one was left to take care of the office; the Secretary therefore telegraphed the commandant at Fort Gibson to take possession of the pension-office and hold it. Under this order, obtained by falsehood and deception, (through one of the clerks of the Interior Department, who expected soon to go to Fort Gibson and pay some money to the Indians and a large portion to his partner,) the military seized the pension-office, and with it the private books and papers of my son and myself, which happened to be in the same room. Mr. Clapperton, the pension-agent, was imprisoned, and branded as a defaulter all over the country. He was suspended from his office and another man sent out to take his place.

On investigation it was ascertained that Clapperton was not in jail, as falsely stated; that he is not a defaulter, and that all things in his office are regular and right.

Notwithstanding these facts, the new agents hold on to my books and papers and those of my son, and refuse to give them up. One of them advertises a list of discharges found in the office, which he will deliver to the Indians on demand. These discharges had been placed in my hands by the Indians for the purpose of collecting their additional bounties. The papers were obtained by force and are now wrongfully withheld from me by the agents of the Department.

I have repeatedly represented these facts, and have sought, so far in vain, for justice at the hands of the Department. I now once more ask that my son's goods be restored, that the books and papers of myself and son, and all private property of either of us, be restored; and for the honor of the Government I would ask that the agents and clerks who have been instrumental in causing these outrages to be perpetrated be removed from office.

I have heretofore filed affidavits proving all the facts herein stated.

Yours, &c.,

J. W. WRIGHT.

No. 308 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., February 19, 1871.

SIR: I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, relative to the seizure of certain goods at Salt Keys, Indian Territory; also the taking possession of the books and papers pertaining to the pension-agency at Fort Gibson; and for your information in relation to the matters therein referred to, I transmit herewith a copy of a letter which I addressed to the Attorney General on the 31st January, 1871, in relation to the seizure of the goods at Salt Keys, and trust you will see the impropriety of the Department taking any action on the subject, which pertains exclusively to the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice.

As regards the retention of certain papers connected with the Indian pensions and bounty business, the Department deems it advisable to withhold action until further information is received from the commissioner now at Fort Gibson under orders from this Department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO.

Secretary.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

No. 309 D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 19, 1871.

HON. MR. VAN AERNAM, *Commissioner of Pensions*:

By the military seizure of the pension-office at Fort Gibson on the 22d of August last, my books and papers as a claim agent, my private letters to my son and others, with desks, chairs, were taken and have been passed over to your agents there, who still hold them in violation of law and justice. A table and a set of pigeon-holes at the time of seizure in the office belonged to Mr. Clapperton, late agent, and I have advised him to charge them to the United States in his account and abandon them. All other papers and property in the office, except the papers necessary to the pension-office as a pension-office, are mine, and I demand an immediate return to my agent, J. B. Wright, or Mr. A. Clapperton, now at Fort Gibson. In this demand is included some two dollars in postage-stamps and several drafts for money.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

NOTE.—The above letter is indorsed by Hon. H. Van Aernam, Commissioner of Pensions, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Pension Office, 1871.

Respectfully forwarded to Hon. C. Delano, Secretary of the Interior, inviting attention to the demands of Mr. Wright in connection with other correspondence on this subject now in your office.

Very respectfully,

H. VAN AERNAM,

Commissioner.

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No. 310 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 10, 1871.

SIR: Herewith I transmit a letter from Alexander Clapperton relative to the seizure of certain books, papers, and furniture in the United States pension-office at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and I will thank you at your earliest convenience to report the facts in the case, returning Mr. Clapperton's letter.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 10, 1871.

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I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

No. 311 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PENSION-OFFICE
Washington, D. C., February 11, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 10th instant, inclosing a letter from Alexander Clapperton to Colonel W. B. Hazen, United States Army, relative to the seizure of property at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

In reply, I beg leave to state the following facts: On the 18th of August last, this Office, in compliance with the directions of the Honourable Secretary of the Interior, ordered the commanding officer at Fort Gibson to take possession of the papers pertaining to the pension-agency at that place, and to report his action to the Secretary of the Interior.

On the 25th of August, the following copy of a telegram was referred by the Department to this Office:

"FORT GIBSON, INDIAN TERRITORY,
" *Via Baxter Springs, Kansas, August 23, 1870.*

"TO SECRETARY OF INTERIOR:

"In compliance with your telegram of the 18th instant, this day received, the books and papers pertaining to the pension-agent, Alexander Clapperton, have been seized and have been placed under seal. They are now stored in my office, subject to your orders. There were no funds, the agent stating they are deposited at Saint Louis.

"DAN HUSTIN
" *Lieutenant Colonel Sixth Infantry &c."*

The above are all the facts relating to the subject of Mr. Clapperton's letter which have come to the knowledge of this Office.

Mr. Webster, the present incumbent, went out as a pension-agent, with no instructions whatever from this Office other than those of a general character applicable to all pension-agents.

I am sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 312 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, PENSION-OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., February 13, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a list of all the payments to pensioners, (so far as they have been reported to this office,) made by Alexander Clapperton, late United States pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, during the year 1870.

These payments were all due to the pensioners named at the time of payment. The payments were made by check upon the United States assistant treasurer at Saint Louis, some of which are outstanding, and some have been refused payment at the treasurer's, under your order of August last.

I respectfully submit the list, with the suggestion that it be forwarded to the assistant treasurer, with such modification of the existing orders as will permit the payment of such of the checks therein named as are now unpaid.

The checks were drawn in the months indicated, and the numbers are between 100 and 200. The last check drawn was No. 200, in favor of Daniel Webster, guardian of minors of William Hummingbird.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 313 D.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, March 6, 1871.

SIR: The United States attorney for the District of Columbia has been directed to appear for the defense brought by John B. Wright against John N. Craig, which is the subject of your letters of the 25th ultimo and 4th instant. I advise that Captain Craig enter into personal communication with the district attorney upon the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
A. T. AKERMAN,
Attorney General.

Hon. COLUMBUS DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 314 D.

Hon. C. DELANO, *Secretary of the Interior:*

About four months since I redeemed two drafts, issued to pensioners at Fort Gibson, for \$48, which had been protested at Saint Louis, and delivered them to Mr. Van Aernam, Commissioner of Pensions. He said they ought to be paid, and he would send me a draft for the amount and protest fees in a few days. I have not yet received it, and he informs me it is under your direction.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

MARCH 20, 1871.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 25, 1871.

SIR: The two pension checks left by you with the Commissioner of Pensions, and by him forwarded to this Department, have been this day returned to him, with instructions to deliver the same to you. The Pension-Office, I understand, will pay the protest fees upon the checks.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

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No. 315 D.

Form No. 63.

Received of _____, paymaster United States Army, this _____ day of _____, 186____, _____ dollars and _____ cents, in full of my account for _____.
Paid by check on _____, No. _____, _____, 186____.

Mr. John W. Wright, of Washington City, D. C., my agent in this case, and I have agreed to pay him \$15 for the collection of the same. My post-office address is Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

KNIGHT KILLER.
Late Private, Company F, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.
her
DIANA + KILLERWITIH.
mark.

Witnesses:
ALEX. CLAPPERTON.
GEO. O. GAUDED.

_____, certify upon oath that _____ have agreed to prosecute the claim of the above-named soldier for \$_____, and the expense of notarial and other acknowledgments, advanced by _____, which amount to \$_____, including this affidavit.

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 186____.
Justice of the Peace.

No. 316 D.

Form No. 63.

Received of _____, Paymaster United States Army, this _____ day of _____, 1861, _____ dollars and _____ cents, in full of my account for _____.
Paid by check on _____, No. _____, _____, 1861.

Mr. John W. Wright, of Washington City, D. C., is my agent in this case, and I have agreed to pay him \$15 for the collection of the same. My post-office address is Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

her
HETTY + BUTLER,
mark.
Late _____ Company, _____ Regiment, Widow.

Witnesses:
JOHN B. WRIGHT.
ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

_____, certify upon oath that _____ have agreed to prosecute the claim of the above-named soldier for \$_____, and the expense for notarial and other acknowledgments advanced by _____, which amount to \$_____, including this affidavit.

Subscribed and acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 186____.
[SEAL.] EWD. F. BROWN,
Notary Public.

JOSEPH BUTLER,
Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.

No. 317 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 25, 1871.

SIR: On the 25th day of August, 1870, my immediate predecessor sent you a dispatch requesting the suspension of payment by you of pension-checks drawn by Alexander Clapperton, then pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

I transmit herewith a list, furnished by the Pension-Office, "of payments of pension made by Alexander Clapperton, United States pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, during the months of April, May, June, July, and August, 1870, by check upon the United States assistant treasurer at Saint Louis, Missouri." This is a list of *bona-fide* payments made by Mr. Clapperton, and I hereby revoke so much of Secretary Cox's order of August 25 last as relates to checks drawn for the payments named in said list. I am informed that there are but four or five of these checks unpaid.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

A. G. EDWARDS, Esq.,
Assistant Treasurer of the United States, Saint Louis, Missouri.

List of payments of pension by Alexander Clapperton, United States pension-agent at Fort Gibson, during the months of April, May, June, July, and August, 1870, by check upon the United States assistant treasurer at Saint Louis. (No payments in January, February, and March.)

Name of pensioner.	Name of soldier.	Paid in.	Amount.
Big Talker, Tuta	Big Talker	April, 1870	\$48 00
Bunches Hammer, Anna	Bunches Hammer	do	48 00
Butler, Hettie	Joseph	do	48 00
Davis, Manerva	Jesse	do	48 00
Downing, Polly	George	do	48 00
Ellis, Ellen	Samuel	do	134 40
Fielding, Betsey	Robert	do	48 00
Pickta	Car-te-che-her-mek-co.	do	120 00
Feiling, Tawny	Fieling	do	120 00
Grayson, Lucinda	Robert	do	48 00
Hicks, Rachel	Sam	do	48 00
Is-fia-gee	Hee-kec	do	48 00
Liver, Sally	Ave	do	48 00
Long, Nakee	Eli	do	48 00
McCoy, Azariah	William	do	48 00
Molly	Wildcat	do	48 00
Preston, Mary	George	do	144 00
Pigeon, Toomy	Pigeon	do	45 00
Puppy, Ce-ka-ya	Young Puppy	do	48 00
Ross, Naomi	Daniel	do	48 00
Raincrow, Rachel	John	do	48 00
Rogers, Martha	Jackson Kennard	do	48 00
Scar-war-pee	Cor-tel-la-yo	do	48 00
Stuler, Kitty	Josiah	do	48 00
Woodward, Lizzy	Jack	do	48 00
Woodal, Margaret	Andrew	do	48 00
Wilson, Peggy	Lacy	do	48 00
Walking Stick, Elizabeth	Samuel	do	48 00
Young Deer, Eliza	Young Deer	do	48 00
Alton, Sylvester		do	36 00
Gourd, Jno. R.			48 00
Hughes, George W.			72 00
Schneider, Lester			150 00
Wolf, Eli, child of	Howling Wolf		62 27
Wee-law-nee-te, child of	George Weaver		48 00
Ar-nie-ley	Char-lah-kee-tee-hee	May, 1870	48 00
Acorn, Sarah	Winter	do	48 00
Borrow, Anna	Jack	do	48 00
Crawler, Betsey	Crawler	do	48 00
Consene, Charlotte	David	do	48 00
Chickasaw, Sarah	Throw	do	48 00
Co-we-ah	Jo-lo-hap-ha-jo	do	90 00
Falling, Susan	John	do	48 00
Gab-de-way-bird	Turner	do	48 00
George, Walissa	George Pancheater	do	48 00
Harling, Jane	Ellis	do	48 00
Hendricks, Irene	David	do	48 00
Hair, Lucinda	Nicholas	do	48 00
Hog, Betsey	George	do	48 00
Jay Bird, Too-na	Raft	do	48 00
Little Grimmer, As-so-tah	William	do	48 00
Le-wah-kok-te	Le-he-wa-tha	do	48 00
Lime-har-kee	Ah-ha-wa-a-hole	do	48 00
Mars-her-wee	Ah-beah-har-jo	do	48 00
Nanny	Cot-too-chee	do	48 00
Night Killer, Susan	Nightkiller	do	48 00
Oker-kee-wer-you	Toucy	do	48 00

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Name of pensioner.	Name of soldier.	Paid in.	Amount.
Oo-wau-san-ly, Nancy	Ooo-wan-son-ly	May, 1870.	\$144 00
Ok-te-co-cho-ko-ne	So-kah-ba-jo	do.	48 00
Poor, Aleg.	Poor Boy	do.	48 00
Palmer, Mary	Charlie	do.	48 00
Reese, Lydia	F. Joe	do.	32 00
Saurjohn, Nelly	William	do.	48 00
Swerger, Anna	Moses	do.	48 00
Un-clo-we	So-fix-se-ho	do.	48 00
Yann, Sally	Abe	do.	48 00
Walker, Aky	John	do.	48 00
Walkingstide, Betsey	Drinker	do.	48 00
Wecker, Oo-tah-ye	Ned	do.	48 00
Watt, Arley	Watt	do.	48 00
Smith, Samuel	do.	do.	90 00
Black Fox, Nako	Black Fox	June, 1870.	223 47
Cole Culey, Lenan	Cole Culey	do.	48 00
Hilderbrand, Leivie	George	do.	48 00
Lookingout, Rachel	Ned	do.	48 00
Mutter, Char	Comal-co-ge-ha-jo	do.	48 00
Ot-the-hiah	Ge-leh-ka-ha-jo	do.	48 00
Si-a-na	Che-ha-na	do.	48 00
War-lesy	Asi-ker	do.	48 00
Yoh-mo	Ko-mep-ha-jo	do.	144 00
Barrett, minors of	Jack	do.	84 00
Johnson, Ellis	do.	do.	24 00
Taurer-howie	La-me-ha-goh	July, 1870.	48 00
Tomneh, Joseph, child	Tomoneh	do.	93 87
Cinta	Fa-yah-ne-ho-la	do.	48 00
Hummingbird, children	William	August, 1870.	108 00

No. 318 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., March 25, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to respectfully call your attention to letter from this Office of February 13, 1871, accompanied by a list of all the checks drawn for the payment of pensions by Alexander Clapperton, late United States pension-agent, during the months of April, May, June, July, and August, 1870, and requesting that the order of the Secretary of the Interior of August last, to the assistant treasurer at Saint Louis, be so modified as to permit the payment of such of these checks as are now outstanding.

In view of the fact that it has been determined that these checks were all drawn in favor of *bona-fide* pensioners for payments properly due them, I beg leave to repeat my recommendation.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 319 D.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, May 17, 1871.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, relating to certain checks in your possession given in payments for bounty due on account of military services of members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, the payees of which have died since making application for the same, I have the honor to inform you that, in the opinion of the accounting officers of the Treasury, the checks referred to should be forwarded to this Office for examination and readjustment where it shall be necessary to make one.

The Second Comptroller has decided that "the treaty of July 19, 1866, applies only to the bounties and arrears due under laws then existing, which might remain unclaimed for two years.

"Such bounties and arrears of Cherokee regiments must be paid as stipulated in

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the treaty, but the bounty subsequently granted follows the descents prescribed by law or lapses into the Treasury."

In view of this decision, I respectfully request that all the checks may be referred to this Office for its action.

Very respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.

Hon. E. H. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, May 15, 1871.

SIR: Under date of the 27th of September last, this Office addressed a letter to you, making inquiry as to the disposition to be made of certain checks in its possession, given in payment for bounty due on account of military services of members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, the payees of which have died since making application for the same. On the 7th of November following your attention was called to the fact that Office letter of date first above noted had not been answered, and respectfully asking a reply thereto, at your earliest convenience.

A large number of these bounty-checks having been returned to this Office for reasons above stated, many of which are claimed by heirs within the law, and by guardians of minor children, it seems but proper to ask that immediate action be taken and the question at issue settled.

For the benefit of the parties interested, I respectfully ask that your views on the question at issue be communicated to this Office at an early date.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor Treasury, Washington, D. C.

No. 320 D.

ROOMS OF CHEROKEE DELEGATION,
Washington, D. C., June 30, 1871.

SIR: We had the honor to address to the Hon. Columbus Delano, as head of your Department, some two months ago, a letter of inquiry as to the amount of unclaimed bounties and back pay due deceased soldiers of the three Indian regiments which were in the service of the United States during the late war of the rebellion, yet on hand, or which has not been paid to any legal representative of such deceased soldiers, in order that early steps might be taken for the proper application of said funds, for the founding and endowment of an orphan asylum, as provided for by the 25th article of the Cherokee treaty of July, 1866.

Being on the eve of our departure from this city for our homes, and wishing to close our report to our people of our mission, and not having received any response whatever to said letter of inquiry, we again respectfully call your attention to this subject, and ask for information in relation thereto, at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully, your friends, and obedient servants,

WM. P. ADAIR,
C. N. VAUN,
Cherokee Delegates.

General B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

No. 321 D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10, 1871.

SIR: We had the honor, on the 14th of April last, to address the Secretary of the Interior a communication calling attention to the provisions of the 25th article of the

Cherokee treaty of 1866, in relation to the unclaimed bounties and back pay of deceased soldiers of the Indian regiments in the service of the United States during the late war of the rebellion, and making inquiry in relation to the amount of the same on hand and available for the purpose of founding an orphan asylum, as provided in said treaty. Receiving no reply, we again called your attention to this subject by letter of June 30, and received in answer that the Department was not in possession of the information asked for. We had in the mean time become aware that more than one report of different officers of the Government had been filed in your Department, containing statements of important facts, and revelations in relation to the application, or misapplication, of the funds in question, and applied in person for the privilege of seeing and examining these reports, which privilege was denied us. The Cherokees are the parties most interested, and we do not feel that we would be justified to return to them with such a record in relation to this interest. We are well satisfied by information from unofficial, but reliable, sources that there is now on file in the different Departments of the Government, including that of the Interior, documents and official reports, besides reliable corroborative evidence elsewhere, which shows that extensive frauds have been practiced by agents of the United States and others in the matter of bounties and back pay due Indians, and especially upon the fund due the Cherokee Nation as unclaimed bounties and back pay, under provision of the treaty of 1866 above referred to. We therefore respectfully ask for a full and thorough investigation of the disposition that has been made of the bounties and back pay due Indian soldiers in the Union Army during the late war, and more especially in relation to the unclaimed bounties due the Cherokee Nation, under article 25 of the Cherokee treaty of 1866, by a special commission of competent and reliable persons, appointed for that purpose, with authority to sit in Washington or the Cherokee Nation, as the interests of justice may require, and that the Cherokee delegation, or the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, be allowed to name one of said commissioners.

We have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servants,

W. P. ADAIR,

C. N. VAUN,

Cherokee Delegation.

Hon. B. R. COWEN,
Assistant and Acting Secretary of the Interior.

No. 321 D.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION,
Tahlequah Court-House, August 25, 1871.

SIR: In reference to your communication of the 28th ultimo, to Messrs. Adair and Vaun, of the Cherokee delegation, in which you are pleased to say that you approve of their suggestion "for the appointment of a commission to investigate the charges of misapplication of funds appropriated for the payment of said back pay and bounty by United States agents and others," and that you will, immediately upon the nomination of a suitable person to represent the nation by the delegation, or principal chief, make an appointment to represent the United States, I have the honor to return you my sincere thanks; and in accordance with your implied desire of either the delegation or the principal chief nominating a commissioner to represent the Cherokee Nation, I have now the honor to nominate Joseph A. Williamson, of Washington, (of the Indian Bureau trust fund,) as a suitable person to represent the Cherokees. With the hope that this nomination will meet with your approval, I am, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

LEWIS DOWNING,
Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

No. 321 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., September 21, 1871.

SIR: On the 25th of March last this Department addressed you a letter inclosing a list, which had been prepared in the Pension-Office, "of payments of pension, made by Alexander Clapperton, United States pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Indian Terri-

tory, during the months of April, May, June, July, and August, by check upon the United States assistant treasurer at Saint Louis, Missouri," and revoked so much of Mr. Secretary Cox's order of August 25, 1870, as related to checks drawn for payments named in said list.

I inclose herewith a copy of a letter dated the 19th instant, from the Commissioner of Pensions, from which it appears that whereas the name of Ellen Ellis was placed on said list, the check was really drawn in favor of Caty Dassler, administratrix of said Ellen Ellis.

In accordance with the request of the Commissioner, I have to ask that you will pay said check upon presentation.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

A. G. EDWARDS, Esq.,

Assistant Treasurer of the United States, Saint Louis, Missouri.

No. 322 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., October 30, 1871.

SIR: In reply to your request, (with transmittal of letter of Indian agent for Cherokees, John B. Jones,) under date of the 20th instant, that the recommendation of said Agent Jones for the restoration of the certificate of pension of Mrs. Writer Acorn "may receive favorable consideration, and that this Office be informed of the action taken," I have the honor to inform you: On the 18th of February last, Messrs. Webster and Foster having declined to pay pension to Mrs. Acorn, and retained her pension certificate, Mr. Jones interposed in her behalf, and urged that their action should be reconsidered. To the letter of Jones, making said interposition, Messrs. Foster and Webster replied as follows:

"FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, February 24, 1871.

"SIR: Your communication of the 18th instant, relative to case of Sarah, widow of Writer Acorn, is this day received. Therein you suggest that the presumptive evidence of the pensioner's abandonment by her first husband (Foreman) is as conclusive as the testimony usually accepted to establish marriage consummated in accordance with the national custom.

"In response we have to say: The recognition of such marriages as are customary in this nation is an anomaly in the transaction of departmental business, a *special* license in favor of the Cherokees, &c., granted in consequence of their primitive organization, and not to be referred to as a precedent for further innovation. In the States cohabitation, when other testimony is unattainable, is accepted as *evidence* of a marriage lawfully contracted, but not as of itself constituting a valid union.

"These customary marriages have been recognized, and the policy thus inaugurated will probably be adhered to, but we cannot doubt that the objections to extending the scope of such a license are obvious to you.

"We are, very respectfully, yours,

"GEO. E. WEBSTER.
"F. E. FOSTER.

"Rev. J. B. JONES,

"*United States Agent.*"

Upon examination of the facts in the case of Mrs. Acorn, the plea of Agent Jones made to Foster and Webster, special agents, and their answers thereto, (herewith quoted,) and in consideration of the dangerous opportunities for fraud which the course recommended by Jones would induce, I am constrained to approve the action of said special agents in the case and of the reason given therefor.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. BAKER,
Commissioner.

HOB. H. R. CLUM,

Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., November 21, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to request that you will loan and transmit to me, per special messenger, all the papers in your office relative to the claims for bounty of the persons hereinafter named, or of their heirs, together with such evidence as you have or can obtain for me, as well as such suggestions as you have to make concerning when, where, and how payments were made upon said claims. [Here followed list of seventeen names.]

Please furnish me, also, such checks for payments in any of the above-named cases as you have in your possession, with whatever description may be attainable of all other checks which have been issued in said cases, and all evidence available to you that will in anywise aid in a thorough investigation as to the payments therein, including the indorsements upon the checks.

Further, I have to request that you will inform me as to the law under the provisions of which said claims for bounty were allowed and paid.

In view of the fact that proceedings against any parties who may have been guilty of forgery in these cases will be, in a few days, barred by statute of limitation, I am constrained to ask your immediate attention to this matter, and as early response as is practicable.

Very respectfully,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor, Present.

No. 324 D.

NOVEMBER 24, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have this day addressed to the Second Auditor a letter, of which copy is sent herewith, and have to request that such facilities as your Department can afford to aid in the speedy transmission of the checks therein named may be ordered.

Very respectfully,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. GEO. S. BOUTWELL,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Inclosure in letter of same date to Secretary of the Treasury:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., November 24, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to request that you will cause to be procured and transmitted to me the vouchers and checks in the cases named in schedule herewith, (A,) for which, upon their reception, I will send you my receipt.

Please comply with my request, sending the documents by special messenger as speedily as practicable, the same being desired for examination to determine a question as to alleged fraud in obtaining money upon them.

Respectfully, your obedient servant.

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. E. B. FRENCH,
Second Auditor.

SCHEDULE A.—Description of checks issued to the following members of the Indian Home Guards.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date.	Paymaster.	Payee.	Am't.	To whom sent.	R. P.	Co.	Reg.
		1868.					1870.		
Young Squirrel	17624	Oct. 30	C. Holms..	Claimant	\$100	J. W. Wright	Ap'l 1	I	3d.
Jack Watt	16434	..do	..do	..do	100	..do	..do	F	3d.
Little Hawk	17611	..do	..do	..do	100	..do	..do	G	3d.
Sam Squirrel	17649	..do	..do	..do	100	..do	..do	I	2d.
Duck Draper	17345	..do	..do	..do	100	..do	..do	K	3d.
Runabout Ruff	16365	..do	..do	..do	100	..do	..do	V	3d.
Arch Spears	17082	..do	..do	..do	100	..do	..do	C	2d.

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FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
In the House of Representatives, December 11, 1871.

On motion of Mr. SLOCUM,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Department of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit to this House copies of all letters, telegrams, and reports of special agents, and other official papers or records of his Department, pertaining to the payment of bounties, back pay, and pensions to the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, together with copies of all letters in the case taken from the pension-agency at Fort Gibson, Arkansas.

Attest:

EDW. MCPHERSON,
*Clerk.*DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., January 29, 1872.

SIR: Herewith I have the honor to transmit for your use, in compliance with resolution of Congress under date of December 11, 1871, copies of the papers and documents hereinafter named, A, B, C, D, E, F, and G:

A.—Departmental correspondence, chronologically arranged, of years 1870 and 1871, including reports of investigations of special agents of Pension-Office, from December, 1870, to March, 1871.

B.—Wright correspondence, chronologically arranged, of years 1869, 1870, and 1871.

D.—Schedule of cases, showing those upon which said special agents acted, and said action, and partially indicating the manner in which the claims were prepared, &c.

E.—Miscellaneous papers: (1) containing list of papers found in the office of Clapper-ton, Barnes, and Wright; (2) list of discharges found in said office.

F.—Memoranda of statements or abstracts from book belonging to Wright.

C.—Book C, also found in said office, containing Wright's statements of collections of bounty and back pay.

G.—Letters of Secretary of the Interior to Mr. George C. Whiting and Commissioner of Pensions (copied from the records of the office of the Secretary of the Interior) giving list of Indian pension-claimants ordered by Secretary Harlan to be placed upon the rolls, and ordering Mr. Whiting to make investigation of said cases.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. W. BAKER,
*Commissioner.*Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 326 D.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1871.

August 15, 1870, before receipt of letter of Secretary Cox ordering "that you immediately suspend the payment of all pensioners at Fort Gibson, or elsewhere, in Indian Territory, until further orders from this Department," Acting Commissioner Trevitt, by telegraph, ordered suspension of all "Indian" pensions at Fort Gibson; and, after issue of above order of Secretary, complied therewith by letter to pension-agent at Fort Gibson.

No. 327 D.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 23, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th of September, inclosing a copy of one addressed to me on the 3d of September, 1870, by the Hon. J. D. Cox, then Secretary of the Interior, in reference to transactions of John W. Wright, who had been appointed by the Department of the Interior as an agent for certain Indians, and requesting my attention to the subject of Mr. Cox's letter.

Soon after that letter was received, the matter which it presented received a careful consideration in this Department, and I was under the impression that the result had been communicated to the Department of the Interior. Learning by your letter that such was not the case, I immediately submitted the matter to the Solicitor General for examination and report. His conclusions are stated in his letter to me of the 21st instant, which I herewith transmit. I concur in his judgment.

If you desire that suit shall be brought against Mr. Wright and his sureties, I will direct the district attorney to proceed accordingly, and to put himself, for information as to the facts, in communication with such officers of your Department as you may designate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. T. AKERMAN,
Attorney General.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 328 D.

DAYTON, OHIO, *December 23, 1871.*

DEAR SIR: Yours of yesterday has just been received. I would be glad to oblige you, but it is now altogether impossible to change the time of taking testimony in the Indian Territory.

I had hoped to have met you in Washington. I wanted to learn your defense and examine your vouchers, in the hope that I might narrow the issues and put some limit to the testimony on the part of the Indians. Finding that you had taken most of the papers and vouchers with you, I arranged with Mr. Merrick to make the examination at Cincinnati. Can you fix a day for this prior to your departure to the West? Would you not rather bring your papers to Dayton, where we would be less disturbed?

I cannot say certainly about going West, but I much fear it will be impossible for me to go.

Truly, yours,

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL.

IRWIN B. WRIGHT, ESQ., *Cincinnati, Ohio.*

No. 330 D.

WASHINGTON, *December 30.*

SIR: Inclosed please find the applications of the widows of the following soldiers for new drafts, to wit: Adam Doublehead, Company K, Third Regiment; Edward Starr, Company A, Third Regiment; Walker, Company H, Third, with which you will find the discharge, original draft, and vouchers, all of which you will please file with the Second Auditor.

Yours, &c.,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Hon. ELI PARKER,
Commissioner Indian Affairs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 15, 1868.*

SIR: The undersigned, members of the Creek Nation, and delegated by the Creeks who composed the First Indian Regiment in the late war, to investigate the matter of their bounty claims, respectfully request to be furnished by the Department of War with a list of all bounties allowed the members of the First Indian Regiment, as provided by the joint resolution of Congress approved June 18, 1868, and also additional bounty, under the act of July, 1866, and especially that said list shall specify the number, date, amount, and to whose order payable, of all checks on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in payment of said bounties, and to whom these checks were delivered. We also request to be furnished with a list of all claims for bounties filed by members such regiment that are now suspended, or not yet acted upon.

The foregoing data is necessary to ascertain the disposition that has been made of

the bounty money of the Indian soldiers above referred to, and provide a remedy for the wrongs they have suffered.

In making said list it will be necessary to designate the company to which said soldiers belonged.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

OK-TOR-SARS-IIAJO,	his +
	mark.
COT-CHO-CHEE,	his +
	mark.
THLO-THLO-YAR-HO-LA,	his +
	mark.
RETCH BARNETT,	his +
	mark.
S. W. PERRYMAN.	

Hon. N. J. TAYLOR,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

INDIAN TERRITORY, *Cherokee Nation, ss :*

On this 14th day of March, A. D. 1871, before me, George E. Webster, pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, personally appeared Martha Buchanan, formerly widow of William Root, who was a private in Company H, Second Regiment, Kansas, who was enlisted in said company and regiment, company commanded by A. Gunther, in 1863, at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and died September 2, 1864, at Fort Smith; that his death was caused by wounds received in action; that she made application for both original and additional bounty on account of the services of her said husband, William Root; that she has not bartered, sold, assigned, transferred, loaned, exchanged, nor given away any interest in the said bounties provided for by the acts of July 21, 1861, and July 28, 1866, respectively, except in so far as she provided for the payment to John W. Wright, her attorney in said applications, of his fee of \$15 in each of said claims; that she has never received one penny accruing from said claims, nor any equivalent thereof in trade; that she has never attempted nor agreed to trade thereupon; that she is informed that the said claims have both been allowed by the United States Government, and that the money arising from said allowances has been paid to John W. Wright, aforesaid, of Washington, D. C.; and that she verily believes that said money has been so paid to him; and further, she deposes that said John W. Wright has unlawfully withheld said money from her; that she has never seen any checks for said amounts, nor has she ever indorsed any checks therefor; that she has never aided or abetted the rebellion against the United States; that she resides at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, and that is her post-office address.

MARTHA BUCHANAN.

Also, personally appeared before me, Geo. O. Sanders, and Samuel Crossland, believed to be credible persons, who, being duly sworn, declare that they have been for two years intimately acquainted with the above-named applicant, and with said William Root, (for twelve years before he deceased,) who was a private in Company H, Second Regiment Kansas Cavalry, and died September 4, 1864; that they know that said William Root, and Martha Root, (now Buchanan,) lived together as man and wife, and were so acknowledged by each other, and by the community in which they resided, and that the statements, all and singular, made by the applicant in the above declaration, are, to the best of their knowledge and belief, true and correct; and further, that said applicant has always been loyal to the Government of the United States; that they saw her sign her name to the aforesaid declaration, and that they have no interest in the claim of said declarant.

GEO. O. SANDERS.
SAMUEL CROSSLAND.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, George E. Webster, the day and date above given, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration and affidavit were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the claims therein named.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

B B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 20, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for appropriate action by your Department the case of Mr. John W. Wright, of this city, who was appointed July 11, 1866, by Secretary Harlan, to receive the bounties due from the Government to certain members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, and pay the same to those entitled thereto. A copy of Mr. Wright's appointment, instructions, and bond, accompany the report of Mr. Gunckel, sent herewith.

Under said appointment, Wright received \$420,254.42. No full report of payments was ever made to the Department, and but few vouchers have ever been presented. Mr. Secretary Cox, in his letter to the Attorney General, of September 3, 1870, said of the vouchers presented, "few, if any of them are in accordance with the instructions given to Mr. Wright and the conditions of his bond, or in accordance with general usage and commercial law."

All vouchers presented, irregular though they be, and strictly inadmissible, cover less than one half the money received by Wright.

From time to time, subsequent to the appointment of Wright, many complaints reached the Department from the Indian country, not only from persons entitled to bounties, but from the officials of the Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole Nations, that bounties due were withheld, or were paid in merchandise, at exorbitant prices.

In consequence of such complaints, Mr. Secretary Cox appointed Messrs. Webster and Foster, of the Pension-Bureau, a commission to visit the Indian country, and investigate the general grounds of complaint, and the method of prosecuting claims by Wright. A copy of their report is sent herewith, marked N.

Previous to the receipt of said report, Mr. Secretary Cox, on the 3d September, 1870, addressed a communication to the Attorney General, a copy of which accompanies Mr. Gunckel's report, and which presents a very clear and definite history of the transactions between the Department and Mr. Wright, up to that date, and asked the opinion of your Department as to the nature of Mr. Wright's liability to the Government.

No reply having been received to the last-named communication, on the 9th of December I called the attention of your predecessor to the omission, and received reply dated December 23, 1871, a copy of which is sent herewith, marked J.

In October, 1871, I appointed Hon. Lewis B. Gunckel, of Dayton, Ohio, a gentleman of high character and eminent in his knowledge of the law, to make a thorough investigation of the whole matter of Wright's transactions. Mr. Gunckel's report, dated March 14, 1872, is sent herewith, marked A, and is an able presentation of the entire case.

In addition to the foregoing action, two indictments have been found against Mr. Wright in the United States court for the southern district of New York, one for a conspiracy to defraud the Government, and one for obtaining money through his agent in New York from a Government official upon forged or fraudulent papers.

It is the object of this communication to refer this entire case to your Department that you may determine Mr. Wright's liability to the Government, and institute such proceedings against him, civil or criminal, as that the interests of the Government may be protected, the rights of the Indians secured, and the ends of justice attained.

It will be necessary to determine—

1st. The nature and extent of Mr. Wright's liability to the Government, and whether he was the agent of the Government, or simply the attorney of the Indians.

2d. The liability of the Government under the twenty-fifth article of the treaty of 1866, with the Cherokees, for money in said article dedicated to the purposes of the orphan school and improperly paid to Wright upon fraudulent vouchers.

The question of agency is doubtless settled by the opinion of your predecessor of December 23, 1871. The others remain to be determined.

The several reports which accompany this communication set forth a series of proceedings on the part of Mr. Wright, in the preparation of vouchers and the indorsement of checks, of the most startling character throughout, and which are, I trust, without a parallel in the history of our intercourse with the Indians.

The case requires a prompt and thorough examination, which, I trust, you will be able to give it.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.

EXHIBIT J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., September 3, 1870.

SIR: I herewith transmit copies of papers and letters, numbered in red ink from 1 to 34, inclusive, relative to the agency of John W. Wright in collecting and paying certain moneys to the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards.

A brief statement of the matter will perhaps facilitate a more ready comprehension of the facts and the correspondence on the subject. On August 1, 1865, a letter was received at the Department of the Interior from Mr. Wright, introducing the subject, which was referred to the Indian Office, and, after some correspondence, a letter of appointment and instructions was forwarded to Mr. Wright from the late Secretary Harlan, dated July 11, 1866, authorizing him, as special agent, to collect claims for Indians, when authorized by the claimants, and to pay them upon certain conditions. Wright executed a bond to the United States in the penalty of \$100,000, upon the conditions set forth in the letter of instructions. One condition of the bond was, that if, for any cause, the money should not be paid to the claimant within four months from the date of its receipt, the same should be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior.

The amount of money paid to Mr. Wright for the three regiments of Indian Home Guards, on account of back pay and bounty, as reported by the Paymaster General on October 19, 1869, was \$323,819.40.

Mr. Wright failed to comply with the conditions of his bond, viz, to file receipts for payments made by him within the four months specified, or to deposit the money with the Secretary of the Interior. His attention was called to the delinquency, and in a letter addressed by him to the Commissioner of the Indian Office, of December 26, 1866, he replied that he had been to the Indian country and paid about \$150,000.

On May 24, 1867, in answer to a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated February 2, 1867, upon an application of Mr. Wright for moneys collected and due for the service of enlisted Indians, the Acting Secretary of the Interior informed that officer that the Department deemed it best to adhere to the established rule that all moneys due to Indians shall be paid to them through the duly accredited agents of the Department, without abatement.

The Commissioner was also directed to communicate this decision to Mr. Wright, and notify him that he was expected to file in the Indian Office the requisite papers conformably to the terms of his bond; and, further, that proper steps were to be taken by the Indian Bureau for having the money in question paid to the Indians entitled thereto through the agents for their tribes. Of this decision Mr. Wright was informed in letter of the Commissioner of May 25, 1867.

On the 28th of May, 1867, Mr. Wright replied, promising to furnish the information required.

Until the 28th of July, 1869, the matter remained in the same condition, Mr. Wright still neglecting to render his accounts; when, by direction of the Secretary of the Interior, Wright was again called on to settle his affairs with the Government without delay.

On the 11th and 12th of August, 1869, the first receipts were filed by Mr. Wright in the Indian Office. These vouchers are deficient, irregular, and illegal, in several respects, as specified in the accompanying papers, but the sum total is \$136,737.04, leaving a balance unaccounted for of \$187,082.36. Independent of the defects specified in the above vouchers, it is submitted that few, if any, of them are in accordance with the instructions given to Mr. Wright and the conditions of his bond, or in accordance with general usage or commercial law.

In addition to these facts, complaints, supported by affidavits, have been received at the Indian Office from a number of Indians, that Wright had collected the moneys due to them, but that he had failed to pay it to them, and denied having received it.

August 2, 1869, by direction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretaries of War and of the Treasury, and the Commissioner of Pensions, were requested to consider no applications for bounty and back pay by attorneys unless the same were authorized by the Indian Office; and that all correspondence, relative to claims due and allowed for military service by Indians, be transmitted through the Indian Office. On the 13th of October, 1869, the Secretary of the Interior, through the Indian Office, requested the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the proper Bureau, in all cases of bounty and back pay accruing to Indians, their heirs, &c., to remit to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the amount due, less the fees allowed by law; such fees to be paid by the respective Bureaus to the attorneys of the claimants who were authorized by the Indian Office. Similar directions were given to the Commissioner of Pensions, in cases of claims for pensions due Indians for military service. Since then, checks have been drawn payable to the claimants for the amounts due them on account of back pay and bounty, less the fees paid to Mr. Wright, and sent to the Indian Office, and thence to the agents, to be paid to claimants. The amount thus paid to soldiers through the

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Indian Office is \$22,830, and the amount of fees paid Mr. Wright, on account of same, \$4,110.

On the 28th of May, 1870, Mr. Wright was informed by the Indian Office, under directions of the Secretary of the Interior, of the amount of his indebtedness to the Government on the account of the above-mentioned, together with a statement of all the material facts connected therewith, and he was told that further delay in the settlement of his accounts could not be allowed, and that on his failure to comply with the requirements aforesaid, the case would be submitted to the proper law-officers of the Government for legal proceedings against him. Mr. Wright replied on the 2d of June, 1870, inclosing a copy of a legal opinion by his counsel as to his responsibilities to the Government; and adding, in substance, that he acted for the Indians in the matter under formal powers of attorney from them, and claiming to be governed, in closing the business, by his own sense of duty to his client, to which sense of duty the instructions of the Department must be subordinate.

On the 14th of June, 1870, the Paymaster General informed the Indian Office, in reply to its inquiry of the 10th of June, 1870, that since his last report of the 19th of October, 1869, (above referred to,) Treasury certificates, amounting to \$95,935.02, had issued to Mr. Wright as attorney for heirs of deceased members of the First, Second and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards by the Second Auditor of the Treasury, and had been cashed in the years 1867 and 1868, and drawn to the 14th of April, 1869, since which date no payments have been made Mr. Wright, except for fees in cases where the claimant's checks were sent to the Indian Office as above stated.

The Paymaster General adds to the above that payments may have been made to Mr. Wright early in 1867 by Major Rochester, then in Washington, but since absent on distant service; having his papers and records with him. These papers and records, when received, will be examined, for the purpose of ascertaining whether they show any payment to Wright, and if so, they will be reported.

On the 8th of June, 1870, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs again wrote to Wright, in reply to Wright's letter of the 2d of June preceding, calling his attention to his additional indebtedness as above reported by the Paymaster General. He was informed that the Office only desire to do its duty in effecting a settlement with him in accordance with the conditions of his bond. To this Mr. Wright replied, June 23, 1870, repeating, in substance, his statement in his former letter of the 2d of June, 1870, and stating that he did not act as special agent of the Indian Office, but was merely recognized by it; and that, under the law, the Indian Office had no control over the matter. He also inclosed a copy of a letter of the 28th of October, 1867, from the late Secretary Browning, which he claims, sustains his view of the subject. A letter of Mr. Wright, bearing date the 31st ultimo, closes the correspondence on this case, and the copies herewith inclosed are referred to as containing more fully this abstract of the subject.

The letter of Mr. Browning, above referred to, is believed by this Department to have been written without reference to the facts of Mr. Wright's appointment as special agent, and under a hasty if not mistaken view of the case, and is not regarded as intended to be a deliberate opinion upon the matters now in question.

In connection with this subject, it is further found that Mr. Wright has departed from the provisions of the act of June 14, 1866, by depositing in a private banking-house in this city checks drawn to his order as special agent upon the United States assistant treasurer at New York, and causing the proceeds of the same to be carried to the credit of his private account in said bank.

The relations of the Government to the Indians are such that I am especially desirous that we may not be lacking in any proper effort to protect them.

It is my opinion that the appointment from the Department, as special agent, gave to Mr. Wright a practical monopoly of the collection of the claims of the Indians, and that his present assertion that such appointment was invalid, and his contract and bond without effect, ought not to be recognized unless clearly within the necessary construction of law.

I have the honor to submit the case for your consideration. If you shall be of opinion that the contract and obligation are binding, I would respectfully request your Department to assume control of the prosecution of Mr. Wright's default under the same, that full justice may be rendered to the Indians, who are dependent upon the Government for protection.

The originals of the affidavits and other papers can be furnished if desired, and this Department will take pleasure in assisting you in obtaining any other testimony as to facts that may be required.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX, *Secretary.*

The ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.

CREEK AGENCY, CREEK NATION,
February 11, 1868.

SIR: I herewith inclose a copy of a note given to Nancy, a Creek woman, in part payment of the bounty, back pay, &c. due her as the heir of her brother, deceased, who was a soldier in the First Indian Regiment. She states that they, or rather Mr. F. H. Nash, merchant, at Fort Gibson, bought the claim from her a short time since, paying her \$120, one-half in greenbacks, the other half in goods, and the original note of which the inclosed is a copy, taking her receipt for the claim, in whose name she did not know. (It is reasonable to suppose in the name of John W. Wright, who has the collection and payment of these claims.) The dead soldier's name is Spar-ne-fix-e-co. Also, at the same time, Pe-ne-e-marthler, heir of his brother, Man-ko-chee, sold his claim, \$130, in the same way, to Mr. F. H. Nash.

They, the two claimants living some seventy or eighty miles from Fort Gibson, in the Creek Nation, had gone down to Fort Gibson to see J. B. Wright, son of John W. Wright, in whose hands they had placed their claims for collection; they were told by Mr. Nash that their money was not there, but that he would give them half money and half goods for the same. They took it rather than to come so far again, not knowing whether their claims would ever be paid.

Tul-chus-meka, chief of the Ofuskee town, went to Fort Gibson with a number of his people, who were told that their money had come on; they were told by Mr. Nash that they were paying half money and half goods; he, the chief, supposed that was the way the Government was paying the bounties, back pay, &c. consequently made no objections, and were shown up stairs in a room over Mr. Nash's store, and about twenty of his people paid, receiving one-half money and an order down-stairs for the other half in goods. They signed a paper; did not know what it was for; supposed it was a receipt for their bounty, &c.; Tul-chus-meka showed me several of their notes given by Nash, similar to the one inclosed, that had not been traded out.

Most of the claimants are poor and ignorant, consequently easily duped out of their rights. And, having good cause to believe that such is the case, I ask that immediate steps be taken to compel the payment of all moneys due and payable to the First Regiment Indian Home Guards, (who were nearly all Creeks,) at the Creek Agency, in the Creek Nation, under direction of the Creek agent.

Moreover, heretofore all moneys due Creeks have been paid in the Creek Nation. Our people are very much dissatisfied that they have to go into the Cherokee Nation to receive their moneys.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. W. DUNN,

United States Indian Agent for Creeks.

JAMES WORTHAM,

Superintendent Indian Affairs, Southern Superintendency.

\$51.00.

Due bearer fifty-one dollars in merchandise.

True copy:

J. A. PATTERSON.
SAMUEL BROWN.

F. H. NASH.

No. 14 B.

Personally appeared before me this the 11th day of December, Aaron Samco, a colored man and citizen of the Seminole Nation, who upon being duly sworn in accordance with law deposes and says, that on the 2d day of May, 1866, at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, he turned over to John W. Wright's agent, one John B. Wright, his discharge from the service of the United States for the purpose of obtaining his back pay and bounty then due him, which the agent of John W. Wright assured him could be collected by the 1st day of May, 1867, and gave him a receipt for his discharge, which he still has in his possession. And he further deposes and says that, he called upon the said John W. Wright or his agent, at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, during the month of July, 1867, and demanded his bounty, but was informed that it had not been collected. But a Mr. Nash, a merchant at Fort Gibson, offered him \$85—\$35 in goods and the balance in money, stating that he could get it out of Wright, which he accepted, supposing that \$85 was all that was due him. He was afterward informed that more money was due him, and he again called at the office of John W. Wright to demand the balance, when he was informed by a man called Clapperton that John W.

Wright had been run off, and that he, Clapperton, had to take his place and would pay the soldiers their bounties, but could not do it now, as Wright had carried away all the funds with him. This was about the middle of June, 1869.

his
AARON + SANCO.
mark.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 11th day of December, 1869.

F. A. BALDWIN,
Captain, United States Army, and Indian Agent.

No. 38 B.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,
May 14, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following statement in relation to bounties, back pay, and pensions due the citizens of the Seminole Nation:

On the 27th of April, 1870, I received a letter from Alexander Clapperton, pension-agent at Fort Gibson, C. N., herewith attached, marked A; at the same time the pensioners were also notified in some other manner. Several days afterwards I was informed by several citizens of the Seminole Nation that John W. Wright had arrived in Fort Gibson, and intended to remain there some time. They informed me they had never received their bounties, and would like to get them while he was there, but did not wish to go unless I would accompany them, and, at the request of many, I consented to go and see if I could gain any information relative to the matter. On the 5th instant I started for Gibson, accompanied by about fifty citizens of the Seminole Nation who had bounty, back pay, and pensions due them, many being women and children, traveling in every conceivable way, some on ponies and some on foot.

On the morning of the 7th I arrived at Creek agency, ten miles from Fort Gibson, when I was informed Mr. John W. Wright had left, as well as Mr. A. Clapperton, his agent and pension-agent. I left word for the Indians who were close in the rear to remain, and not cross the river until I notified them, not knowing when Mr. Clapperton would return, (as, whenever I came to Gibson of late with persons wanting to draw their money, he has been absent at some salt-works on Illinois River.) Not wishing to put these people to any expense if they could not draw their money, I crossed the river to Gibson, and inquired when Mr. Clapperton would return, and was told by Mr. Brown Wright, son of J. W. Wright, that he would be in very soon, or, in other words, a few minutes; having been deceived once before, I made other inquiries, and found that he was again absent at the salt-works on Illinois River, and would not return until next evening, which was Sunday. I waited until Monday morning, when I again visited the office, and asked Mr. B. Wright if he attended to the payment of bounties. He answered in the affirmative. I then asked if he paid pensions. He said he would pay them. I then notified the people that they could be attended to. (I would here say that Mr. Blackstone very kindly offered to cross the Seminoles for half the usual rates, remarking that they would get no money.) On arriving at the office several persons drew their pensions, but, when handing Mr. Wright a set of vouchers, marked B, herewith attached, he asked if Robert Johnson, to whom power of attorney had been given by guardian, was present, I told him he was not, but Yah-ha, the guardian, was present; also the principal chief, band chief and judge, and could give him any papers that were required. He answered that it could not be paid, and did not pay it. He then remarked that they would have to make a new claim. These papers were made in the office and forwarded to Seminole Nation. I then told those who had claims to apply for their money. Joseph McGebby, a colored man, came forward and asked for his bounty. He was told that all claims for colored soldiers had been suspended in Washington, and had never been passed. I handed him a letter from the Second Auditor, marked C. He said he knew nothing about it, and never had the money. Many others then came forward and asked for their bounties, and were told their claims had never been made, their discharges were placed in their hands, or that they had been paid to them.

First. The claimant replied that some of them received first and some second bounties, showing receipts for their discharges, so the latter then replied by asking that their receipts be shown them.

Mr. Wright stated that they had traded out their bounties, and that he did not then have their receipts; but would send to Washington for them. I then handed him a list of names, marked D, and told him those persons were present, or represented by a guardian, and wanted their pay. He said their claims had never been made. I answered him, they had; and he then stated they had never been collected. I again told

him that they had both been made and collected, and placed in the hands of John W. Wright, and that this paper emanated from their office, and was signed by Mr. Clapperton.

Louisa, daughter of Cot-ehc-tus-to-no-co-chu, (deceased,) in whose name the claim was made, came forward and claimed her bounty and back pay. She was told the money could not be paid her; but the claim would have to be made over. Hock-lonch-e, widow of Oge-gup-ko, was told her claim was never allowed. I informed him it was paid to John W. Wright over one year ago. Many other applications were made, all with the same result—"claim had not been allowed; could not be paid" unless new ones were made, or that they had been paid when challenged to do so. I could give many names who applied, were it necessary. Not one bounty was paid to the Seminoles.

Many Creeks were also present who came for their bounties.

I would state that, after having made the application as stated, the Seminoles left for their homes the same evening Mr. Clapperton returned. I am aware that John W. Wright will claim that B. Wright knew nothing relative to the matter, and had no authority; also that Mr. Clapperton will do the same, but I know Mr. B. Wright paid pensions and had possession of the office. Mr. Clapperton will also no doubt say that he has nothing to do with bounties, but I have seen him pay them, and will give one case for example, to show how it is done. A Cherokee came in and claimed his bounty for \$100. Mr. Clapperton told him that he had traded it out, and given power of attorney for the same. The Cherokee denied it, and stated that he had not, and would swear to it. Mr. Clapperton (told) him if (he) did he would swear to a lie and act the scoundrel. Mr. Clapperton went out, and I told the Indian to ask that the power of attorney be shown him, or any receipt for his money. It could not be produced, and the man was paid. This, I am told, is of frequent occurrence. The truth is, that any and every subterfuge is resorted to to deprive these people of their money. No means are left untried.

I would respectfully and earnestly recommend that the payment of all money now in or to come into the hands of John W. Wright for disbursement be stopped, for the following reasons:

He has retained soldiers' money from one to four years without authority, and claims to have paid many whom he has not paid. He has compelled many to sell or trade away their bounties for a mere nominal sum, when sums had been transferred to him for such payments, and others have been compelled to visit Gibson a number of times, putting them to unnecessary expense and loss of time. I would also recommend that the \$15 allowed him for the collection each be disallowed, as he has retained their money for such a length of time that the interest would amount to more than the allowances for services rendered; in fact, I think he should be compelled to pay the expenses incurred by these people for visiting his office under false representations.

This is the first instance that has come to my notice in which it became the duty of pension and bounty agents to collect debts for traders. It was supposed that they were placed in the country for the purpose of defending the rights of soldiers, widows, and orphans.

I have made this report knowing the facts, and sincerely hope that steps may be taken to remedy the evil, as the Indians can look to the United States only for justice.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,

Captain, United States Army, and Indian Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington City, D. C.

A.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

April 11, 1870.

SIR: I have commenced paying pensions to-day. Would you be kind enough to send the pensioners here or come with them yourself?

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON,

Pension-Agent.

Captain BALDWIN.

B.

Be it known that I, Ya-ha, guardian of the minor children of Maria, widow of So-hajo, do solemnly swear that the said Maria was the identical person who was a pensioner, and is now dead, and to whom a certificate of pension was issued which is herewith surrendered; that the deceased pensioner resided in We-wo-ka district, (No. — St.,) County of Seminole Nation, State of Indian Territory, for thirty years past

and previous thereto in the same place; that she has not intermarried, but continued the widow of the above-mentioned So-ha-jo until her death.

Also that I, of We-wa-ka district, county of Seminole Nation, State of Indian Territory, do hereby constitute and appoint Robert Johnson my true and lawful attorney, for me and in my name to receive from the agent of the United States for paying pensions in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, State of Indian Territory, the pension due up to the date of the death of the said Maria, viz, from the 4th day of March, 1866, to the day of ———, 18—.

Witness ——— hand and seal, this ——— day of ———, 18—.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

YA-HA.

STATE OF ———, County ———, ss:

Be it known that on this ——— day of ———, 18—, personally appeared before me the above-mentioned Ya-ha, guardian of the minor children of Maria, widow of So-ha-jo, and made oath in due form of law to the truth of the foregoing statements, subscribed by ———, and acknowledged by the above power of attorney to be ——— free act and deed

(Adding his official character.)

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, February 25, 1870.

SIR: In reply to your communication of November 9, 1869, returned to this Office with indorsement by Captain T. A. Baldwin, I have to inform you that the claim in case of Boston Barnard or Barnett, late private Company G, Eighty-third United States Colored Troops, was settled by Treasury certificate No. 300296 for \$204.88, in your favor, which was sent to your attorney, John W. Wright, Washington, D. C., April 22, 1867, and was paid to him May 3, 1867, by Major J. Ledyard Hodge, paymaster United States Army.

Respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.

By C. M. M.

JOSEPH MCGILBRY,
Care of Captain T. A. Baldwin, We-wa-ka,
Seminole Nation, Indian Territory.

D.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
November 8, 1869.

SIR: I have not received any additional bounty for any widow, &c., yet.

Respectfully,

A. CLAPPERTON.

Captain BALDWIN.

(D.)

Thomas, B, 1st.
Sam. Bradley, B, 1st.
Ge Baineey.
So-ha-jo.
Billy Hagan.

Oke-chein-ua.
Yo-ha-go.
Par-hoo-fix-eke-go.
Foo-ko-kee-go.

Ich-har-se-yar-holer—Luke McGilbry: Get letters of guardianship for minor children. Give the names and ages of children. The clerk of the court must certify that the letters of guardianship and signature of the judge are genuine.

A. CLAPPERTON.

WE-WA-KA, SEMINOLE AGENCY,
May 14, 1870.

SIR: We have the honor herewith to lay before you the following facts in relation to bounties due the citizens of the Seminole Nation who served during the late war, and placed their claims in the hands of John W. Wright, or his agents, for collection, with the understanding that he was to have a certain amount allowed him for the collection of the same, to wit, \$10, to which he afterwards added \$5, making \$15 for first and additional bounties, each. During the years of 1865 and 1866, with the understanding that John W. Wright was duly appointed by the United States for the purpose of making out our claims, and collecting our bounties, and paying the same to those who were entitled to them, all of which he informed us, stating that no other

person would be allowed to attend to it excepting he, as he was the only person appointed and empowered by the United States to act, we placed in his hands our discharges in good faith, willing to give him the percentage asked, and which we understood was required by the United States. Mr. Wright informed us that our claims would be paid as soon as the claims had passed the proper Department, and the money transferred to him. Many of our people have not received their bounty or back pay, although we are informed that our claims have passed, and the money transferred to Mr. Wright.

He denies that such is the case, and when we call upon him or his agents, A. Clapperton and Brown Wright, his son, at Fort Gibson, we are quietly informed that our papers are incorrect, or that no money has been received for us; if we ask for any information we are abused, and ordered out of the office unless we are willing to trade it out with a Mr. Nash, when we find it is all correct. The interpreter is a clerk in Mr. Nash's store, and is paid \$5 for every person who trades out his bounty, back pay, &c., brought by him. We are not even then allowed our full amount, but are told they are sorry we came so far, and they will allow us so much for our claim and give us a small amount in money, the balance in goods, or a due-bill for the same. Many having applied for their money a number of times, and having been notified that the money is there, but finding upon their arrival at Fort Gibson that such is not the case, become discouraged, and take anything rather than again be compelled to travel from two hundred to two hundred and fifty miles to be quietly told there is no money for them, or that they can trade it out. We would respectfully state that often when we are told our papers are incorrect, and the claims will have to be made over, but should we trade them out with Mr. Nash we are not required to make out new papers, and we are at a loss to know how they can be made without our signature, or why it is then unnecessary; again, many are told they have been paid, or have traded it out, when such is not the case, and if they ask any information are called scoundrels and liars.

Such are the outrages perpetrated upon us by J. W. Wright and his agents, who claim to be empowered by the United States to make out and collect our claims. Several days ago, having heard J. W. Wright was at Gibson, we notified the people and told them our agent had kindly offered to accompany us to Gibson for the purpose of rendering us any assistance necessary, as we told him if we went alone we could get no satisfaction.

About fifty persons went in wagons, on ponies, and many on foot, having no other way, and no money to pay transportation. On arriving there we were treated as usual, except being allowed a hearing; the result we asked Captain Baldwin, our agent, to report to the Department. We would now respectfully ask that all moneys now in the hands of J. W. Wright be ordered back to the honorable Commissioner and transmitted to us through our agent. We would, under existing circumstances, solemnly and earnestly protest against any more payments being made by J. W. Wright, and also that the \$15 now collected by him for every first and additional bounty be disallowed for the following reasons:

First. That we are compelled to trade out our bounty which is allowed us by the United States, or receive nothing.

Second. That the said J. W. Wright has now in his possession a large amount of money due us which he has withheld from us from one to four years, which, at the rate of 10 per cent. interest, would amount to more than \$15 allowed him for making claims, &c.

Third. That many of our people have been compelled to visit Fort Gibson three or four times to apply for our bounty, not only losing our time, but the expenses incurred in traveling to and from. We would conclude by asking that justice be done us, and that the immense swindle now perpetrated upon us be at once investigated. We ask this as we are powerless, and can look to the Government only for redress.

We have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servants,

his
JOHN + CHUPCO,
mark.
Principal Chief.

his
FOOS + HUTCHINS,
mark.
Chief Seminole Nation.

his
FOOS + HALJO,
mark.
Chief Seminole Nation.

Witnesses present to marks:

F. A. BALDWIN,
Captain United States Army and Indian Agent.

C. A. BALDWIN.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

EXHIBIT L.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., July 11, 1866.

SIR: It having come to my knowledge that a considerable number of Cherokee, Creek, and other Indians have appointed you their attorney in fact, to collect claims for back pay and bounty for military services rendered the Government of the United States, before the several Departments; and you having filed in this Department a bond in the sum of \$100,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of your duties, you are hereby authorized and empowered as a special agent of this Department, without compensation, except such fees as are now or may hereafter be authorized by this Department, to collect and pay over to the parties in cases in which you have been constituted attorney in fact, as aforesaid, in accordance with the rules prescribed by this Department, the claims of Indians before the several Departments of the Government, upon the following conditions, viz: That you shall pay over promptly all money so collected by you to the parties legally entitled to the same, and, if necessary, go to the Indian country and tender the same to such soldier or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the rules prescribed by this Department for its collection; you to take the receipt of such claimant, witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or, in case the money is not, for any cause, paid over within the period of four months from date of its receipt, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior; and that in all cases you faithfully conform, in the collection of claims, to such rates as have been or may be hereafter prescribed by this Department.

This appointment to be revoked at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior.

JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

EXHIBIT M.

No. 3, A.

Know all men by these presents, that we, John W. Wright, Irwin B. Wright, John B. Wright, Thomas Ewing, jr., David P. Holloway, and John D. Defrees are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America, for the use and benefit of any Indian soldier or any negro soldier serving in an Indian regiment who is entitled to back pay or bounty from the United States, in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Now, the condition of this obligation is this: Whereas the said John W. Wright has been authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to collect claims for Indians when he is authorized by the claimant; now if the said John W. Wright shall, within four months from the time of the receipt of any sum of money collected by him for any soldier or his heirs, pay over the amount so received to such person; and, if necessary for that purpose, go to the Indian country and tender the same to such soldier or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior for its collection, the said Wright to take the receipt of such claimant, witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs within the time aforesaid, or in case said money is paid over within the time aforesaid, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior; and if said Wright shall obey all orders made by the Secretary of the Interior as to the payment of said money or any part thereof, then the above bond shall be null and void, otherwise to remain [in] full force and effect.

JOHN W. WRIGHT. [SEAL.]
JOHN B. WRIGHT. [SEAL.]
IRVIN B. WRIGHT. [SEAL.]
D. P. HOLLOWAY. [SEAL.]
JOHN D. DEFREES. [SEAL.]
THOMAS EWING, JR. [SEAL.]

[One dollar internal revenue stamp canceled as follows: J. W. W't, July 12.]

I do hereby certify that I have made due personal inquiry, and am satisfied that the sureties to the above bond are responsible men, and that collectively they are amply

sufficient for the penalty of the said bond, and that they are citizens of the United States.

EDWARD C. CARRINGTON,
United States Attorney for District of Columbia.

JULY 11, 1866.

Filed in Office of Indian Affairs, July 12, 1866.

Know all men by these presents, that I, John W. Wright, of the city of Washington District of Columbia, am held and firmly bound unto Daniel Butterfield, assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, in the sum of seventeen thousand four hundred dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to be paid to the said Daniel Butterfield, assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, or his official representatives, successors, or assigns, for which payment, well and truly to be made, I bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal. Dated the twenty-seventh day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

The condition of the above obligation is this: That whereas the above-bounden John W. Wright has presented to the said Daniel Butterfield, assistant treasurer of the United States in the city of New York, certain drafts drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, at Washington City, for one hundred dollars each, the same being payment of bounties to persons named in said drafts, and which are numbered as follows, to wit: 18528, 17392, 16314, 16407, 16427, 16487, 16970, 17891, 17397, 17831, 16992, 17377, 17330, 18655, 18608, 18648, 17782, 17647, 17070, 17162, 17051, 18510, 18514, 17681, 17876, 17632, 18669, 17312, 17422, 16855, 18652, 18517, 18618, 16440, 17299, 18650, 17799, 16881, 18623, 17590, 18673, 17883, 17588, 20313, 18653, 16890, 17374, 16325, 17103, 18612, 17884, 17897, 17410, 17669, 17048, 18656, 18672, 17161, 18706, 17187, 16388, 18668, 18621, 18701, 18667, 17031, 176464, 17139, 16345, 16883, 15480, 17177, 18632, 18736, 18721, 17009, 16361, 17839, 17807, 17275, 17040, 18642, 18641, 17747, 16887, 17855, 17671.

Now, if the indorsements on the said drafts are genuine and legal, and payment thereon be made to the said John W. Wright, then this obligation to be void; but if from any cause the payment so made shall be wrong or illegal in any respect whatsoever, then the above bond to be valid and in full force and virtue.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

[SEAL.]

JOHN W. WRIGHT.

Scaled and delivered in presence of —.

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, ss:

John W. Wright, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that he is a citizen of Washington, D. C.; that he knows the indorsements of the drafts named in the within bond to be genuine and in legal form; that he presents said drafts in good faith for payment, and that he is worth property, over and above all debts and liabilities whatsoever, to the amount of seventeen thousand four hundred dollars.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of July, 1869.

JOHN W. WRIGHT.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 27th day of July, 1869, by John W. Wright, above subscribing.

[STAMPED SEAL.]

C. H. PATTERSON, *Notary Public.*

No. 39 B.

SEMINOLE AGENCY, *May 14, 1870.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following statement in relation to bounties, back pay, and pensions due the citizens of the Seminole Nation.

On the 27th of April, 1870, I received a letter from Alexander Clapperton, pension-agent at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, herewith attached, marked A; at the same time the pensioners were also notified in some other manner. Several days afterward I was informed by several citizens of the Seminole Nation that John W. Wright had arrived in Gibson, and intended to remain there some time. They informed me they had never received their bounties, and would like to get them while he was there, but did not wish to go unless I would accompany them; and at the request of many I consented to go and see if I could gain any information relative to the matter. On the 5th instant I started for Gibson, accompanied by about fifty citizens of the Seminole

Nation who had bounty, back pay, and pensions due them, many being women and children, traveling in every conceivable way, some on ponies and some on foot.

On the morning of the 7th I arrived at Creek Agency, 10 miles from Fort Gibson, when I was informed Mr. John W. Wright had left, as well as Mr. A. Clapperton, his agent, and pension-agent. I left word for the Indians, who were close in the rear, to remain and not cross the river until I notified them, not knowing when Mr. Clapperton would return, (as whenever I come to Gibson of late with persons wanting to draw their money he has been absent at some salt-works on Illinois River.) Not wishing to put these people to any expense if they could not draw their money, I crossed over to Gibson and inquired when Mr. Clapperton would return, and was told by Mr. Brown Wright (son of J. W. Wright) that he would be in very soon, or in other words, a few minutes. Having been deceived once before, I made other inquiries and found that he was again absent at the salt-works on Illinois River, and would not return until next evening, which was Sunday. I waited until Monday morning, when I again visited the office and asked Mr. B. Wright if he attended to the payment of bounties; he answered in the affirmative. I then asked if he paid pensions; he said he would pay them. I then notified the people that they could be attended to. (I would here say that Mr. Blackstone very kindly offered to cross the Seminoles for half the usual rates, remarking that they would get no money.) On arriving at the office several persons drew their pensions; but when handing Mr. Wright a set of vouchers marked B, herewith attached, he asked if Robert Johnson, to whom power of attorney had been given by guardian, was present. I told him he was not, but Yah-ha, the guardian, was present; also the principal chief, band chief, and judge, and could give him any papers that were required. He answered that it could not be paid, and did not pay it.

He then remarked that they would have to make a new claim. These papers were made in the office and forwarded to Seminole Nation. I then told those who had claims to apply for their money. Joseph McGibbrey, a colored man, came forward and asked for his bounty. He was told that all claims for colored soldiers had been suspended in Washington, and had never been passed. I handed him a letter from Second Auditor, marked C. He said he knew nothing about it, and never had the money. Many others then came forward and asked for their bounties, and were told their claims had never been made; their discharges never placed in their hands, or that they had been paid to them. First, the claimants replied that some of them had received first, and some second bounties, showing the receipts for their discharges. So the latter replied by asking that their receipts be shown them. Mr. Wright stated that they had traded out their bounties, and that he did not then have their receipts, but would send to Washington for them. I then handed him a list of names marked D, and told him those persons were present or represented by a guardian, and wanted their pay. He said their claims had never been made. I assured him they had, and he then stated that they had never been collected. I again told him they had both been made and collected, and placed in the hands of John W. Wright, and that this paper emanated from their office, and was signed by Mr. Clapperton. Louisa, daughter of Cot-che-tus-to-no-ko-chu, (deceased,) in whose name the claim was made, came forward and claimed her bounty and back pay. She was told the money could not be paid her, but the claim would have to be made over. Hock-touch-e, widow of O-ge-gup-ko, was told her claim was never allowed. I informed him it was paid to John W. Wright over one year ago. Many other applications were then made, all with the same result. Claims had not been allowed; could not be paid unless new ones were made; or that they had been paid, but no vouchers could be produced by Mr. Wright to show they had been paid, when challenged to do so. I could give many names who applied, were it necessary. Not one bounty was paid to the Seminoles.

Many Creeks were also present, who came for their bounties.

I would state that after having made the applications as stated, the Seminoles left for their homes the same evening Mr. Clapperton returned. I am aware that John W. Wright will claim that B. Wright knew nothing relative to the matter, and had no authority. Also that Mr. Clapperton will do the same. But I know Mr. B. Wright paid pensions, and had possession of the office. Mr. Clapperton will also no doubt say that he has nothing to do with bounties, but I have seen him pay them, and will give one case for example, to show how it is done. A Cherokee came in and claimed his bounty for one hundred dollars. Mr. Clapperton told him that he had traded it out and given power of attorney for the same. The Cherokee denied it, and stated that he had not, and would swear to it. Mr. Clapperton told him if he did he would swear to a lie, and act the scoundrel. Mr. Clapperton went out, and I told the Indian to ask that the power of attorney be shown him, or any receipt for his money. It could not be produced, and the man was paid. This I am told is of frequent occurrence. The truth is that any and every subterfuge is resorted to to deprive these people of their money. No means are left untried.

I would respectfully and urgently recommend that the payment of all money now in or to come into the hands of John W. Wright for disbursement be stopped for the following

reasons: He has retained soldiers' money from one to four years without authority, and claims to have paid many whom he has not paid. He has compelled many to sell or trade away their bounties for a mere nominal sum, when funds had been transferred to him for such payments; and others have been compelled to visit Gibson a number of times, putting them to unnecessary expense and loss of time. I would also recommend that the \$15 allowed him for the collection each be disallowed, as he has retained their money for such a length of time that the interest would amount to more than the allowance for services rendered; in fact, I think he should be compelled to pay the expenses incurred by these people for visiting his office under false representations. This is the first instance that has come to my notice in which it became the duty of pension and bounty agents to collect debts for traders. It was supposed that they were placed in this country for the purpose of defending the rights of soldiers, widows, and orphans.

I have made this report knowing the facts, and sincerely hope that steps may be taken to remedy the evil, as the Indians can look to the United States only for justice.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. A. BALDWIN,

Captain United States Army, and Indian-Agent.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington City, D. C.

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FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *April 11, 1870.*

SIR: I have commenced paying pensions to-day. Would you be kind enough to send the pensioners here, or come with them yourself?

Respectfully,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,

Pension-Agent.

Captain BALDWIN.

C

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, February 25, 1870.

SIR: In reply to your communication of November 9, 1869, returned to this Office with indorsement, by Captain T. A. Baldwin, I have to inform you that the claim in case of Boston Barnan, or Barnett, late private Company G, Eighty-third United States Colored Troops, was settled by Treasury certificate No. 300296, for \$204.88, in your favor, which was sent to your attorney, John W. Wright, Washington, D. C., April 22, 1867, and was paid to him May 3, 1867, by Major J. Ledyard Hodge, Paymaster United States Army.

Respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH,

Auditor,

By M. M.

JOSEPH MCGILBREY,

Care of Captain F. A. Baldwin, We-na-ka, Seminole Nation, Indian Territory.

D

Ich-har-se-yar-holer-Luke McGilrey: Get letters of guardianship for minor children. Give the names and ages of children. The clerk of the court must certify that the letters of guardianship and signature of the judge are genuine.

A. CLAPPERTON.

Thomas, B, 1st.
Sam Bradley, B, 1st.
Ge Baineey.
So-ha-yo.
Billy Hogan.

Oke-chum-na,
Ya-ha-go.
Par-hoo-fix-e-ke-go.
Too-ko-ku-go.

6.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *November 8, 1869.*

SIR: I have not received any additional bounty for any widow, &c., yet.

Respectfully,

A. CLAPPERTON.

Captain BALDWIN.

EXHIBIT K.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, May 24, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following statement relative to the agency of John W. Wright in the collection and payment of certain moneys to members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, &c.

On the 11th of July, 1866, said Wright received a letter of appointment and instructions from late Secretary Harlan as special agent to collect claims for Indians, when authorized so to do by the claimants, and pay over to them the money so collected upon certain conditions. He executed a bond in \$100,000 to the Government for the faithful performance of the trust confided to him. The bond and instructions were in accord, and required that the said Wright should "pay over promptly all money so collected by you to the parties legally entitled to the same, and, if necessary, go to the Indian country and tender the same to such soldier or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the rules prescribed by this Department for its collection; you to take the receipt of such claimant, witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or, in case the money is not, for any cause, paid over within the period of four months from date of its receipt, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior; and that in all cases you faithfully conform, in the collection of claims, to such rules as have or may be hereafter prescribed by this Department."

In reply to a letter of inquiry from this Office the Paymaster General, on the 19th of October last, reports that the payments made to the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, through John W. Wright, special agent, on account of back pay, bounty, and additional bounty, amount to \$323,819.40.

Failing to comply with the stipulations of his bond, to file receipts in this Office for payments made by him within four months from the date of receipt of the money, or deposit the money in his hands with the Secretary of the Interior, the attention of Mr. Wright was called to his dereliction. In a letter to Commissioner Bogy, of date December 26, 1866, speaking of the Indian country, he says, "I have been there myself and paid them about \$150,000."

Commissioner Bogy, February 2, 1867, informed Secretary Browning that Mr. Wright had not complied with the conditions of his bond.

Hon. W. T. Otto, Acting Secretary, May 24, 1867, instructed Commissioner Taylor to adhere to the rule established by the late Secretary of the Interior, that all moneys due the Indians shall be paid to them through the duly accredited agents of the Department without abatement, and to inform Mr. Wright that he was expected to file in the Indian Office the requisite papers, conformably to the terms of his bond, and to take proper steps for having the money in question paid to the Indians entitled thereto, through the agents for those tribes.

Commissioner Taylor wrote to Mr. Wright May 25, 1867, informing him of the Acting Secretary's decision, and notifying him to comply with the conditions of his bond, &c.

Mr. Wright replied May 28, promising to furnish the information, &c., called for by the Commissioner.

Thus the matter stood, Wright failing to render the account called for, until July 28, 1869, when, by direction of the honorable Secretary, this Office again called the attention of Mr. Wright to his delinquency, and requested him to render an account and settle up his affairs with the Government without further delay. It was not until August 11 and 12, 1869, that any receipts were filed in this Office for payments made by him.

These receipts and lists filed by Mr. Wright have been examined, and the following statement relative to the same is made:

1st. There are 1,606 receipts, of which the following is a correct copy:

No. —

Received of John W. Wright eighty-five dollars in full of my bounty, as provided

for by resolution of Congress, as private in Company — of the — Regiment of Indian Home Guards.

Attest:

Sixteen hundred and six vouchers for \$100 bounty, less \$15 fee in each case, amount to \$136,510.

There are two other vouchers in the same form, but for different amounts, one, No. 1891, Company D, Third Regiment, for \$96, and one, No. 2133, Company I, First Regiment, for \$131.04, making the total amount alleged to have been paid to be \$136,737.04.

Accompanying these vouchers are three lists of soldiers alleged to have been paid, in all 1,619, eleven more than there are receipts for, which, at \$85 each, show a difference between the amount of the vouchers and the accompanying lists of \$935.

From the foregoing statement it appears that Mr. Wright has received from the Government, on account of back pay, bounty, and additional bounty, the sum of \$323,819.40, and paid out according to the vouchers \$136,737.04, leaving a balance of \$187,082.36 unaccounted for.

The following statement, however, is made relative to the vouchers filed:

There are 94 vouchers witnessed by the United States Indian-agent, but by no United States interpreter.

There are 33 vouchers which are attested by but one witness.

Voucher No. 465, Company A, Second Regiment, is not signed by the payee.

Voucher No. 159, Company E, Second Regiment, is not attested by any witness.

Vouchers 1272, Company A, 1270, Company E, First Regiment, appear to be signed in the handwriting of John B. Wright, one of the attesting witnesses.

Voucher No. 323, Company D, Third Regiment, the payee's name appears to be in the handwriting of Josh Ross, one of the attesting witnesses.

Though the vouchers above referred to are invalidated by their special exceptions, it is further submitted that all of the said vouchers are in derogation of established commercial law and usage in this, to wit:

1st. There is no time or place given when and where the same were executed.

2d. It does not appear by the said vouchers for what bounty they were given, whether for the original bounty of 1861, or the additional bounty of 1866, being given "in full for my bounty as provided for by resolution of Congress."

By the indorsements on the back of the lists accompanying the vouchers, they purport to have been given in satisfaction of the bounty of 1861, but the receipts of themselves do not show this fact.

It is further submitted that none of the said vouchers were executed in accordance with the covenants of the said Wright's bond to the Government, and the instructions of this Department.

1st. The bond provides that he shall "within four months from the time of the receipt of any sum of money collected by him for any soldier, or his heirs, pay over the amount so received to such person."

The receipts, as heretofore stated, do not show upon their face *when* they were executed.

2d. It is further stipulated in the bond that "in case said money is not paid over within the time aforesaid, (within four months from date of receipt,) the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior."

No such deposit was ever made with the Department.

3d. The receipts taken were required by the conditions of the bond to be witnessed by the United States Indian agents and interpreters of the several tribes. Ninety-four of the said receipts, as heretofore stated, were executed in the presence of the Indian agent; the others, when attested at all, were witnessed by persons unknown to the bond, and in violation of its stipulations.

It is further observed that none of the vouchers signed by + appear to have been executed by the payees, but by one of the attesting witnesses. The payees may have acknowledged and assented to the execution as their mark, and the proceeding may have been entirely honest, yet it was irregular and illegal.

It is further reported that Captain F. A. Baldwin, a United States Seminole Indian agent, under date of September 1, 1869, transmitted to this Office sixteen affidavits of Seminole Indians, which are now on file in this Office, representing that they had delivered to Mr. Wright their discharges and taken receipts therefor, and charging that they severally had called upon him at different times in 1867 and 1868 for their bounty, and were informed by him that he had never collected their bounties and had no funds, and that none had ever been turned over to him for the payment of the same.

A report was made to you, July 30, 1869, recommending that you request the honorable Secretary of War and the honorable Secretary of the Treasury to direct that no

application for bounty and back pay, by attorneys, be considered by their respective Departments, unless the same are authorized by this Office, and that all correspondence relative to claims due and allowed for military services by Indians be transmitted through this Office, and that similar directions be given to the Commissioner of Pensions.

The above recommendations were approved by you August 2, 1860, and the Treasury and War Departments and the Pension-Office were advised accordingly.

On the 12th of October another report was made to you, in which recommendation was made that the honorable Secretary of War and the honorable Secretary of the Treasury be requested to instruct the proper Bureaus under their jurisdiction, in all cases of bounty and back pay accruing to Indian soldiers, or their heirs or legal representatives, to remit to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the amount due and payable, less the fees allowed by law in similar cases of white soldiers; such fees to be paid by the respective Bureaus to the attorneys representing the claims who have been authorized by this Office, and that similar directions be given to the Commissioner of Pensions relative to the claims for pensions due to Indians on account of military services.

The recommendations above were approved by you on the 13th of October last, and the Departments and Bureau named were so advised by you.

Since that date checks have been drawn payable to the claimants for the amounts due them on account of back pay and bounty, less the fee paid to Mr. Wright and sent to this Office. They are then sent to the Indian agents to be paid to the persons entitled to them.

There is no evidence in this Office that any money was paid to Mr. Wright on account of pensions; the report from the Third Auditor shows that the pensioners received for their money.

The number of checks drawn for back pay and bounty is 297, and the amount thus paid to soldiers through this Office is \$22,830; the amount of fees on the same, paid to Mr. Wright, is \$4,170.

As the said Wright, on the 25th day of May, 1867, was, has since been, and now is, in default to the Government by a non-compliance with his bond of July 11, 1866, and the terms of his appointment as special agent under the same, it is submitted that he shall be immediately notified to render to this Department a full and explicit account of all moneys paid him as back pay and bounty due the said Indians.

That the accounting officers of the Government should be notified of his defalcation, and to withhold his fees until there is a satisfactory settlement with this Office.

That the proper Indian agents be notified that said Wright is no longer an agent of the Government to collect back pay and bounty-money, and that they take steps to prevent any more Indian claims being put into his hands for collection.

That upon failure to immediately report a satisfactory statement of his Indian account with the Government he should at once be sued upon his bond for the recovery of the penalty, or for any and all damages sustained by his defalcation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. COX,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 6 A.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, December 21, 1871.

SIR: I have examined the papers in the case of J. W. Wright, referred to me by you, with request for my opinion upon the following questions, viz:

First. Upon the facts stated in the letter of the Hon. J. D. Cox, late Secretary of the Interior, addressed to the Attorney General, dated September 3, 1870, is the said Wright guilty of embezzlement within the meaning of the 15th section of the act of Congress approved August 6, 1846?

Second. Is the bond executed by said Wright and his sureties a valid obligation, upon which the United States may recover and have damages for the alleged breaches thereof?

First. The penal sanction of the 16th section of the act of 1846 is, in terms, confined to officers of the United States and other persons charged by that act, or some other act of Congress, with the safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of public moneys. It does not appear in this case that Mr. Wright was charged by any act of Congress with the safe-keeping, transfer, or disbursement of public money.

In the determination of the question first above presented it is, therefore, only necessary to inquire whether he was an officer of the United States.

The duties assigned to Mr. Wright are set forth in the letter of appointment and instructions addressed to him by the Hon. James Harlan, late Secretary of the Interior, of date July 11, 1866. That letter is as follows:

"It having come to my knowledge that a considerable number of Cherokee, Creek, and other Indians have appointed you their attorney in fact, to collect claims for back pay and bounty for military services rendered the Government of the United States, before the several Departments, and you having filed in this Department a bond in the penal sum of \$100,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of your duties, you are hereby authorized and empowered, as a special agent of this Department, without compensation, except such fees as are now or may hereafter be authorized by this Department, to collect and pay over to the parties in cases in which you have been constituted attorney in fact, as aforesaid, in accordance with the rules prescribed by this Department, the claims of Indians before the several Departments of the Government, upon the following conditions, viz:

"That you shall pay over promptly all money so collected by you to the parties legally entitled to the same, and, if necessary, go to the Indian country and tender the same to such soldier or his heirs, less only such commission or fee as is or may be fixed by the rules prescribed by this Department for its collection, you to take the receipt of such claimant, witnessed by the United States interpreter and agent for the tribe to which such Indian belongs, and file such receipt with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; or in case the money is not for any cause paid over within the period of four months from the date of its receipt, the same shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior; and that in all cases you faithfully conform, in the collection of claims, to such rules as have been or may be hereafter prescribed by this Department. This appointment to be revoked at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior."

It will be observed that Mr. Wright is distinctly recognized in that letter as the attorney of a considerable number of Creek, Cherokee, and other Indians, for the collection of claims for back pay and bounty for military services rendered to the Government of the United States by such Indians, and having executed to the United States a bond in the penal sum of \$100,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such attorney and agent, he was authorized and empowered as special agent of the Interior Department, without compensation, except such fees as were then or might thereafter be authorized by said Department, to collect and pay over to the Indians, whose attorney he was, their claims for military services.

This is the whole extent and scope of his authority and power. Does this constitute him an officer of the United States?

In the case of *The United States vs. Hartwell*, 6 Wallace, 393, the Supreme Court said: "An office is a public station or employment conferred by the appointment of Government. The term embraces the ideas of tenure, duration, emolument, and duties." So far as can be learned from the papers referred to me, it does not appear to be claimed that Mr. Wright was appointed in pursuance of any law of Congress, or that his compensation was fixed by law, and it seems that he was not to receive any compensation from the United States, but was to be paid, out of the funds collected for the Indians, such fees as the Secretary of the Interior might allow.

His appointment was necessarily limited in duration and specific in its objects. It seems to me, therefore, clear that Mr. Wright did not become, by virtue of this letter of instructions, or by the execution of the bond, or by any other of the acts referred to in the papers before me, an officer of the United States within the meaning of the sixteenth section of the act of 1846.

It therefore follows that he cannot be successfully proceeded against criminally under that section.

Second. Whatever conflict of opinions may have existed relative to the power of the United States to enter into contracts and to take bonds with surety in the absence of statutory direction, it can no longer be doubted that a bond voluntarily executed to the United States, and founded upon sufficient consideration, and not prohibited by a statute, nor contrary to public policy, is a valid obligation, whether authorized by statute or not. (*United States vs. Hodson*, 10 Wallace, 395.)

The bond in this case appears to have been required of Mr. Wright in connection with the appointment conferred upon him, upon the idea that the Government exercises a peculiar guardianship over the Indians, and it was in their interest that the bond seems to have been required. While I do not find that the taking of such bond was required or authorized by any statute, it does not appear to have been prohibited by law or by public policy. The bond having been voluntarily executed by Mr. Wright and his sureties, they would be estopped to deny, in a civil action, the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take it, or the validity of Mr. Wright's engagement with the United States. What would be the measure of damages, and whether or not the consideration of the bond could be impeached in such a proceeding, are questions which cannot be authoritatively determined otherwise than by a judicial tribunal.

I am, therefore, of opinion that the Secretary of the Interior would be justified in proceeding by civil action on the bond to hold Mr. Wright and his sureties responsible for any breach of its conditions, and to seek the recovery of whatever damages, if any, the Government has sustained.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. H. BRISTOW,
Solicitor General.

HON. A. T. AKERMAN,
Attorney General.

Approved:

A. T. AKERMAN,
Attorney General.

"A."

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 17, 1871.

SIR: Referring to the telegram of this Department addressed to you, dated the 14th instant, the following general instructions are intended for your guidance in conducting the investigation as to the charges against United States Special Agent J. W. Wright in disbursing public moneys appropriated by the Government for the payment of bounty and back pay due the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, under the act of June 18, 1866.

1. It is my wish that you obtain from witnesses, under oath, statements as to whether said payments were actually made, and, if so, the time and manner of such payments by Mr. Wright.

2. You will ascertain, if possible, whether certain powers of attorney given to Mr. Wright were valid, and indorsements made by these claimants on the checks and certificates were genuine.

3. Whether the seal used in authenticating these papers was authorized by the authorities of the Cherokee Nation.

4. As far as possible you will acquire the information as to whether Mr. Wright has complied with the act of August 6, 1846, in relation to his disbursements.

5. Whether he has observed the provisions of the act of June 14, 1866, in relation to his deposits of funds received from the Government.

To facilitate your investigation you will examine all such papers or records in this or other Departments of the Government as throw light upon these inquiries, and attach copies or abstracts of the same to your report when you deem it necessary.

If in your opinion it seems proper to notify Mr. Wright of the objects of this commission, and to afford him every opportunity to be heard upon all branches of your examination affecting him, and also to give him an opportunity to present such proof and argument as he may desire, you are at liberty to do so.

Finally, you will examine into the claim of the Cherokee Nation under the 25th article of the treaty concluded with said Indians of July 19, 1866, for moneys due deceased soldiers leaving no heirs; the disbursements of Mr. Wright of the amount appropriated under the 28th article of said treaty to indemnify the heirs of Opothelohola.

As before stated these instructions are but general, and it is hoped that as regards the details of this examination your own judgment will be exercised.

As your assistant in this examination I have detailed J. A. Williamson, of this Department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

L. B. GUNCKLE, Esq.,
Dayton, Ohio.

EXHIBIT B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., October 21, 1871.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned has been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior a special commissioner to investigate the charges made against you by the Cherokee and Creek Indians as to the collection and payment of bounty and back pay due the First, Second, and Third Indian Home Guards. A copy of the instructions given him, which will be handed you herewith, will apprise you of the several matters of investigation.

Desiring to give you the fullest opportunity to defend against these charges, the undersigned will be glad to examine any vouchers or other papers you may produce, tending to prove payment of said claims, and to hear any other testimony you may choose to offer, or any argument you or your counsel may wish to make upon the several subjects of this inquiry. He also notifies you that on Monday, November 6, 1871, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the office of the United States Indian agent, at Talequah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, he will hear testimony to be offered on the part of the said Indians, and that you have the right to appear and cross-examine, and then and there to present any rebutting or other testimony you may deem necessary.

The examination of witnesses will be continued from day to day, and, if more convenient, from place to place, as the commissioner may deem best to promote the objects of the investigation.

LEWIS B. GUNCKLE,
Special Commissioner.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.

EXHIBIT C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Washington, D. C., December 12, 1871.

IRVIN B. WRIGHT, Esq., or Judge JNO. W. WRIGHT:

I beg to inform you that I will, on to-morrow, (Wednesday,) at 9 o'clock a. m., in room 34, Interior Department, Washington, D. C., examine such vouchers or other evidences of payment of the bounties to the Indian Home Guards as you may produce, and hear any testimony that you may choose to offer touching the same matter.

Very respectfully, yours,

LEWIS B. GUNCKLE,
Special Commissioner.

I do hereby certify that I delivered a true copy of the within to John W. Wright on the 12th day of December, 1871, at 11 o'clock a. m.

JAMES SMITH.

EXHIBIT D.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 12, 1872.*

Hon. L. B. GUNCKLE, *Attorney, &c., Dayton, Ohio:*

Just as I was making arrangements to leave Cincinnati for the West I was surprised by the unexpected news that my father had been arrested and recognized to appear in New York City on next Monday, the 15th instant, the same day I was to appear before you as his attorney at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

This, taken in connection with the fact that Mr. Clapperton, one of my father's principal witnesses, was also arrested in the Indian country, and is now imprisoned in New York City; and the further fact that the Department has failed to furnish me with copies of the documents asked for, and which are necessary to any fair and impartial investigation, part of which documents do not belong to the Department, utterly prevents and forbids my appearance any further in this investigation.

I will herestate a fact well known to you, that when this investigation was commenced in November last the whole country was flooded with telegrams, with the obvious purpose of influencing the public mind and prejudging my father's case. Notwithstanding this remarkable coincidence, at my urgent request my father consented for me to appear before you as his attorney. I left here after the honorable Secretary had telegraphed you to await my arrival, which telegram you did not get, and when I arrived at Fort Gibson I found you about ready to return. But few of the parties examined were cross-examined by me, as their attendance could not then be had, and the cross-examination made of the few witnesses was hastily and improperly done, as I lacked the necessary information and documents.

I should say here before leaving Washington I was assured the examination should be fair and impartial, and the officers of the Interior Department had assured me personally that the publications made had been made without their knowledge. I received the same assurances from you at Fort Gibson, and from your mode of speaking about these publications, I had every reason to believe I could appear before you safely as my father's attorney. I felt confident of being able to make a good defense, for the examination made, with due respect to you, was hastily and imperfectly made, and I

know from the few papers and limited knowledge I had of the facts, that a cross-examination was necessary even for the credit of the witnesses. An adjournment was made for the purpose of allowing me to get copies of the documents here which I desired, part of which were receipts taken by my father for part of this very money. These receipts, amounting to some \$160,000, were alleged in the November publications to have been stolen from the Department by my father. Mr. Williamson, I believe, in charge of the room or Bureau in which these receipts were deposited, assured me most positively that they were not in the Department, and they were only "found" afterward on my most positive assurance that they were there; and from Mr. Williamson's account to me of their "finding," I must say that I should not file in that Department any paper the loss of which would in any way affect either property or character.

It is apparent to any one that these receipts, and other papers applied for, were necessary to any complete defense, but I have not yet been allowed to have them, or copies, though they have been at the disposal of the Government officers, at your own disposal, and I believe also subject to the inspection of persons connected with the public press.

To complete this fair and impartial investigation, on the very day it is to be resumed these arrests are made. This second coincidence is too remarkable to escape even the dullest comprehension, and I cannot lend my name further to such transactions. If under these circumstances you conclude to proceed with the examination on the 15th instant, I must enter my solemn protest for the reasons herein stated; and I must also withdraw my offer fairly and frankly made to you to exhibit to you my father's books and papers—made when I believed an impartial hearing could be had.

As I appeared for my father, I ask that this protest be made a part of your record.

Very respectfully, &c.,

IRVIN B. WRIGHT.

EXHIBIT E.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 7, 1872.

Hon. L. B. GUNCKLE, *Attorney, Dayton, Ohio* :

I have received information leading me to believe that perhaps my son, John Brown Wright, appeared on my behalf when the last testimony was taken in the Indian country. I gave him positive directions not to enter his appearance, and if he did so it was wholly unauthorized. If said appearance was entered I demand that this letter be made a part of your record.

Very respectfully, &c.,

J. W. WRIGHT.

EXHIBIT F.

Deposition of sundry witnesses, taken before Lewis B. Gunckle, special commissioner appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to take testimony in the matter of charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, against John W. Wright, late United States special agent, at the office of the United States Indian agent at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, commencing on Monday, November the 6th, 1871, at which time and place came

Daniel R. Hicks, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation; I was formerly one of the judges of the district court of the Cherokee Nation; I am now engaged in farming. During the fall of 1866 I was in the employ of John W. Wright, at Fort Gibson, as clerk. At that time he held himself out as a Government agent, and said he was authorized by the Interior Department to appoint a judge in the nation, and authorize and empower him to appoint guardians and administrators in cases of deceased soldiers having bounty or pension claims against the Government. Under this pretended authority I made appointments until I was told by a judge of another district I ought not to do so. While I was in his employ I frequently made out applications on printed blanks for both bounty and pension, by his direction, and either in his presence or his son's, John Brown Wright; these were often made without the applicant being present at all. He would simply send his name and company and regiment, and we would make out the papers and sign the mark; that is, either myself or John Brown Wright would make the Indian's mark, and others would sign as witnesses. After that Albert Barnes, the clerk of the court of Illinois district, would come to Wright's office and sign both the name of the judge

and his own, and this when the judge was not present, and in the presence of John W. Wright, and at other times in the presence of his son, John Brown Wright.

In 1867 I frequently happened in the store of F. H. Nash, in Fort Gibson, and often heard Nash and his clerks say to soldiers who were inquiring for their bounties, that they had not been collected yet, but that they could trade out of the store to any amount under \$50.

I have known F. H. Nash for fifteen years or more. He was a member of the firm of D. H. Ross & Co., who failed in 1867, leaving, as it was said, heavy debts over the firm.

John W. Wright told me afterwards that he would help Nash get out of his debts and to go into business again, and shortly afterwards he started a large store, in which goods were given for bounties, as I have told before.

DANIEL R. HICKS.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came William L. G. Miller, who, being first duly sworn, says: I am the private secretary of the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, and have occupied the same position for the past four years or more. The principal chief has by law alone a custody and use of the national seal. It was first authorized by act of national council December 11, 1839, and was procured by the chief some time during the year 1870. The seal which follows here is the true and only seal of the Cherokee Nation, which I fix by the sanction of the chief.

[SEAL.]

There never was a seal of the nation authorized or used by the authorities of the nation prior to December 11, 1869. The seal here shown me, attached to the claim of D. H. Ross, attached to and made a part of this deposition, is not and never was the official or authorized seal of the Cherokee Nation.

W. L. G. MILLER.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Walter Goback, who, being first duly sworn, says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and served in Company K, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, and honorably discharged. I made application for bounty through John W. Wright, whom I understood to be the agent of the United States Government for that purpose, somewhere about 1865. In 1867 I went twice to Fort Gibson, which is seventy miles distant from my home, and was told by Wright himself that the money had not as yet come. Finally in that same year the money was paid me by Wright, being eighty-five dollars.

I have never received the second or additional bounty, although I have twice gone to Fort Gibson for it, and was told each time by John Brown Wright that the claim had not come yet. They offered to pay me in goods out of Nash's store, but I refused.

WALTER ^{his} + GOBACK.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD:

Examination adjourned until Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock.

Examination resumed Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

And also came William Triplet, who, being first duly sworn, says: I was orderly sergeant in Company M, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, and employed John W. Wright to collect my bounty. I got \$85 from Wright for my bounty in the summer of 1867. I never got any more; I never got any additional bounty; I never gave any power of attorney to Wright to collect this second bounty. My discharge was returned to me, but no money with it. I got it at Nash's store. Mr. Sanders, who was clerk for Mr. Nash, gave it to me, but no money with it. My name is Triplet, but I am informed it is on the roll of the company as Cripet.

WILLIAM ^{his} + TRIPLET.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And also came Morter Vann, who, first being duly sworn, says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and a member of the national council "lower house;" that I have been shown the application for bounty hereto attached, marked as Exhibit B, purporting to have been made by him as administrator of Jim Sanders; that he was never appointed administrator or acted or claimed to be administrator of said Jim Sanders; that he never made application for said bounty; that he never signed or made his mark to said application, and never saw nor heard of it shown him by Mr. Webster, the United

States pension-agent, in February, 1871, when he made the affidavit written on the blank side of said application. Said Jim Sanders was my cousin. No administrator was ever appointed on his estate. I never authorized Wright or hisson or any of his agents to apply for bounty for said Sanders, and never talked to either of them on the subject.

MORTER VANN.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Kernic Sixkiller, who, being duly sworn, says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and a private in Company L, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, and placed my papers in the hands of John W. Wright for the collection of my bounties. I understood Wright was the agent of the Government for that purpose, and that I was to pay him five dollars for the collection of each bounty. On the first bounty he retained fifteen dollars and paid me \$85. For the second bounty I went frequently—I live thirty miles from Fort Gibson—and was told each time that the claim had not come, but finally was paid \$40 by Captain Craig. Why I received only \$40 I never knew.

THE W. POD F. AD IT.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came George Swimmer, who, first being duly sworn, says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and am pastor of the Fourteen Miles Creek Baptist Church; I was a private in Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I employed John W. Wright to collect my bounty, understanding he was the Government agent. On my first bounty I got \$85; for the second, when I first went, I was told by Wright that it had not come, but that I could take out a part of it in goods from Nash's store, and then I took a part of it, about \$8, I believe, in goods, and in about a month after I was paid the balance of \$85—that is, young Wright gave me an order for the balance on Nash's store, telling me I could get one-half of it in money and the other half in goods. I then took the order to Nash's store, and got half in goods and the other half in money; Nash gave me the goods and the money. I think the goods were given me at about the same price as the other trading stores. I never signed any power of attorney or other paper of that character for Wright to collect my second bounty. If there is any such paper it was never signed by me; indeed, I never signed any application for bounty, or any paper whatever to or for Wright, except the final receipts for the money. I gave my discharge to Captain White Catcher, in Tahlequah, but signed no papers then, or at any other time, for procuring the bounty; I did not know nor understand that it was necessary. I supposed all I had to do was to give up my discharge, and send on to get the money. If any application or papers were made in my name they were made by somebody else without my order or knowledge.

D. BOSF.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then comes Nelson Terrapin, who, first being duly sworn, says: I have been or six years a solicitor in the Tahlequah and Going Snake judicial district. I was a corporal in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guard. I gave my discharge to Captain Catcher, and supposed that he would take it on to Washington, D. C., and collect my bounty on it. I made no written application, and signed no application or any other paper. I did not employ Wright, or give him any paper, or sign any paper for him; I did not know that he had anything to do with it until I was told the paymaster was at Fort Gibson, on paying bounties for the Government. I then went to Fort Gibson and saw John W. Wright for the first time, and supposed he was the paymaster. Wright then told me the money had not come as yet, but if I was in a hurry he would give me an order on Ross's store for \$85. I got a little money on it and took the rest in goods. I did the same with the second bounty, only I got the goods the second time from Nash's store by direction of Wright. I never gave Wright any power of attorney, or any at all. If there be an application for bounty or powers of attorney with my name to them they are not genuine, but forgeries. The only paper I signed was the receipts when I got the goods. In each case I was charged a high price for the goods, a good deal higher than the usual price in the stores.

OGG 100'S

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And also came Watt Squirrel, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who, first being duly sworn, says: I was the guardian of the three minor children of Samuel Squirrel, deceased; I was duly appointed and qualified by the judge of the district court of Delaware district. Samuel Squirrel served in Company I, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, who died shortly after the expiration of his service. I sent the discharge to Fort Gibson for the Indian delegation to take to Washington to get my bounty. I

made or signed no application or other paper; the next I heard of it I was paid \$40 by Lieutenant Jesse Henry, who said he got it from Judge Wright, and that was all he could pay him then, but would give him the balance some other time. This was in August, 1867. About one year afterward I went down to Fort Gibson, saw Wright personally, who told me that the money had not come, but gave me a little narrow paper, and told me I could get the goods on it at Ross's store. I took it to Ross's store, and got very little for it, because the prices were so high. I never got the second or additional bounty at all, nor did I any part of it. I live fifty miles from Fort Gibson, and have gone there four times for this second bounty, and have each time been told by Wright's agents at Nash's store that the money had not come yet. I also served myself in Company I, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, for about one and a half years. I sent my discharge along with that of Samuel Squirrel's, but I have never received any bounty at all.

his
WATT + SQUIRREL.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Arch Keener, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation: I was in Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I sent my discharge-paper by the Indian delegation to Washington. I did not employ Wright or anybody else. I did not see Wright or any of his agents after sending my discharge to Washington. I waited a long time, and finally heard my money had come, and down to Fort Gibson to get it, and was paid by one of Wright's agents \$85. I supposed Wright was the paymaster. I went many times for my second bounty, and was told each time that my money had not come, but finally, after a long time, they paid me \$85 more.

his
ARCH + KEENER.
mark.

And then came Robert Crawford, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I am a member of the national council, "lower house." I served in Company E, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I was orderly sergeant. I thought after the war that John W. Wright was appointed by the Government to collect our bounties, and I gave him my discharge. Wright paid me on the first bounty \$85 in money of the —. I got \$10 in money from F. H. Nash, and was compelled to take the balance in goods. From 1864 to 1868 I was judge of the district court of Illinois district, and was often in Fort Gibson. Mr. Wright employed me to sign certificates and jurats, and I had several hundred signed for him; in a few cases I administered the oath myself, but mostly it was done by Wright's clerks, that is, they said they administered the oath, and I had my name signed afterward; and, as I could not write my own name in English, I had a clerk to sign my name for me. It was Albert Barnes, Amos Thornton, and Moses Brice, at different times. These clerks often signed my name when I was not present; so it often happened that men were sworn in my absence, in my name, by Wright's clerks, and my name signed by my clerks also in my absence. Judge Wright told me the Government appointed me to do these things, and that it was the right way to do them, as I have above described. In cases where I administered the oath I knew the parties, and knew them to be all right, but when I was absent I could not vouch for what was done, or whether the applicant was actually present or not. During the years 1866 and 1867 I did all this kind of business for Wright. At one time I was in Fort Gibson for several months at one time, and after that, for the rest of the two years, I came once in two or three weeks; so during this latter period all the work was done by the clerks in my name, except on my occasional visits to Fort Gibson; then I administered the oath myself.

ROBERT CRAWFORD

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Eno-lay, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I served in Company C, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I sent my discharge to John W. Wright, but did not make or sign any application. When I next heard of it others were drawing their bounties at Fort Gibson, and I went down there and got \$25 in money from F. H. Nash, and the balance in goods. I was compelled to take goods, although I did not want them, as they charged two or three prices for them, but was told I could not get all of my bounty without, so I had no choice, and was compelled to take goods or nothing. I have never as received my second bounty, or any part of it.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

ENO-LAY

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 8, 1871

Examination resumed, John Brown Wright appearing as attorney for his father, John W. Wright.

And then came Thomas Ross, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a member of the national council Cherokee Nation, the senate or "upper house." I served in Company A, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. In November, 1865, D. H. Ross, who was one of the Indian delegation to Washington, came to Fort Smith and said that those who wanted their bounty should give him their discharges, and he would take them to Washington and get their money. I gave him my discharge, and my son Daniel Ross gave to him his at the same time. He gave each of a receipt. The following is an exact copy of the one given me:

"Received of Thomas Ross, his discharge as private in Company A, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, to collect bounty.

"JOHN W. WRIGHT.
"By D. H. ROSS.

"NOVEMBER 27, 1865."

I had never seen nor heard of Wright, and trusted it to Ross, because he was a member of our delegation. I did not sign, at that time, any application for bounty, or, indeed, any paper of any kind. Nor did my son. Nor did either of us sign any paper until we signed receipts for \$85, a long time afterwards. I did not get my second bounty until I had gone to Fort Gibson, a distance of forty miles from my house, three or four times, being told by Wright and his agents each time that the money had not come; yet I cannot recollect the dates of these visits, but I do remember I got tired out waiting for it, and when Nash told me that he would give me \$55 in money, and the balance, \$35, in goods, I accepted it. The goods were put at more than the usual price.

My brother, Ezekiel Latimore, of Company A, Third Indian Regiment, (Home Guards,) received, during his life-time, his first bounty, that is, \$85, but died before he received his second bounty. His sister, Susan Foreman, was appointed administrator on his estate, and she sent me to Fort Gibson to get the second bounty. I did not get it. Mr. Wright said if he had not a child, children, father, or mother, he could not get it. He said there was no way to get it, as the Government would not pay it. I have not got it since; neither has the administrator.

Cross-examined by John B. Wright for John W. Wright:

I gave my discharge to Daniel Rose. I did not sign a paper of attorney until I got my first bounty. I then signed a paper which I supposed was a power of attorney.

THOMAS ROSS.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Jack Doubletooth, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I served in Company K, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I gave my discharge to John W. Wright in person, at Fort Gibson, who said he would charge me \$15. I got the first bounty in money in the summer of 1867. About two years after I called for the second bounty, and was told at Wright's office that my second bounty had been passed, and they gave me a little, narrow slip of paper. I do not remember what was on it, but I do remember that Nash's store-stamp was on it; and they told me to take it to Nash's store. I took it there, and Mr. Nash told me that he could not pay it all in money, but he would pay it half in money and half in goods. I took it out in that way, half in goods and half in money. The goods were put to me at very high prices indeed. I gave a power of attorney to collect my second bounty, and a receipt for the money and goods when I got them. What the receipt said I do not remember.

JACK DOUBLETOOTH.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Tail ———, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation; served in Company G, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I sent my discharge to Mr. Wright. Being sick, I could not go myself. I did not sign or swear to any application, or any other paper. All I did was to send my discharge. I did nothing until I got my first bounty. I got \$35 in money about two years after. I went once to get my money to Nash's store, and was told it had not come. I did not go into Wright's office. I thought it was of no use. About three weeks after I heard they were paying, and I went again to the store, because I heard Mr. Nash was paying. Nash told me my claim had come on. They gave me a little paper and sent me up to Lipe's store, and Major Lipe put a stamp on it, and then I took it back to Nash's store, and they gave me \$30 in money. I tried to get it all in money, but could not. Then I tried to get half in money, but could not.

Finally, the best I could, I took \$30 in money and the balance in goods. I never gave Wright any power of attorney to collect the second bounty. I never did anything about the collection only what I have stated.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

OWSE

And then came Johnson Proctor, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation: served in Company L, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I gave my discharge to Lieutenant Sixkiller, who was gathering them up in his own company. I understood the discharges were to go to Washington. I did not make out or swear to any application. I think in Fort Gibson, in 1867, I received \$85 from Judge Wright in person. I do not recollect the time, but it was a short time before they paid out the second bounties. I went to Fort Gibson twice, and was told by Mr. Nash each time that the money had not come on. I went to Mr. Nash, because he had the list of those whose claims had been allowed. The third time I went down he (Mr. Nash) said the money had not come yet, but that he was buying claims, and would buy mine, and said he would give me \$30 in money and the balance in goods. I took this, as I had been often for it, and did not want to go again. The goods were put to me at very high rates. I gave Mr. Wright a paper which I supposed to be a power of attorney.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

OWSE W. PROCTOR

And then came Looney Guess, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation: served in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I gave my discharge to Captain White Catcher. I was told it was to go to Washington to collect my bounties; so I sent it. I did not make, sign, or swear to any application. I only gave my discharge, and did nothing else. The next thing I did was to go to Nash's store and get \$25 in money, and the rest of the \$85 in goods. I did this because I had been there so many times. I was tired, and thought I had better sell out. This was since 1867. I cannot tell the exact date. I had tried to get my first bounty all in money, and also tried to get half in money, but what Nash gave me was the best I could get. I had been to Wright's office, but had been told there the money had not come. I never gave any power of attorney or any other paper for my second bounty, and I have never got any part of it. I never went for my second bounty. I never knew there was a second bounty to be got. I live twenty miles from Fort Gibson.

Cross-examined by John Brown Wright:

Shortly after I was discharged I got \$85, and I think I got it from John W. Wright. The one I have told about above was afterwards, and may have been the second bounty.

LOONEY + GUESS.
his
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Archilla Ranaerow, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation: I served in Company D, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I gave my discharge to S. S. Stephens, I think; at any rate he signed the receipt here in Tablequah. I gave no other paper; I did not sign or swear to any application; I only gave my discharge and got my money. On the first bounty I got \$85 of John Brown Wright. I gave no power of attorney to Mr. Wright to collect the second bounty, nor did I give any other paper of any kind to collect the second bounty. I went quite a number of times, I do not remember, after my second bounty, and was told it had not come. I live fifteen miles from Fort Gibson. Finally I asked if I could get anything in the store, and they told me I could, but the money had not come yet, and they put on the back of my receipt for discharge-paper a memorandum of the goods I had bought. I got \$10 worth at Mr. Ross's store, and \$15 worth at Nash's store. I can't recollect the month of this, but I got the whole and took up my discharge in 1869. I think I got all the goods in the same year, during 1869. They charged me high prices, but I thought I would let it go.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

ARK. W.

And then came Spencer S. Stephens, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and hold the office of superintendent of public schools of this nation. In the year 1865, John W. Wright, in the month of October, came to the town of Tablequah, where the national council was in session; he to the council made known his business: he stated that by the request of the principal chief,

John Ross, he had come for the purpose of looking after the bounty-claims of the soldiers. He was cordially received by the council, and they stated they were glad he had come to do that business for them. He also stated to them that he did not know for certain that he could get their bounties for them, but that he would do all in his power for them; and he also stated it was necessary to notify all the soldiers throughout the nation for the purpose of giving a power of attorney; he also stated it was by the approval of the President of the United States that he had come, and that the President had ordered all the Army officers to assist him with transportation, &c. I know that the officers furnished him with transportation when he asked for it, and he traveled often in Government ambulances. He also asked the officers of different regiments to have the men come forward and sign powers of attorney, which I think a majority of them did. I know this because I was in his employ for twelve months. He had printed blanks which, combined in one, were powers of attorney and applications of bounty. The majority of soldiers merely touched the pen when their names were signed. I was employed by Mr. Wright in the month of October, 1865, as clerk, together with F. A. Kerr and H. D. Reese. I think between fourteen hundred and fifteen hundred applications were made out when I was in his office. These applications had the names of Crawford as judge and Albert Barnes as clerk. When Crawford was there he administered the oath himself; when he was absent his clerk administered the oath and signed his name for him, because he could not write his name in English; he always signed the judge's name, because the judge could not write his name in English. John W. Wright did not think it was necessary to collect the discharges when he first came out here, but when he returned to Washington he wrote me that it was necessary to get every one, as he could not do anything for them at all without the discharges. I then sent word to the captains of the two regiments, and also to the men of the first regiment. A great many soldiers brought in their discharges, and others turned theirs over to their captains, and the same were turned over to me at Fort Gibson, and receipts were given to all those that gave their discharges to me, sometimes in my name, at others in John W. Wright's name. H. D. Reese only took the names of the soldiers and handed them over to me with the discharges. After I received the discharges they were turned over or placed in the hands of H. D. Ross, with instructions to deliver them into the hands of John W. Wright at Washington. This was in the winter of 1865. Afterwards I went to Washington myself, and remained seven weeks in his office; then, after that, I returned home and remained for the rest of my term in the nation. None of the bounties were paid during the time I was employed by Wright, during the time of my employ. It was represented by Wright that the charge for collection would be 5 per cent., and that was the general impression among the soldiers at the same time. I myself supposed at that time that that would be the charge. I think there was an arrangement afterwards entered into between Wright and a portion of the Indian delegation that the per cent. should be increased from 5 to 15 per cent. I was not present when this arrangement was made, but was shown a paper by Judge Wright purporting to be that. During my term of service with Wright I regarded him as an authorized agent of the Government, and that was the general impression among the people in the nation. I have heard Wright say that he was the only person authorized to collect the bounties for the three Indian. While I was in his employ I did not make out any papers for soldiers except when the soldiers were actually present. What other clerks may have done I do not know. I had nothing whatever to do with the second bounty. When Judge Wright first came into the country he told some of the members of the council that the nation ought to have a seal. The next time he returned from Washington he brought a seal with him. Mr. Reese, his clerk, before he went gave him some Cherokee letters. I think Wright gave him a word to translate, and he translated it into Cherokee; but whether the put on the seal is the same I cannot tell. Wright gave the seal to Crawford, who was the judge that was doing Wright's business, but the seal was kept at Wright's office, and all the papers touching Wright's business were stamped before they sent to Washington.

SPENCER S. STEPHENS.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came James Shelton, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and a member of the "grand council." I was formerly one of the associate judges of the supreme court. I was a sergeant in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, and mustered out in May, 1865. I gave my case to Wright to get my bounty, supposing him to be a Government agent, and his charge would be 5 per cent. He paid me both my bounties in money, \$85 each time. I was legally appointed guardian of John Smoker, deceased, who was a private in the same company and regiment with me. John Smoker, senior, did not get his bounty or back pay during his life-time, nor did I get it after his death as the guardian. His son Wright paid in my presence some money, over \$100 I think, to Betsy Thompson, who had been the wife of John Smoker, but married again, and was mar-

ried to another man at the time of this payment. I objected at the time to the payment to her. I stood around awhile, waiting for Mr. Nash to come in, and when Nash came Wright asked Nash who I was, and Nash told him my name, and that I was one of the associates of the supreme court. Then Wright took me by the arm and led me around the corner of the house. He pulled out his pocket-book and gave me \$25, saying, "This will do the child some good until I can get the balance." He said when he went back he would get the balance, and pay it over to me. I have never gotten anything from him, although I have several times gone to Fort Gibson to get it. The last time I went young Mr. Wright told me the letters of guardianship had been lost, and I would have to get out new papers of guardianship, but I did not think it was any use, as I had lost confidence in Mr. Wright. To the best of my knowledge the amount paid Betsey Thompson was \$105. I am sure it was that, or near that amount. She is now dead. I thought at that time, and think still, that that \$25 was "hush-money."

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JAMES + SHELTON.
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Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And also came Ezekiel Black Fox, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and served in Company I, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. The first thing I ever did towards getting my bounty was to give my discharge to Mr. H. D. Reeves. I did not make or swear to any application for bounty, or give any power of attorney before this or at any time before I got my first bounty. I am very sure in my recollection about this. I got my first bounty, \$85, of Wright at Fort Gibson, but I don't remember the date. As to my second bounty, I got \$45 in money and \$40 in goods at Nash's store. I took the goods because they told me the claim had not come on yet. I did not want to wait any longer. I got this last bounty a little over two years ago. I never gave Wright any power of attorney, or any authority to sign any check for me. I thought he was a Government paymaster, and could draw it without my authority.

BYPASSOLA

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Ned Grease, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and served in Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I never made out any application for bounty, neither did I sign or swear to any whatever. The first and only thing I ever did was to give up my discharge to Captain Fish. I sent it by Deer to the Water. I got \$35 in money for my first bounty, and for my second I got \$40 in money, \$45 in goods, at Nash's store. The goods were put to me at much higher prices than what I could have obtained the goods for money. The first time I went for my money they said it would come in a week. I waited longer than a week, and went again; then they told me it would come in two weeks. I waited about that time and went again; they then said it would come in a day or two. They told me each time, if I wanted to I could take it out in Nash's store. Finally, becoming tired, I traded it out as I told above. I did not give any power of attorney or any authority in writing for Wright to sign my name on any check or to draw the money for me; the only paper I ever signed in the matter was a receipt for the money. I was never asked to sign any papers of the kind, or any other papers except the receipts. I was the legally appointed administrator on the estate of George Grease, who died during the war—he was of Company C, Third Regiment—and as such administrator I collected the first bounty, \$85, and about \$27 or \$28 back pay. I have never tried to get my second bounty, and have never gotten it or any part of it. I never asked the agent, but other people told me it was no use to try.

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Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Col. Lewis Downing, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, and have held this position for the four years past, and I was the second chief of the nation for the four years preceding the first-named term. I was second chief when John W. Wright first came to this nation; this was in 1865. He represented that he was sent out by the Government to assist the Cherokee soldiers in collecting their bounties and pensions. I understood him to be acting officially for the United States Government, and so stated and represented it to my people, and on the strength of that the soldiers gave him their discharges. I knew nothing of his business, except general complaints which have been made by the soldiers and their families as to the non-payment of their bounties, &c.

The first seal of the Cherokee Nation was established by law, approved December 11, 1869. An exact copy of the law is hereto attached, marked exhibit C, and made a part of my deposition. Under the authority of said law I caused a seal to be made in the

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spring of 1870. The seal given in the deposition of my private secretary, W. L. G. Miller, is the true impress of said seal and of the official seal of the Cherokee Nation. No other seal was ever authorized or used by the nation, and the nation had no seal prior to said date. The seal shown me, and impressed on the claim of D. H. Ross, and marked as exhibit A, attached to Dr. Miller's deposition, is not and never was the seal of the nation, and was never authorized or recognized by the Cherokee Nation. I never even saw this seal until shown me to-day, although I did hear of such a seal at Fort Gibson.

LEWIS DOWNING.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Nellie Som John, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the widow of William Som John, who was a private in Company G, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. My husband died during the war. I got John W. Wright to make out my claim for my husband's bounty. I received from him \$85, the first bounty. I have never got the second bounty. I never heard or was ever notified of its being paid, nor have ever gone for it. I did not even know there was a second bounty.

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NELLIE + SOM JOHN.
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Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came J. L. Springston, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I served in Company I, Third Regiment Home Guards. As to my first bounty the first thing I did I sent my discharge by our delegation to Washington to get my money. I did not sign or swear to any paper for that bounty, neither gave any power of attorney for that purpose. The first time I saw Wright was when I went to Fort Gibson to get my bounty and when he paid me the \$85, my first bounty. I gave a power of attorney to Wright for my second bounty. I went four times, fifty miles each time, to get my bounty, and was told each time the money had not come, but that I could get goods for it. Finally, becoming wearied with these delays, and thinking something was better than nothing, I took \$65 in goods and the rest in money. I could have got the goods cheaper next door; I was offered them cheaper there; indeed, it was a general complaint that they charged more than any one else, but we soldiers could not help ourselves.

J. L. SPRINGSTON.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Stagger, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and served in Company A, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. After the war I applied for my bounty, signing some papers for that purpose, made out by Mr. Stephens. Afterwards I gave my discharge to Captain White Catcher. I got my first bounty, \$85; for the second bounty I got \$40, and no more. I have never had any explanation why I never had any more; they said that was all that was coming to me, and that was the end of it. I met Wright once at Fort Gibson, and told him I only got \$40 on my second bounty, and asked him if I would not get more. He said, "No," and handed me back my discharge. I never gave any authority, by power of attorney or otherwise, to draw my money, or sign any check payable to my order; I was never asked for any such authority, and I did not think it necessary. I thought the delegation when at Washington had arranged for the payment of our claims, and that the United States Government had accordingly sent out Wright to pay us the money.

J. W. C. S.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Thomas Galcatcher, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I was duly appointed administrator *de bonis non* on the estate of Watt Stop by Judge Hicks, of the district court of Cooweescoowee district, Cherokee Nation, and gave bond and was qualified as such administrator. The former administrator was James McDaniel, who died. A part of the estate of said Watt Stop was a claim against the Government for forage under the twenty-eighth article of the treaty between the United States and the Cherokee Nation, and for which a check was given by the Treasury Department. John W. Wright has possession this check. I saw him Fort Gibson some time after I was appointed administrator, and he wanted me to give him power of attorney to sign the check and draw the money, but I refused. Alexander Clapperton, then pension-agent, also tried to get me to give Wright a power of attorney, but I would not do it. Major Lipe also asked me to do it; said that Clapperton asked him to see me, but I again refused. I was

clerking for Lipe at that time. I did not wish to sign, because I had no confidence in Wright and did not want to trust the money to him. For this reason I have always steadily refused to give him a power of attorney, and I declare positively I never did give him one or sign one to Wright. If there be any such in existence I declare it to be a forgery. Wm. P. Ross never spoke to me on this subject, nor asked me to sign any such power of attorney, and I am very positive that I did not sign any power of attorney to Wright in the presence of Wm. P. Ross or anybody else.

TOM GALCATCHER.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 8 o'clock.

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Examination resumed.

And then came John S. Vann, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the chief justice of the supreme court of the Cherokee Nation, and have acted in a judicial position in the nation for the past three years. The supreme court has no seal, neither has the circuit or district courts at the nation any seal authorized by law or the customs and the usage of the courts, nor have they ever had, as far as I know. If any of said courts have assumed to use a seal, they have done so without warrant of law. The nation itself had no seal prior to the act of the national council, passed December 11, 1869.

JOHN S. VANN,
Chief Justice Supreme Court.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Adjourned to resume the examination at the post-office in the town of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, this Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Special Commissioner

Examination resumed at Fort Gibson this Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. For want of room and conveniences, the place of examination was changed from the post-office to the house of O. W. Lipe, being the second door west of the post-office.

And then came John C. Cunningham, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am postmaster at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, and have been for the four years past. I have resided in Fort Gibson since 1865. I made the acquaintance of John W. Wright in 1865. In the fall of that year he came to Fort Gibson. At that time he came in a Government ambulance from Fort Smith. He announced himself as agent in behalf of the Government of the United States for the payment of bounties due the Indian regiments. He said he was the only man authorized by the Government to do that business. He opened an office and commenced doing business. After remaining a few weeks he went to Washington, leaving his business in the hands of his son, John B. Wright. I was frequently in the office during that year, and have seen them make out papers. I have seen Moses Price sign the name of Judge Crawford when the judge was not present.

Price was the clerk of the court and employed by Wright, I suppose: at least he spent all his time there during his term of office. The first money he paid out here was in the fall of 1866. I remember when he came that he told me that in coming from Fort Smith on the boat, he put a package of \$10,000 in the safe of the boat, directed to me, and, I think, gave as his reason he was afraid of being robbed, and my recollection this was the first money paid out on bounties by him. I think he did not personally pay out any more money until 1867. During his absence the soldiers were paid in money and goods at Nash's store. I remember that between these periods it was frequently given out by his son, and once by written notice, that he would be here with the money to pay, and that these times were put off from week to week and month to month until the complaint became very general, not only as to the delay, but also, being put off from time to time, they were compelled to take goods from Nash's store at prices which they claimed were exorbitant. These men came from distances varying from twenty-five to eighty miles, and were often in a destitute condition. I don't know whether Wright was interested in Nash's store, but it was the general belief that he was. I remember a conversation which I had with John W. Wright in Washington in March, 1870. We were walking from his house to Judge Parsons's room. He said he had just come from Cincinnati, where he had been to see Nash. I remarked that Mr. Nash had been very successful in business. He said, Yes, Nash was worth about \$60,000. He said that the people had thought he was interested with Nash, that he had gone to New York with Nash just before he had started business alone in Fort Gibson, and recommended him as a young man of energy and enterprise, and that he had indorsed for him to the amount of \$25,000. He named the merchants in New York to

whom he had given his name as security for Nash. I do not remember their names, but I think one was H. B. Claffin & Co.

About the fall of 1866 D. H. Ross & Co., of which firm F. H. Nash was a member, failed in business. They compromised with their creditors for about twenty cents on the dollar. The compromise was effected by Wright and Nash, and shortly after Nash brought his stock of goods from New York and opened a store for himself in Fort Gibson.

JOHN C. CUNNINGHAM.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Adjourned to meet at same place on to-morrow, Friday morning, at 8½ o'clock.

Examination resumed this Friday morning at 8½ o'clock, being the 10th day of November, 1871.

And then came Frederick A. Kerr, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I was one of the clerks in the employ of John W. Wright. I commenced a short time after he opened his office in Fort Gibson. The other clerks were Joshua Ross, H. D. Reese, S. S. Stephens, and John Brown Wright. J. W. Wright always represented himself as a United States officer, and he said papers were given him by the Interior Department showing that he was the only legally authorized person to collect the bounties for the three Indian regiments. Our course in the business of the office was about this: If the Indian came himself we made out his papers regularly, and Wright himself would swear the party, and afterward Crawford's name as judge was put to it by one of the clerks. I always supposed that Wright had the right to swear these parties, because he said he had. He swore them all when I was in his employ. When John W. Wright was not there, I think his son, John Brown Wright, did the same; after this the seal of the Cherokee Nation, or pretended seal, was affixed to the paper. Wright said he had the seal made and presented it to the nation. This seal was kept in the office and used by the clerks on all papers that were sent to Washington. I frequently made out applications for Indians when they were not present, and then laid aside; what was done afterwards with them I don't know. Reese and I occupied one table, and sometimes Ross and I at one table. When papers required two witnesses we were in the habit for convenience, and to save time, to sign each other's names; that is, I would write Reese's name and my own, or he would write his name and mine, and the same with Ross and myself. This was done with the knowledge and sanction of said Wright.

I heard Wright frequently promise the Indians that he would charge them but 10 per cent., and probably not that, for collecting their bounties, and I frequently in his absence gave the Indians the same assurance, and I have heard the other clerks do the same. Often the discharges were given up before the paper was made out; in other cases the discharge was given up when the application was made out, and in other cases the discharges were sent afterward.

We always sought to get the discharges at the time the application was made out. I did not dream of fraud in any of these matters; first, because he was a Government officer and occupied a judicial position, and second, because the chief of the nation, John Ross, had told me that he was also authorized by the Cherokee Nation to collect the bounties for the soldiers.

Judge Crawford, before whom the papers appeared to be sworn to, did not stay in the office; for a while he lived here, then he came to the office several times a week; after he moved away he came rarely. Moses Price was his clerk and wrote Crawford's name.

FREDERICK A. KERR.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came George O. Sanders, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I am a clerk in a dry-goods store. I was employed as a clerk by Florran H. Nash, from about the 5th November, 1868, up to August, 1871; said Nash during that time having a store for the sale of general merchandise in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. He kept dry goods, groceries, hardware, queensware, clothing, &c.; he did not during the time I was in his employ sell any liquors; he could not have done that under the intercourse law or laws of the Cherokee Nation. When I first went to Nash's, Wright's office was in charge of his son, John B. Wright; was just back of the store, but he did little or no business; he was not fitted for business; people said he was insane from drink. After a little while he left Fort Gibson, and from that time to the March following Wright had no office in Fort Gibson to my knowledge. In March, Alexander Clapperton, the agent of Wright, came to Gibson and opened an office. During the time I was in Mr. Nash's employ Mr. Nash had a list of all persons to whom bounties were due in Indian regiments; that is, he had a large list, but whether he had all the names I cannot

say. Indians who had served in these regiments came in the store every day by dozens, and asked if they could trade out their bounties, or a part, in the store. At that time the general supposition was that the bounties had not been paid. They always made their bargain with Nash himself, and he, after looking at his book, would tell us whether to sell them or not. The Indians often came a long distance and were in a destitute condition, and found no one in Wright's office for a while, but it was optionary with them to take goods or go home without anything. Nash's store-room is a large one, with an office cut off in the rear of the store-room. I was salesman and interpreter, and was generally in the large room. I think that the goods were sold at a fair price; not above cash prices here; I mean fair prices for this locality. I think they are all high enough, of course a good deal higher than in Saint Louis, or other cities in the States. If an Indian came and wanted to get his whole bounty, he could take it part in money and part in goods, and then give a receipt for the bounty, or if he preferred he could get a due-bill for the balance, that is, take Nash's due-bill payable in goods or money, and in that case give a receipt for the whole bounty; or if he wished to trade \$5, \$15, \$20, or any amount less than \$25, he could do so.

How Nash settled these bounty matters with Wright I do not know, nor do I know whether Wright was a partner in the store or had any interest in it. I never had any means of knowing about that matter or about any of the financial transactions between Nash and Wright. I was never present at any conversation between them, nor did I ever see any of the correspondence between them.

Wright commenced paying the second bounties in Fort Gibson the latter part of May or first of June, 1869, and up to that time it was the general impression among the Cherokees that their bounties had not as yet been paid in Washington, and whether they had or not I do not know myself. The payment in May or June, 1869, I was told at Wright's office, was only for such Cherokee soldiers as were then alive; that was the general understanding, and in no case was any claim paid when the soldier had died.

When payment commenced I collected for Nash the amount due on book accounts due against Indian soldiers. I waited until they got their money, and then they paid me. I never had a man deny his account or refuse payment.

GEO. O. SANDERS.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came James Mackey, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I am acquainted with John W. Wright, have been for three or four years. I made his acquaintance in Fort Gibson. In my first conversation with him on any business matter, was about leasing a salt-lick he wanted Nash and myself to go into, and we afterwards did.

In talking this matter over about the salt-lick, while we were sitting on the main street in Gibson, he pointed to Nash's large brick store building and said: "I built that house and stocked it with goods. You know very well," he said, "that Nash was worth nothing, and now you see how well he is doing. I furnished the money; I set him up; when he commenced he was not worth a dollar." Wright wanted us to go into the business; as he was not a citizen of the nation he could not join us in the least or be known in it in any way, but Nash and I, being citizens, could. Nash and I went into it with a man by the name of E. F. Phillips. Although Wright was not known in the firm, I always understood that Wright was interested with Nash in the matter.

JAMES MACKEY.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Oliver W. Lipe, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I first came to the nation in 1839, and have resided in Fort Gibson since the spring of 1866. I first made the acquaintance of John W. Wright in June, 1865, and have known him ever since; have had conversations with him on several different occasions. I did have a conversation with him as to E. H. Nash, it was in the spring of 1870, in my store in Gibson. It was after D. H. Ross & Co. had failed, and he was boasting how he had gotten Nash free from the liabilities of D. H. Ross & Co., of which firm Nash had been a member. He said he had gotten the New York creditors, Claffin and others, to separate Nash's liability from that of the other members of the firm, and to take \$10,000 in full of all claims against Nash, and that he, Wright, had paid the \$10,000.

Tom Galcatcher was a clerk in my store after he had been appointed administrator on the estate of Watt Stap. I had a conversation with Wright about Tom Galcatcher; he wanted me to get Galcatcher to give him a power of attorney to sign a check which he held, payable to Tom Galcatcher, as said administrator. He offered me two-thirds of the amount of the check, less some charges for fees, amounting to some \$600 or \$700; as I now remember it, if I would get Galcatcher to sign a power of attorney; he wanted me to get this power of attorney signed in blank. I afterwards spoke to Galcatcher about it, and he absolutely refused to give any power of attorney to Wright. I after

ward heard him frequently say that he would not, and never had, or never would, give Wright a power of attorney. A few months after this Wright wrote me a letter from Washington making the same proposal, asking me to get the power of attorney from Galcatcher. I sent this letter to Colonel Vann, one of our delegation to Washington, and I believe it is now in the Indian Office at Washington.

O. W. LIPE.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came De Witt Lipe, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation; I am a merchant here in Fort Gibson; I was clerk of the district court for a few months in 1863; Amos Thornton was judge of said court; I signed papers for Wright as clerk of the court; I also signed the name of the judge; they would fix up the papers in their office, and would bring them over from time to time to my store, and I would sign the name of both judge and myself; the judge had authorized me to sign his name; they would bring men to me; I did not know who they were except in a few cases; I think I swore all those who came before me; as to Gal Catcher's claim, Mr. F. H. Nash showed me a power of attorney to Wright, and wanted me to get Gal Catcher to come over to his store and sign it; I went over and spoke to Gal Catcher and he went with me to Nash's store; Mr. Nash showed him the power of attorney, and read it to him: it was to sign a check for some \$900, payable to Tom Gal Catcher as administrator on the estate of Watt Stap, deceased; Gal Catcher would not sign it, but positively refused to do so; a few days afterward Mr. Alexander Clapperton, pension-agent, and also Wright's agent, came to me to induce to get Gal Catcher to sign the power of attorney, and I told him it was of no use, as Gal Catcher would not sign it; I told Gal Catcher about Clapperton wanting me to do it, but he said again he never would sign the power of attorney; I have frequently heard him say that he would never give a power of attorney to Wright; I do not know much about pensions and bounties, except that there was a general complaint about the time and manner of the payment; I know nothing personally about it.

DE WITT LIPE.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Henry Eiffert, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation; I am now clerking for D. W. Lipe; I was clerk for about eighteen months for F. H. Nash, in Fort Gibson; I commenced about December, 1868; there were five of us employed in the store; he did an immense business; the store was crowded from morning to night; our customers were mostly Cherokee and Creek Indians; they generally came to get their pay from the Government of the United States, and came from long distances; their bargains as to getting goods and money on their bounties were made by Mr. Nash himself, or his brother, when he was absent; they had a roll of all the men in these regiments entitled to bounty; after arranging terms with the Indians he would pay whatever money he would agree to pay, and give a little due-bill for the balance, payable in goods, and then take a receipt from the Indians for the payment of the bounty, or take an order on Wright for the money, I don't know which. The due-bill would run about as follows:

"Due the bearer, ——— dollars in merchandise.

"F. H. NASH."

These due-bills were numbered and stamped with his private stamp. These they would bring into the store, and on them we would sell goods. Whether their arrangements were voluntary or compulsory I don't know, nor do I positively know whether John W. Wright was a partner of Nash's, or had any interest in the store. I say I don't know positively, because outside people said he was a partner, and Nash said he was not. I always thought he was a partner, or interested in some way, but I did not know certainly.

Wright first commenced paying on the second bounty in the spring or summer of 1869; I remember it was awful hot. He paid in a log-house belonging to Nash, near Nash's store. Sanders and myself were there to see to the getting of debts due Nash from the soldiers. A good many of the Cherokees objected to his retaining the \$15. Some said that they had never given him their claims to collect, whilst others claimed they had bargained for him to take a lesser fee, and some went away without taking the check at all.

Previous to Wright's coming to Fort Gibson it was supposed that the money had not been paid to Wright in Washington.

HENRY EIFFERT.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Albert Barnes, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I was clerk of the circuit court for the middle cir-

quit about the year 1866. Soon after John W. Wright came to Fort Gibson he paid Judge Crawford \$100 for services to be rendered by him and myself in applications for bounty. Judge Crawford paid me one-half of this money, \$50. Usually a clerk of the court charges for each signature, but we did this by wholesale, and cheaper for that reason. Judge Crawford and myself done all of the business of this kind that Wright had to do for about one year. I think we must have signed about as many as 1,000 in all. I never staid at Wright's office. The way it was generally done, Crawford brought them to my house in lots from 30 to 40 and from 100 to 150, and I signed Crawford's name, because he could not sign his name in English, though he could in Cherokee. Sometimes I went to Wright's office and got them myself, took them to my house, signed them in Crawford's name, and then returned them to Wright's office, and probably J. Brown Wright brought them to my house. I did not myself swear any of the parties to these applications, nor see them signed myself. I do not know whether Crawford swore the parties or saw them sign the papers or not: Crawford, for a part of this period lived in town, but for the rest of this year he lived some twenty miles from Fort Gibson, and occasionally came to Fort Gibson. They occasionally brought me lots of applications and told me Crawford had sworn them, and relying upon their word, I signed his name. Last year I was clerk of the district and circuit courts, and had my office with Alexander Clapperton, pension agent, but I don't know about his business or connection with Wright. I always supposed he was paid by Wright, as I know he did a great deal of Wright's business. John Brown Wright was here during the same period and made his office at the same place, but he was hardly competent to do business.

ALBERT BARNES.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Examination was then adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, when the same will be resumed at the Creek agency, Creek Nation, Indian Territory.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL.

Special Commissioner.

Examination resumed at the Creek agency this 11th day of November, 1871, at 8 a. m.

Jim Kernel, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Creek Nation. I served in Company E, First Regiment Indian Home Guards. I served three years, and received an honorable discharge. After the war the first thing I did to obtain my bounty I gave my discharge to John W. Wright at Fort Gibson. I don't think I swore to any papers at all; only gave him my discharge, and he gave me a receipt for it; that is all I did. Dick Binney, a soldier in same company, did the same thing. I thought Wright was the Government paymaster when I gave him my discharge. He said he would only charge \$5, but when he paid me he kept out \$15. He said it was a great trouble to get it. The first time I went for my second bounty I couldn't get the money. Nash told me he would give me \$25 in money if I would take the rest in goods. I wouldn't do it at the time. I staid around and found that he gave one Indian \$50 in money, and the rest in goods. I told him if he could spare \$50 for the other man he could spare the same to me, even if I was a colored man. He said he couldn't do it, as the money hadn't come yet. He said he would give me \$25 in money, and no more. I told him I couldn't do it; I had no use for so much goods. I kept at him until I got him to give me \$40 in money and the rest in goods. He charged me a pretty good price for the goods, sure. I don't remember the date of this, but I remember many of the other boys of the other companies had had their second bounty.

his
JIM + KERNEL.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Sage Barnwell, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a colored citizen of the Creek Nation, and served in the Eighty-third Regiment United States Colored Infantry, and received an honorable discharge, and gave it to Mr. Atchinson, a merchant at the Creek agency, and he sent it over to Mr. Wright at Fort Gibson, and Wright sent me back a receipt for it. I did not sign any paper or swear to any paper of any kind, until I got first bounty, and then I gave a power of attorney to collect my second bounty. Wright paid me \$85 for my first bounty, but when he paid it he cursed me so badly that I have been afraid to bother him again; he said I ought to be glad enough to get my freedom without any bounty. I thought he was a Government officer, and because he was so mad when he gave me the first that he would never give me another one, so I have never gone for my second bounty, and never have got it or any part of it, not even one cent of it.

his
SAGE + BARNWELL.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came William Peter, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a colored man, and a citizen of the Creek Nation. I served in Company G, Eighty-third Regiment United States Colored Infantry. I enlisted at Fort Gibson, and our regiment was organized at Fort Scott. I heard that the Government had sent out Judge Wright to collect our bounties, and I took my discharge to Atkinson, a merchant at the Creek agency, who sent it to Wright at Fort Gibson to collect. About a year afterward I got \$35 in money from Wright, who paid me at the Creek Agency. When I got the money I signed a paper for him. I think they called it a power of attorney. He seemed mad and cross, and said that the next bounty would be paid to my owner. I told him it was of no use to be free then, if my old master was to get the money. I am sure that he said we would not get any more money. I am also positive that I only got but one bounty, that I never got but \$35 altogether for bounty. Before he left I had another talk with him. I asked him again if we wouldn't get another bounty; he said no, it would go to our masters. I have never gone for it since. I thought if it did come, it would do me no good, but would go to my old master. When I first sent my discharge to Wright by Mr. Atkinson, I did not sign or swear to any paper. I never went to Fort Gibson to sign any paper. I was not down there between the time I sent the discharge and the time when Wright came here and paid me the money. I am sure that the only paper I ever signed for Wright was the one which I signed when I got the \$35. I am sure that is all the money I ever got from Wright.

his
WILLIAM + PETER.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Simon Brown, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a colored citizen of the Creek Nation, and served in Company H, First Indian Regiment. After Wright came to this country I was employed by him at different times as interpreter, as I speak both English and Creek languages. I got both my bounties. I was first employed by John Brown Wright. Judge Hicks came with him, and also a clerk, whose name I do not recollect. I think they came to get powers of attorney and employed me to interpret to the Creek Indians for them. The next time I acted for him was here at the Creek agency. He staid several days, paying the first bounty. He did not pay all. He said he hadn't collected money for all. He might have paid half that were in the first regiment; perhaps more; of course he swore a good deal. I guess that was his nature. He was always short and crabbed. I did hear him say that some would not get a second bounty. He said that those that were marked free-born would get their second bounty, but those that were marked not free-born, and were slaves when they enlisted, would not get any more bounty. I am sure that he said to these last that this was the last bounty they would get. I told him I could not see into that, how a man could serve in the Union Army and yet be a slave. I thought, as soon as he stepped into the ranks, he became a free man. He said it was not his fault; it was that of the officers. When we first handed in our discharges to Wright he agreed to collect the bounty for \$5: so, when he paid only \$35, the men grumbled a good deal. He said the Government had allowed him \$15, because he had had so much trouble in getting these bounties. He said these Indian regiments were marked as Home Guards, and the law did not cover them, and he had a good deal of trouble to get them included. I acted for him and his clerks, and also for Mr. Dunn, at different times. He always represented himself as the only duly appointed person to collect bounties; that nobody else had a right to do this business but himself. I was also in the employ of F. H. Nash, as clerk and interpreter, in his store at Fort Gibson, in 1868. The other clerks in the store were William Nash, N. Blackstone, Henry Eifert, George Sanders. Nash done a big business, and the customers were mostly soldiers of the three Indian regiments. They kept us all busy from daylight until several hours after dark. A good many of these came from a long distance, expecting to get their bounty-money, and found they could not get it. Generally they hadn't any money, and were in a destitute condition. A good many of them didn't have five cents, and nothing to buy a dinner, and nothing to get back on. Mr. Nash would tell them he would sell them goods for their bounties, that he didn't know when their bounty would come; it might come soon, and it might not, and if they wanted to trade he would let them have goods on their bounty, and wait himself until he could get the money. Sometimes he got them to take it all out in goods; and sometimes he would give a part money, just as he could make the bargain. He often said he had no right to force them, but still their great need and poverty did force them; for they would not have taken the goods if they could have helped it. I don't know whether Wright was a partner or not. I don't know whether Wright had an interest in the store or not. I never heard either of them say. It did seem to me that they worked into each other's hands; but whether they were partners I never was told, but I had my suspicions, and in my judgment they were connected. Wright used to make Nash's store his headquarters, and Nash used to do a good deal of his business and paying for him. I was present when the Seminoles were paid. Some

fifty came at one time. They came about ninety miles; and there was great dissatisfaction because they did not get their money. As to the price of the goods, what I have to say is this: I sold them according to the mark on the goods; as to the price I have nothing to say, because I do not know what the goods cost. Of course, if the men had had the money they might have bought cheaper at other places, for they have different prices at different stores, and some of the rest may be cheaper than Nash's.

SIMON BROWN.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Picket Renty, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a colored citizen of the Creek Nation, and served in Company B, First Indian Regiment; after the war I sent my discharge to Wright, whom I thought was the regular paymaster; I don't think I signed any paper; I might and I might not. I got my first bounty here at the Creek agency, at Atkinson's shanty; for the next bounty I went to Gibson; I went to Wright's and got a check for \$100, but I had to pay \$15 of it to Wright, and then I couldn't get the money for the balance, as they said they hadn't the change, but if I would take out a part in goods they would fix it up for me. I didn't want the goods, but I didn't want to go home again and back there for it, paying ferriages, and as I needed the money for my family, I agreed to take part in goods and the rest in money, at Nash's store; I think I got \$60 in money, and the rest in goods.

his
PICKET + RENTY.
mark

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Pompey Perryman, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a colored citizen of the Creek Nation, and served in Company I, First Regiment Indian Home Guards. I got one bounty of \$35 in money and goods at Nash's store; I had rather have had all money, and asked for it, but could not get it, so I took part goods. I never got a second bounty, nor any more money. I never went or sent down for my second bounty, because I never heard of any of the other boys around here getting theirs, so I thought there was no use of going myself. I thought whenever the money came Wright would notify me, but he has never done so. I am still waiting patiently for it.

his
POMPEY + PERRYMAN.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came John Cooks, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a colored citizen of the Creek Nation; I served in Company G, Eighty-third Regiment United States Colored Infantry; I got an honorable discharge and gave it to John W. Wright; I signed no papers at the time, neither did I swear to any; I did nothing of the kind until Wright came to the Creek agency to pay, and then he paid me \$85; I never got any more money; I never got a second bounty; I never got but \$35 from Wright or from anybody else on bounty. As he paid out the first bounty at the Creek agency, I supposed that he would return to the same place to pay the second, and as he never came, I supposed he had never got it from the Government. I never have heard any word from Wright about my second bounty, and never have heard that any of the boys of my company have received theirs or heard from their bounties. I have got mighty tired for the second bounty, but I guess I will have to wait until it does come.

his
JOHN + COOKS.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Moses Kernel, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a colored citizen of the Creek Nation, and served in Company I, Seventy-ninth Regiment United States Colored Infantry. I gave my discharge to John W. Wright, hearing that he was the authorized agent of the Government to collect bounties for the soldiers. I got my first bounty from Wright at Atkinson's shanty, in Creek agency; I have never got my second bounty, or any part of it; about a year ago I got word that Wright was ready to pay my second bounty, and I went down to Gibson for it, and four or five of the other boys went with me; when we got there we went to see Wright, and found him at Nash's store; he said that we were to come back at 12 o'clock; we all went back at that time, and he weren't there; we waited toward evening, all the afternoon, and he never come, and we have never seen him from that day to this; besides waiting, we hunted around town for him, and could not find him anywhere; nobody could tell where he was, and we finally gave it up as a bad job

and went home; I have never heard of his being in the country since, and we have never known where to go or what to do to get our money.

his
MOSES + KERNEL.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD

And then came Nepie Levitt, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a colored citizen of the Creek Nation; I served in Company G, Second Kansas Colored Infantry; I gave my discharge to Mr. Nash, at his store, to collect my bounty; I got my first bounty from John W. Wright, at the Creek agency; I received \$85; I never got my second bounty at all; I went down to Gibson about a year after I got my first money, and went to Wright to get my second bounty, in his office; he told me to get out of his office, to go away, he had no money for us; he told me to leave; and I left, and have never gone back since; I have never since got any money from Wright, and I begin to think I never will.

his
NEPIE + LEVITT.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Examination adjourned to the house of O. W. Lipe, in Fort Gibson, on Monday morning, November 13, 1871, at 8 a. m.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Special Commissioner.

Examination resumed at the house of O. W. Lipe, in Fort Gibson, on Monday, November 13, 1871, at 8 a. m.

Irvin Wright, esq., appeared as counsel for J. W. Wright, but under protest, not recognizing the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to make this investigation, or of the commissioner acting under authority of said Secretary.

At the request of said Irvin Wright, and by direction of the commissioner, the following witnesses heretofore examined are recalled for cross-examination:

And first came Oliver W. Lipe, who, in answer to questions put by Mr. Irvin Wright, deposes as follows: I was a merchant in Fort Gibson, commencing in the fall of 1866, and continued until August, 1870. During that time there was some trade in my store on the bounties of soldiers. I may have traded for as many as forty. I did not trade for any of the first bounties. I first commenced trading for bounties December, 1868. The soldiers were not compelled to trade with me, and I sold them the goods the same as I would have done for cash. At the same time I was trading for bounties Mr. Nash and Mr. Gullager were also trading in bounties.

Re-examined:

Mr. Gullager did not go into the business as extensively as I did. I don't know positively how many he did buy, only as I have heard, but I think only a few.

O. W. LIPE.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Albert Barnes, who on cross-examination deposes as follows: I am clerk of both the district and circuit courts of this Illinois district. I was clerk of the circuit court six years, and of the district court about three years; during the time that I have been clerk, I have used a seal in the district court. I used that seal last Friday evening, to-day being Monday.

The judge of the district court has been aware that I used this seal, and it has been with his approbation. I always attach this seal to affidavits to be used outside of the court; I do not always in the courts, as they know my signature. The last time I used the seal was on the application of a widow woman for a pension; she lives in the Creek Nation, and the application was sent to Washington. She draws her pension quarterly. John W. Wright had nothing to do with that paper whatever. At the time of the seizure of the office of Alexander Clapperton, pension-agent, I was occupying the same office with him, and the officers, among the other effects, seized the seal above spoken of. Two or three days after I demanded the seal from the military officers, and they returned it to me. I demanded it as the property of the court. When they made the seizure they left word that if any of the property belonging to the district court had been seized, I should come and get it on the day named. I went and got the seal, together with several books, which belonged to the court. Whenever I signed the judge's name, I

done so with his approbation and approval. I hereto affix an impress of the said seal.

Re-examined by Colonel Vann :

This said seal was brought to me by Judge Crawford, and told me he had adopted it, and told me to use it ; this was about the time of the first applications for bounties. I think it was in 1866. I think Judge Crawford proposed to pay for it. I think he got Judge Wright to get it made. We had no authorized seal in the nation at that time by law. I mean there was no seal authorized by law at that time. Nor was there any law authorizing a seal to be made by the judge or clerk. There is no law making this seal authentic in proceedings in or out of the court. I do not use this seal on any papers filed, or to be filed, in any of the courts of the Cherokee Nation. I only use it on papers to be sent out of the nation. I suppose it has been used on papers that have gone to half of the States in the Union. The first I saw this seal was when Judge Crawford gave it to me, I think in 1866. I know of no other such seal in the Cherokee Nation. I have not had possession of this seal all the time since 1866. I was not clerk of the court all the time since 1866. I think Amos Thornton, Moses Price, D. W. Lipe, William Boudinott—all of these have been clerks of the district court of the Illinois district since 1866, and have had possession of said seal. During my term of office this seal was always in my possession, and at my house or office. It was not during that time at the office of John W. Wright.

ALBERT BARNES.

Attest : FRANK HOWARD.

Mr. O. W. Lipe recalled by Colonel Vann for re-examination. The way I came to get into the bounty business was that Major Lipe being clerk of the court, I found that Nash was doing a large business. I found it by powers of attorney given to Wright, which came to my son, Major Lipe, for his signature as clerk. I took a copy of one of those powers of attorney and commenced business, and took the chances and made nothing by my operation. I mean I traded for some that I lost. I traded for seven that I never got. In one case Nash traded for one after I did and got it. He had an advantage over us. I had no arrangement with Wright. I do not of my personal knowledge know that Nash had, but the business was done in his store, and he had more knowledge in relation to it than I had. As to the other six, Colonel Craig paid one to the man directly. My power of attorney being to Wright and not to Craig ; one is marked on my book not found, and the others not good. Why not good I do not remember. The information came from Clapperton. I had no list of the soldiers entitled to bounty ; I never asked for such a list ; I didn't suppose that I would get it if I did ; that was the reason I did not ask for it, although I believed others had.

Re-cross-examination :

I don't know who told me that Nash traded for the one after I did and got the pay for it. I don't remember who told me so, but I got information which convinced me that it was so at the time.

O. W. LIPE.

Attest : FRANK HOWARD.

Mr. Mackey, recalled for cross-examination by Mr. Wright, deposes as follows : As to how I understood that Wright was interested with Nash in the salt-lick, I got it from Mr. John Cuthbertson, who came to the lick, as he said, as agent for Wright, to attend to his interests. Mr. Cuthbertson remained and took charge of the lick, and continued in charge of it as long as it was run by Wright, I mean J. W. Wright.

Re-examined by Colonel Vann :

John W. Wright first spoke to me about running the lick.

JAMES MACKEY.

Attest : FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Martha Buchanan, who, first being only sworn, deposes and says : I was the wife of William Root, who served in the Second Kansas Cavalry. I made an application for bounty through John Brown Wright, who was acting for his father, John W. Wright. I never got any bounty. I did not get the first one or the second one. I inquired several times for it, and several times was told it would come before long. I inquired of Mr. John W. Wright every time he came out. The last time he said there was something more to do about the papers. He was busy at the time, and told me to come back the next day. I came, and he was busy again, so I continued every day coming for about two weeks some five or six miles. He told me every time to come back next day, and I did, but he finally left without its being done. I afterwards went once to see Clapperton. I got him to write on, and he said he got an answer for me to send on my marriage certificate, as the first had been lost. I then sent

on another one, and that is the last of it. During the time all of the above transpired I was a widow.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright :

When I went to see Mr. Wright he was busy paying off soldiers. One day I followed him to his house when he was at dinner, and he told me to come to-morrow. When I called on him at his office it was crowded with soldiers, and when I went to his house he was at his dinner.

her
MARTHA + BUCHANAN.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Lafayette Buchanau, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says : I am the husband of Martha Buchanau, the last witness. During the spring or summer of 1871, when John W. Wright was at Fort Gibson, I went to see him about my wife's claim for bounty. He said he would take it down, and when he got to Washington he would see about it and write to me. He never wrote me, but one day Mr. Nash told me he had a letter from Wright in relation to my wife's claim, and he read a portion of it to me. It was that he had never had such a claim in his hands. I then went to John Brown Wright, his agent here, and told him what his father had wrote, and he says, he must be mistaken, as I sent it on there to him, unless the papers got lost between here and there. I told him it could not have been lost, as his father had written ou to Clapperton here to get another marriage certificate, as the one sent had been lost. John B. Wright said, let it stand; I am going on to Washington shortly, and then I will see all about it. When he came back he said his father would write to him about it in a week or so; and about that time Brown Wright received a letter, which he read to me, which read that the papers had been placed in the Second Auditor's Office about two years ago, and had either been lost or mislaid. This was about two months ago. He said I would have to get out new papers again. I said it was too much trouble and expense, and I have not since done it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright :

The letter from J. W. Wright to Brown Wright, spoken of before, contained what purported to be a letter from the Second Auditor's Office, saying that my wife's claim had been filed there about two years before, and had been misplaced or lost. I did nothing further in the matter.

L. BUCHANAN.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

De Witt Lipe recalled for re-examination by Colonel Vann: Mr. Nash told me he had a list of those who were entitled to bounties, and I asked him for a copy of it, but he refused to give it to me. This was the time that Nash was trading for bounties, in 1868 or 1869. My father, O. W. Lipe, was keeping store in Gibson, and I was clerking for him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright :

I don't know whether any other merchants were trading for bounties besides Mr. Nash and my father.

DE WITT LIPE.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Mr. Cunningham recalled for cross-examination by Mr. Wright: I sold goods in Fort Gibson from June, 1865, to the fall of 1869. I did not during that time trade in soldiers' bounties. I never sold a dollar's worth on order for bounty-money. I did not mean to say in my deposition that \$10,000 was all John W. Wright paid out in 1866. I meant to say that was all I knew of. I cannot tell whether Irvin Wright was with him or not; I think it was the time I named, as the council was in session at Tahlequah at the time; whether a call or regular council I do not remember. It was when Nash opened a store for himself that I commenced hearing complaints of soldiers of their being compelled to take their bounty out in goods; I think it was the spring of 1867. It was the first bounty that I refer to. D. H. Ross & Co., after Mr. Nash went out of the firm, also traded in bounties, I think. It was second bounties they traded in, I think. This was before it was publicly known that the second bounty was allowed. The allowance of the second bounty had been pending some time, and they traded on the probabilities of their being allowed. These things were not generally known here. I was in the dark myself, but I think they must have had some friends who advised them of the probabilities, and so they took their chance. Between January and March, 1870, I saw some papers sent by Saint Louis merchants, whose names I have forgotten. They were sent to Mr. Jones for collection; they were accounts against soldiers, and

orders on bounty, or a list stating names and their facts, I don't remember which. I think they were originally given to D. H. Ross & Co., by that firm turned over to the Saint Louis merchants, and by the Saint Louis merchants sent here for collection.

Re-examined by Mr. Williamson :

Mr. Wright did not have an office open in Fort Gibson all the time from 1867 to this date; he did a part of the time; he had his son, John Brown Wright, here a part of the time, but, as I have always understood it, he only made and prepared applications, but did not pay out any money. Mr. Wright came several times and remained a short time on each visit; he also paid out money through John B. Jones, and I once received from Mr. Clapperton \$85, and that is all I know of his paying out for Wright.

J. C. CUNNINGHAM.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Mr. Eiffert, recalled for cross-examination by Mr. Wright, deposes as follows: I know that Mr. Wash had a roll of soldiers entitled to bounty because I saw it myself; whether it contained all the names I do not know; I know it contained a great many; I have not the remotest idea how many names it contained. The first I know of Mr. Nash trading for bounties was when I first went to clerk for him. In trading for these bounties I sold goods at the same prices as I sold to other customers for cash; I don't know what others did. I never saw any liquor sold to customers at Nash's store, and I don't believe there ever was any sold. The second bounty was paid in an old building back of his present store, being the same building John Brown Wright occupied as a residence. This bounty was paid in checks, so far as I know. I know some got money; whether he cashed the check or not I do not know. I have no idea how long Mr. Wright was paying at that time.

Re-examined by Mr. Williamson :

While clerking at Nash's store I saw a seal purporting to be the seal of the Cherokee Nation, and I used it myself. I was acting as deputy clerk in the absence of Mr. Boudinot; he and the judge had appointed me. I kept my office in Nash's store, and had the seal there, and was also acting as clerk for Mr. Nash at the same time. I think the same seal is attached to Mr. Barnes's deposition. I generally locked up the seal, but sometimes left it on the table in the office; whether others used it or not I do not know. I was sworn when I was appointed clerk. I never attended any of the courts; all the business I did as clerk was done in the store. I did not only do bounty and pension business, but also granted licenses to traders traveling through the country, recorded bills of sale, &c. I do not know that the law authorizes an appointment of a deputy clerk, but as Mr. Boudinot lived out of town about nine miles, and only came to town about once a week, and these peddlers were coming all the time, and there was bounty business to be attended to, he appointed me as deputy. I never signed a single bounty claim. I signed it as a witness to their signatures, and sworn them, and then Boudinot, when he returned, signed his name to the papers as clerk of the court. Mr. Boudinot had had his office in Nash's store before he appointed me. To these papers I sometimes affixed the seal when the parties signed their names before me; at other times Mr. Boudinot did it himself. In paying the second bounty I did not mean to say that Wright paid all. I do not know whether he did or not.

HENRY EIFFERT.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Mr. Irvin B. Wright, in behalf of his client, asked that the examination be adjourned for six weeks, to enable him to go to Washington, procure papers, return, and secure the attendance of his witnesses.

By agreement of counsel, the commissioner adjourned the examination until the 5th day of January, 1872, then to be resumed at the house of O. W. Lipe, in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, and adjourned from time to time and place to place, as may best promote the object of the investigation. In case of the absence of the commissioner, the testimony will be taken before a United States agent, the Indians to have the right to offer additional testimony at each place, and when they have finished, the defense to offer their testimony, and after that is ended the Indians to offer rebutting testimony only.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Special Commissioner.

At the request of Irvin B. Wright, esq., counsel for John W. Wright, the time for commencing the examination at Fort Gibson, as above provided, is postponed until Monday, January 15, at 12 o'clock m.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Commissioner.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
November 13, 1871.

I do hereby certify that the above depositions were taken before me at the times and places above named; that the witnesses were sworn in my presence and their testimony reduced to writing, and by them severally signed in my presence. I also certify that the adjournments above noted are correctly and truly stated.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Commissioner.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory* :

I, John B. Jones, United States agent for the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that the above-named Daniel R. Hicks, W. L. G. Miller, Walter Gobaek, William Trip-let, Morter Vann, Kennie Sixkiller, George Swimmer, Nelson Terrapin, Watt Squirrel, Arch Keener, Robert Crawford, Enolay Thomas Ross, Jack Doubletooth, Tail Johnson Proctor, Looney Guess, Archilla Rain Crow, Spencer S. Stephens, James Shelton, Ezekiel Blackfox, Ned Grease, Colonel Lewis Downing, Nellie Sourjohn, J. L. Spingston Stagger, Thomas Galcatcher, John S. Vann, John S. Cunningham, Frederick A. Keer, George O. Sanders, James Mackey, Oliver W. Lipe, De Witt Lipe, Henry Eiffert, and Albert Barnes were by me severally sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the said matter of charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards against John W. Wright, late United States special agent; and that the said depositions herein above written were reduced to writing by Frank Howard, a disinterested person, in the presence of said witnesses, and of said commissioner, Lewis B. Gunckel, and were severally subscribed by said witnesses in my presence.

And I also certify that all the above-named witnesses are known to me, and that they are credible persons.

Witness my hand this 10th day of November, 1871.

JOHN B. JONES,
United States Agent for Cherokees.

CREEK NATION, *Indian Territory* :

I, Frankliu S. Lyon, United States agent for the Creek Nation, do hereby certify that the above-named Jim Kennel, Sage Barnwell, William Peter, Simon Brown, Picket Renty, Pompey Perryman, John Cooks, Morris Kernel, and Nessie Levitt were by me severally sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the said matter of charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards against John W. Wright, late United States special agent, and that the said depositions herein above written were reduced to writing by Frank Howard, a disinterested person, in the presence of said witnesses, and of Commissioner Lewis B. Gunckel, and were severally subscribed by said witnesses in my presence.

And I also certify that all the above-named witnesses are known to me, and that they are credible persons.

Witness my hand this 11th day of November, 1871, at the Creek Nation.

F. S. LOGAN,
United States Agent for Creeks.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory* :

I, Albert Barnes, clerk of the district and circuit courts Illinois district, do hereby certify that the above-named Martha Buchanan and Lafayette Buchanan were by me severally sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the said matter of charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards against John W. Wright, late United States special agent, and that the said depositions herein above written were reduced to writing by Frank Howard, a disinterested person, in the presence of Commissioner Lewis B. Gunckel, and were severally subscribed by said witnesses in my presence.

And I also certify that all the above-named witnesses are known to me, and that they are credible persons.

Witness my hand this 13th day of November, 1871, at Fort Gibson.

ALBERT BARNES,
Clerk District and Circuit Courts.

EXHIBIT A.

Claim of D. H. Ross, presented by John W. Wright, office 407 F street, Washington, D. C.

STATE OF _____, County of _____, ss:

On this _____ day of _____, A. D. 186—, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a _____ for the _____, to me well known to be a loyal citizen of the Government of the United States, and *bona fide* resident and citizen of _____, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the accompanying account, amounting to \$_____, against the Government of the United States, is true and just to the best of his knowledge and belief. That on or about the 10th day of August, 1863, at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, there was taken and used, by the order of the commander of the post, the following property of D. H. Ross, of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, to wit: One brick chimney, which contained sixty thousand (60,000) bricks, worth fifteen (\$15) dollars per thousand, \$900. Said brick was used in and around the fortification.

He further swears that he has received _____ vouchers for the articles stated, and that no payment has been made or compensation received in any way or from any source whatever for the whole or any part of said claim; that it has not been transferred to any person or persons whomsoever, and that the rates or prices charged are reasonable and just, and do not exceed the market rate or price of the articles at the time and place stated.

He further swears that he is a loyal citizen of the Government of the United States, and was such when his said claim originated, and that he has subscribed to the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States as prescribed by the President's proclamation of the 8th of December, 1863; and that for the purpose of presenting his said claim to the Department and successfully prosecuting the same, he hereby appoints John W. Wright, of Washington City, his agent, with authority to receive the certificates of payment or draft which may be issued in his name.

DANIEL H. ROSS.

Witnesses:

SPENCER S. STEPHENS.

JOHN B. WRIGHT.

[Stamp, 50 cents.]

At the same time and place personally appeared _____, the witnesses to the declaration of _____, and whom I certify to be loyal and credible persons, and who are citizens and *bona fide* residents of _____, county of _____, State of _____, who, having been duly sworn according to law, depose and say that they have known the said _____, the claimant aforesaid, for _____ year—, and know him to be a loyal citizen of the United States, and who was such at the time of the origination of said claim; and that he is a *bona fide* resident of _____, county of _____, State of _____. They further swear that their knowledge of the claim of the said _____ against the Government of the United States, amounting to \$_____, is derived from the following circumstances:

They further swear, to the best of their knowledge and belief, that the said claim is just and correct, and that the articles referred to in said account were actually used by the Army of the United States, and that the rates or prices charged are just and reasonable, and do not exceed the market rates and prices of the articles at the time and place stated.

They further swear that they are loyal to the Government of the United States; were so at the time of the origination of the said claim, and that they have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W. S. NASH.
RUFUS ROSS.

STATE OF _____, County of _____:

On this _____ day of _____, 186—, personally appeared before me, the undersigned _____, for the county and State aforesaid, _____, the applicant above named, and _____ and _____, the witnesses thereto, who duly swore to and acknowledged and signed the same before me the day and year first above written, and I further certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the court of _____, for said county and State aforesaid, the day and year above written.

[L. S.]

ROBERT CROFFORD.

[5-cent stamp.]

I, _____, an officer of the Government of the United States, do hereby certify that _____, the claimant stated, has taken the oath of allegiance to the Govern-

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ment of the United States, pursuant to the proclamation of the President, of the 8th of December, 1863, and at the time his said claim originated was loyal to the United States, and has been ever since. I further certify that _____ and _____, the witnesses to said claimant's declaration, are known to me to be credible persons, and loyal to the Government of the United States.
[5-cent stamp.]

Oath of allegiance.

I _____, of _____, county of _____, State of _____, do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Union of the States thereunder, and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all acts of Congress passed during the existing rebellion with reference to slaves, so long and so far as not repealed, or modified, or held void by Congress or by decree of the Supreme Court, and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all proclamations of the President made during the existing rebellion having reference to slaves, so long and so far as not modified or declared void by the Supreme Court, so help me God.

DAN'L H. ROSS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a _____ for the county of _____, State of _____, this _____ day of _____, 186—.

ROBERT CROFFORD.

[5-cent stamp.]

EXHIBIT B.

Application of discharged soldier for bounty.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory*, ss :

On this 16th day of November, 1868, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the Nation aforesaid, _____, of the _____ Nation, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is _____ years; that he is a resident of the _____ nation, and that he is the identical person who enlisted as a private in Company C, of the Second Regiment of Indian Home Guards, to serve for the period of three years, and was discharged from the service of the United States as a _____ at Fort Gibson, on the 31st day of May, 1865, by reason of order No. 110, Department of Arkansas, and that there is a bounty of \$_____ due him under the act of Congress approved _____, and he does further declare that he has not bartered, sold, assigned, transferred, loaned, exchanged, or given away his final discharge papers, or any interest in the bounty provided by this or any other act of Congress; that he has not already received any bounty, and that the statement of service above given is a correct and true statement of any and all service rendered by him during the rebellion; and that he has never served otherwise than as stated. And he hereby constitutes and appoints John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C., his attorney, to present and prosecute this claim, and authorizes him to receive and receipt for any certificate, check, or draft that may be issued for the same, and to do any other act or thing necessary, or that he might do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby countermanding all former authority that may have been given for the above-specified purpose.

his
MORTER + VANN,
mark.

Administrator on Jim Sanders.

Attest : JOHN B. WRIGHT.

Also, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the Cherokee Nation, _____ and _____, of the _____ Nation, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn according to law, declare that they have been for _____ years acquainted with _____ Jim Sanders, _____ the above-named applicant, who was a private in Company C, of the Second Regiment of Indian Home Guards, and know him to be the identical person named in the foregoing declaration, and that they have no interest whatever in this application.

BUSHY HEAD, his + mark.
CORN RUNNING, his + mark.

Attest : JOHN B. WRIGHT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of November, 1868.

AMOS THORNTON,
District Judge.

I certify that ———, before whom the foregoing declaration and affidavit were made, is a district judge, duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 16th day of November, 1868.

[L. S.]

DE WITT LIPE,
Clerk District Court, Cherokee Nation.

NOTE.—If the witnesses and claimant, or either of them, make their mark, let two persons who can write their names attest the signature. The officer administering the oath should not be one of the attesting parties.

INDIAN TERRITORY, Cherokee Nation, ss :

Morter Vann, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says: That he has been shown the application on the reverse of this paper, [copy of which is hereunto affixed,] to which his name has been affixed as administrator on the estate of Jim Sanders. He further deposes that he saw said application for the first time this day; that he never signed or made his mark thereto; that he never was or claimed to be the administrator on the estate of Jim Sanders, and that he never knew of any person of that name who served in Company C of the Twenty-second Regiment Indian Home Guards. That he knows of no other person than himself of the name of Morter Vann; that he believes the signature purporting to be his, to the application for bounty aforesaid, is a forgery.

his
MORTER + VANN.
mark.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 23d day of February, A. D. 1871, the contents having been fully made known and explained to the deponent.

GEO. E. WEBSTER,
United States Pension-Agent.

EXHIBIT C.

AN ACT to procure a national seal.

Be it enacted by the national council, That the principal chief be, and he is hereby, authorized to procure a national seal for the use of the Cherokee Nation, to be used by the principal chief, and such officers as may be designated by law, in the sealing of documents. And the expense of said seal shall be paid out of any funds in the national treasury, belonging to the national fund, not otherwise appropriated, and the principal chief is authorized to draw warrants accordingly.

Be it further enacted, That the said seal shall bear the following device, viz: In the center thereof there shall be a seven-pointed star, surrounded with a wreath of oak-leaves, and in the margin of seal shall be the words: "Seal of the Cherokee Nation, September 6, 1839," and the following Cherokee characters: G W Y A D β I; and the said seal shall be one and a half inches in diameter.

Approved.

LEWIS DOWNING,
Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, December 11, 1869.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, January 24, 1871.

A true copy:

JAMES VANN,
Assistant and Acting Principal Chief Cherokee Nation.

ALLEN ROSS, Private Secretary.

EXHIBIT G.

The commission appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to investigate certain charges against John W. Wright in the payment of bounties due members of the

First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, met, according to adjournment, at the house of O. W. Lipe, in Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, at 12 m. on the 15th day of January, 1872.

Present, Joseph A. Williamson on the part of the Government.

Commission adjourned to meet at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, in the council-chamber, Cherokee Nation, on the 17th day of January, 1872, at 11 a. m.

Attest :

JOS. A. WILLIAMSON,

For the Government.

The commission met at the council-chamber of the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, at 11 a. m.

Present, John B. Jones, United States agent for the Cherokees, acting as commissioner, Joseph A. Williamson on the part of the Government, and Thomas B. Wolfe on the part of the Cherokee Nation; and at said time and place the following depositions of sundry witnesses were taken before the said acting commissioner, John B. Jones :

First came William S. Madden, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says : I live about five miles from Tahlequah, in the Cherokee Nation; am a farmer by occupation. I belong to what was called the First United States Colored Kansas Battery. Captain Douglas was captain of the battery. I was honorably discharged, and received my discharge paper. I put my discharge paper in the hands of Judge John W. Wright, whom I believed was the appointed agent of the United States Government to take charge of them and collect the bounties due on them. Mr. J. W. Wright gave me a receipt for my papers. About eight months after I gave him my discharge papers I went to Fort Gibson to see him. I went to his office and saw him there. I then asked him if he had found out anything about my money. He said I was foolish, for it would take one or two years for it to get around. He said to me, come again. It was nearly a year after that that I went to see him again at Fort Gibson, and found that he was not there, but saw John Brown Wright and Albert Barnes in an office next to Mr. Nash's store, within a few feet of the store. I asked them if they had heard anything of my money. Mr. Barnes went to the books, after taking out of my hand the receipt, made an examination, and told me nothing had been done, and there was no money for me. I afterwards saw Mr. Brown Wright in Fort Smith, and having heard that he was the agent of Judge Wright, asked him where was my discharge; I would like to get my discharge, any way, if I could not get my money. He told me he had turned over a lot of old papers to Mr. Jones, the United States agent. I had some twenty miles to go to look after this business, and have not, up to this day, received either my discharge papers or my bounty.

WILLIAM S. MADDEN.

Attest : FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Johnson Parris, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says : I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and reside about nine miles from Tahlequah, on Greenleaf Creek; am a farmer by occupation. I belonged to Company D, Second Indian Home Guards. Captain Arch Scrapper was the captain of my company. I received my discharge papers when mustered out of service. Hearing that Judge Wright was the authorized agent to collect bounties for the soldiers, I sent my discharge papers (being sick) by my wife to John Brown Wright, who was acting as agent for Judge Wright. Before that time I had seen Brown Wright, and he told me to send them down. My wife brought me back a receipt, signed by John B. Wright, a copy of which is hereby attached, and made a part of this record :

"Received of Johnson Parris his discharge to collect bounty on, and which I promise to return to him when collected.

"JOHN B. WRIGHT.

"FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, November 5, 1868."

I think some time next spring I called at his office, next to Nash's store, in Fort Gibson. I saw Brown Wright, and asked him if my money had come. He said, "No; I have not got an answer from my father, Judge Wright." I then left the store. Several times afterward I asked him for my bounty-money, and he gave me the same answer. I have heard nothing since of my discharge paper or my money. I had thirteen miles to go to look after my business in this matter.

JOHNSON PARRIS.

Attest : FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Delilah Parris, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says : I am the wife of Mr. Johnson Parris, who served in Company D, Second Indian Home Guards. At the request of my husband, who was sick, I took his discharge papers down to Mr. Nash's store; I handed the discharge papers to Mr. Nash. He (Nash) took

the papers and put them away, and Mr. John Brown Wright gave me a receipt for the same. This took place in Nash's store. Mr. Brown Wright told me I would get the money after a little while. Every time I would go to Fort Gibson after that I would go into the little office next to Nash's store and asked Mr. Clapperton, whom I found in there, if Mr. Johnson Parris's discharge had come, or his money. He said that Johnson Parris was dead. I told him that he wasn't dead when I left home that morning. He said he was dead, and that his wife had come and got his discharge the evening before. We then had some high words, and before I left the room he said he had the widow's receipt. I then asked him to show me the receipt. Just at that time John Brown Wright came into the room and told him to shut his mouth, as Johnson Parris was not dead, and he did not know what he was talking about. I then left the room. This was the last time I went after my husband's money.

her
DELILAH + PARRIS.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Mary Miller, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and reside about seven miles from Tahlequah; I am the mother of Richard McCullough, who was a private in Company E, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards; my son died in the service near Ray's Mills, Washington County, Arkansas, some time in 1863. Hearing that Judge Wright was the United States agent for collecting bounties for soldiers, I went to Fort Gibson to Judge Wright's office; I saw John Brown Wright. Mr. Daniel Gunter told him I was the mother of Richard McCullough, deceased; Mr. J. B. Wright then made out my papers for bounty; I called several times afterward, and, in about two years, I got \$100 in cash from Mr. F. H. Nash, and about \$70 in goods.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Why did you not take it all in cash?—Answer by witness. Because they would not give it to me.

Question by Mr. Williamson. What did Mr. Nash say to you?—Answer by witness. I staid there some time before I would take any goods. I again asked Mr. Nash for all of it in money. He told me he could not pay me any other way, only part in goods and part in money. I did not see Judge Wright, or J. B. Wright, at that time. Mr. Nash before that had sent me word that he had my money. This was in February, 1869. Mr. Nash told me this was for my son's first bounty and back pay. I took about \$12 worth of goods that day, at reasonable prices. Nash gave me a due-bill for the balance. After a while I went to take up the balance of my due-bill, and found the prices of the goods to be much greater than when I bought the \$12 worth. I told him I was very dissatisfied, but was compelled to take them at those high prices or take nothing. I asked for Judge Wright every time I went for my money, but could never see him, and Mr. Nash told me he was way off somewhere, not about. They had no office to my knowledge at these times stated. After this time I called at the United States pension-office, next to Mr. Nash's store. I saw there Mr. Clapperton, but did not see Judge Wright, neither J. B. Wright. I asked for the United States bounty agent, Judge Wright. Mr. Clapperton said Judge Wright was not there, but he was acting in his place, and attending to his business. I told him (Clapperton) that I wanted my son's second bounty, and he then made out the papers. As well as I remember, this talk was in July, 1870. I have received no money since.

MARY MILLER.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came William Guess, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I reside in Delaware district, on Honey Creek. Am a farmer by occupation. Was a private in Company H, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I never have received any bounty whatever. Hearing that Judge John W. Wright was the United States agent for collecting bounties, I went to Fort Gibson and gave him, the judge, my eagle or discharge-papers—this was some time during the year 1865—and Mr. Wright gave me a receipt for my discharge or eagle papers. The same man, Judge Wright, to whom I gave my discharge, said there was nothing coming to me, because I was a deserter.

his
WILLIAM + GUESS.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Josiah Oo-sa, or Oo-sa-na-li, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Was a private in Company K, Second Indian Home Guards. Having heard that Judge John W. Wright was the United States agent for the collection of bounties, I went to Fort Gibson and gave him my discharge-papers in the fall of 1865. I received no receipt for my discharge-papers.

When I went to get my pay, they said there was no provision made for me, as I was a deserter.

KH *W.F.P.*

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Hair Lifter, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and was a sergeant in Company C, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. Captain Bruce was my captain. I gave my discharge to Captain White Catcher, to take to Washington, for him to give to John W. Wright, for him to collect my bounty-money. This was the latter part of 1865. I called to get my money, and John Brown Wright told me my money had not come on. This was shortly after the cholera appeared in Fort Gibson, which was in the year 1867. After he told me my money had not come on, I went into Ross's store, in Fort Gibson, to buy a few goods. This was in the summer of 1867. I called several times afterwards, and he still told me my money had not come, and each time I bought goods on this bounty, until the whole amount was consumed. This trading on my bounty was closed some time in December, 1867. When I got the last goods they told me I had used my bounty up.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Who told you your bounty was used up?—Answer by witness. One of the clerks in the store, by the name of Morter Vann. The prices of the goods were pretty high, but I did not grumble, as I had gone into it. I live from Fort Gibson about eighteen miles. For my second bounty I went to Gibson three times. The last time the smaller Wright told me Judge Wright was paying in Tahlequah; that is, I mean to say, the smaller Wright told me my money had not come. I then went home, and a rumor was about that Judge Wright was paying in Tahlequah. I went to Tahlequah, and asked Judge Wright for my bounty. He told me to come to-morrow. I told him I was tired of going backwards and forwards for my bounty, and, if he would give me an order, I would trade it out in the store. He gave me an order, and I traded it out in Mr. Stapler's store. Mr. Stapler sold me the goods at the usual prices.

his
HAIR + LIFTER.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Man Killer Catcher, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I was a corporal in Company C, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I got my first bounty all right, in cash, through Judge Wright. I got my discharge-papers back through the agents of the Interior Department, Foster and Webster, who were at Fort Gibson a year ago this winter. I have not received my second bounty yet. I went to Mr. Wright's office, in Fort Gibson, several times, and every time Mr. Brown Wright told me my money had not come. This was along in the spring of 1870.

PBB *W.F.A.A.*

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Henry Mush, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I was a private in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I live about eighteen miles above Fort Gibson, on Double Spring Branch. I gave my discharge-papers to Captain White Catcher, to take to Judge Wright, to collect my bounty. Hearing that the bounties were being paid in Fort Gibson, I went there and found John W. Wright and John Brown Wright in a little, small house, near Ross & Co.'s store. I asked for my first bounty, and John Brown Wright told me my bounty had not come. Afterwards, when I went for my money, the younger Wright gave me five dollars, and said I had traded the balance of the first bounty out.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Whose store did Wright say you had traded out your bounty in?—Answer by witness: Ross & Co.'s.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Had you traded that amount?—Answer by witness: I do not think I had got that amount of goods, but prices were very high at that time. I did make my mark to a paper. They told me they were making out papers authorizing them to prosecute and collect bounties due soldiers, but the paper was not read or explained to me. I have never received any money from my second bounty. I heard it rumored that I could get credit at the stores. I got a little at Ross's, and the balance at Nash's—in all \$80. The prices of the goods that I got were higher than I could have bought for cash. I have never given a receipt for the first or second bounties, for I never made my mark but once, and that was when they told me they were making out soldiers' claims in Fort Gibson.

his
HENRY + MUSH.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

The commission adjourned to meet in the council-chamber, Cherokee Nation, at 9 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, the 18th of January, 1872.

The commission met in the council-chamber, Cherokee Nation, at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. Present: John B. Jones, United States agent for Cherokees, acting as Commissioner, and Joseph A. Williamson on the part of the Government, and Thomas B. Wolfe on the part of the Cherokee Nation. And at said time and place the following depositions of sundry witnesses were taken before the said Acting Commissioner, John B. Jones:

First came Harry Buffington, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I reside fifteen miles from Tahlequah, on Fourteen Mile Creek. Occupation, a farmer. Was a private in Captain James Vann's company, Company K, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. Hearing that bounties were about to be paid, I went to Fort Gibson, and went to Mr. Ross's store, and there saw Mr. Stephens, who took my discharge and gave me a receipt for it, a copy of which is hereto annexed, and forms a part of this record.

"FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, November 7, 1865.

"Received of Harry Buffington, Company K, Third Regiment, his honorable discharge, to be returned when his bounty is secured.

"S. S. STEPHENS."

At the same time I received of Mr. Stephens a receipt for my son's discharge, a copy of which is made a part of this record, as herenuto annexed:

"FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, November 7, 1865.

"Received of Henry Buffington his honorable discharge, to be returned when his bounty is secured.

"S. S. STEPHENS."

At this stage of the examination Mr. John B. Wright made his appearance, and filed the accompanying copy addressed to Joseph A. Williamson, to wit:

"TAHLEQUAH, January 18, 1872.

"DEAR SIR: This is to notify you that I am authorized to appear in the case of United States Commission vs. John W. Wright. I have written directions from my father to do so.

"Yours, &c.,

"JOHN BROWN WRIGHT.

"MR. JOSEPH A. WILLIAMSON."

Mr. Stephens told me he had to send my claim to Washington. This was on the 7th day of November, 1865. About three months after this I went to Fort Gibson to get my money. I did not find any office. I went to Ross & Co.'s store, but did not get any goods. I then went again to get my money, and found that Mr. Nash was paying off in goods and money. I took a side-saddle for \$30, and the balance in money. I asked Mr. Nash if my money was there, and he said it was. I told him I wanted to get it, and he then said, "Don't you want to trade some?" I said yes, but I wanted some money, and then he gave me the saddle and asked, "What else?" I said, "My money." He then paid me the balance in money, \$55. This trade was on my first bounty. After receiving my money—that is, the balance—I traded some \$10 or \$15 more. This happened about two years ago. I did not give Mr. Stephens, at the time I gave him my discharge-papers, any paper (except that) signed by myself. Nor have I given to any one else any power of attorney or receipt to draw my money, either for my first or second bounty. I wish to say that I received from my first bounty \$85. Mr. Nash told me that \$15 was retained to pay the services of Judge Wright in securing the bounty. Afterwards, to get my second bounty, I went to Fort Gibson. I went to Mr. Nash's store. I saw Mr. Clapperton there, and asked him for my second bounty-money. Mr. Clapperton said the money had not come out. He said, "It appears the papers are wrong, and I will fix them." After that, every now and then, I would go down and see Clapperton, and he would say the papers had not come on. As well as I can recollect, this was about a year ago when I first saw him. After that I saw him in the United States post-office, and asked him again, and he said he had quit the business. I have not as yet received my second bounty-money. I have never signed any receipt or power of attorney to collect my second bounty.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright for defense:

Question. Who gave you your discharge-paper?—Answer by witness. I think you gave it to me.

Question by Mr. Wright. At what place?—Answer by witness. In a little office back of Mr. Nash's, I think.

Question by Mr. Wright. Did I give you any money when I handed you that discharge-paper?—Answer by witness. No, sir.

Question by Mr. Wright. What was the total amount of money you received?—Answer by witness. Fifty-five dollars.

Question by Mr. Wright. Did you ever get any money at Tablequah?—Answer by witness. I never got a dollar, nor ever went there to get any.

his
HARRY + BUFFINGTON.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came S. S. Stephens, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The discharge received from Harry Buffington, referred to in the foregoing copy of receipt signed by myself, was transmitted by me to John W. Wright.

S. S. STEPHENS.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Harry Buffington recalled: I took Henry Buffington's discharge to Fort Gibson, and gave it to Mr. Stephens at the same time I gave my own. Henry Buffington was my son, and was a private in Captain Tah-lah-la's company, D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, and at the time I handed Mr. Stephens his discharge, my son was dead. At the same time I went to get my money, me and my wife tried to get my son's money. My son's wife was also there, and we had a difficulty as to who should have the money. Judge Wright said my son's wife should have the money, and John Brown Wright, who was present, said my wife, the mother of the boy, should have the money. Judge Wright gave half of \$85 to my son's wife, and the other half to my wife, the mother of the boy. This was the first bounty-money.

his
HARRY + BUFFINGTON.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Samuel Worford, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and reside on Fourteen Mile Creek, about fifteen miles from Tablequah; was a private in Captain White Catcher's company, I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I gave my discharge to Mr. Brown Wright at Fort Gibson, as I understood that Mr. John W. Wright, the father of Brown Wright, was the Government agent; Mr. Lewis Ross told me that Mr. Brown Wright's father was appointed by the Government to collect bounties. I went into the office connected with Ross & Co.'s store, in which office Mr. Brown Wright was carrying on the claim business, and gave my discharge-paper to Mr. Lewis Ross and took a receipt for it; this took place in the fall of 1865. About a year and a half after this I went to Fort Gibson to get my first bounty. I went to a little office with a red door at the northeast end of Ross's store. I asked for my money and received it—\$85 in cash. About two years after I got my first bounty I became pushed for money and went to Fort Gibson, to Mr. Nash's store, and told him I would trade my bounty out as he was trading for them. He gave me \$40 in goods and the balance, \$45, in cash. When I turned in my discharge for my first bounty I touched a pen to a paper which Mr. Lewis Ross gave me to sign. No one explained the paper to me. After I had traded with Mr. Nash I touched a pen to a paper and a book which he handed to me; he did not explain to me what the paper or book meant. I saw no witnesses sign to either paper or book when I touched the pen. I do not know what the paper or the book was or meant.

his
SAMUEL + WORFORD.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Samuel Worford recalled at his own request: I wish to correct my testimony by saying that when I stated that it was Lewis Ross, I should have said that it was Daniel H. Ross.

his
SAMUEL + WORFORD.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Joseph Rodgers, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and reside on Fourteen Mile Creek, about fifteen miles from Tablequah. I was a private in Captain White Catcher's company, I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I was taken prisoner by the rebels, and after the war released and came home. A little time after the cholera was in Fort Gibson, 1867, I

went there, hearing that Judge Wright was the Government agent to collect bounties. I applied to his son, J. Brown Wright, who was in Judge Wright's office, a little east of Mr. Nash's store, to take charge of my claim for the first bounty. Mr. Brown Wright gave me a paper to touch a pen to, which I did. He did not tell me what the paper was. Three months after this I went there to see if my money had come; I went to this office and saw Brown Wright was not in. I went then to the store of Mr. Nash's, next door, and inquired for Mr. Brown Wright. Mr. Nash said he wasn't there. Mr. Nash then went back to his office, which was in the back part of the store, and brought out some books and papers. He told me my money was not there, as they had not heard from Washington. He told me he guessed the claim was good, and he would pay me if I would take half in goods. I told him I would take \$25 in goods if he would pay me the balance in money. He said he would do that, and then he gave me \$25 in goods and \$60 in money; the prices were reasonable. About two years afterward I heard that they were paying bounties again, and I went to Mr. Ross's store, in Fort Gibson, and found Mr. Dan. Ross fixing out claims for soldiers in a little office east of Mr. Ross's store. I asked Mr. D. H. Ross to take my claim, which he did, and at his request I touch a pen to a paper which he handed to me. He did not explain the paper to me, and I did not know what it meant. About a month after that I went after my money and he told me it had not come. At the time I was needy for money; I told him I wanted an order for goods. He gave me an order for \$50 on Ross & Co.'s store. I traded the order off afterward for a pony. About six months afterward I went to Mr. D. H. Ross for the balance of my money, \$35, and he told me it had not come yet. After this I went to Mr. Wright's office, near to Nash's store, but did not find either Judge Wright or John B. Wright in the office, but found Mr. Clapperton there, and I signed some papers which he made out. I have not been back since, nor have I received my thirty-five dollars as yet.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright, counsel for defense :

Question. Did you ever get a discharge from the Government?—Answer by witness. No.

Question by Mr. Wright. Did you get your first bounty?—Answer by witness. Yes; I got it at Nash's.

Question by Mr. Wright. Did not your sister draw your first bounty?—Answer by witness. I don't know whether she drew it or not; there was a woman named Margaret Rogers whom they said drew it; I don't know whether she drew it or not.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever give any authority to your sister to draw this money?—Answer by witness. No, sir.

his
JOSEPH + RODGERS.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came David Israel, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and was a corporal in Captain Scrape's company, D, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. My first bounty was paid me in full at Fort Gibson by Judge Wright; he paid me money. About a year after I gave him my discharge-papers I received my money. A little more than a year after my second bounty was made out I went down to Fort Gibson and could not get it. I went to the little office near Mr. Ross's store and found nobody there; I met Mr. William Ross, who told me Judge Wright's office had been moved near Mr. Nash's store, but that no bounties had come. This happened in the December after the cholera was in Fort Gibson. On the 16th day of January, 1869, I went again to Fort Gibson, and inquired of Mr. Nash for my second bounty. He told me my bounty had not come, but that he would pay me \$20 in money and \$45 in goods. I took the \$20 in cash and the \$45 in goods. Mr. Nash told me at the time there was no more coming to me. The balance, amounting to \$20, I have not received to this day. A little more than a year ago I sent my brother to Mr. Wright's office, in Fort Gibson, for my discharge-paper, and he returned without it, saying that they told him it was of no account, as all of the bounty had been paid. I live twenty-five miles from Gibson; I did not sign but twice, once for my first bounty and again for my second bounty. When I traded with Mr. Nash he handed me a paper which I signed. The paper I refer to was a book. He wrote something in the book, and told me to touch the pen, which I did. The signing I mentioned was touching the pen.

DAVID ISRAEL.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Richard Humphrey, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I was a private in Captain Gritt's company, G, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I am a blacksmith, and live at Park Hill, three miles from Tablequah. My first bounty I received in full. I filed my application for

second bounty in Judge Wright's office, at Fort Gibson, and got a receipt for my discharge-papers. About two years after this I went to Judge Wright's office in Fort Gibson, and there saw Mr. Clapperton. He asked me if I wanted anything, and I said yes. I told him I had some money here I wanted to get. "What is your name, sir," he asked. I replied "Richard Humphreys." He asked me if I had \$15, and I told him "No, sir." He then turned over two or three leaves and says, "Your name is not here." He said "Go into Mr. Nash's, next door, and see if he has got your name." I went into Mr. Nash's, and asked him if my money had come—this was F. H. Nash I asked—and he said it had not come. I then asked him if my discharge had come; he replied it had not. I told him I supposed I would have to go on and leave my claim, but he says "I will do by you as I done by the balance." I asked him, "What are you doing by the balance?" He said he was paying part goods and part money. I asked him then how much money would he pay me; he said he would see how much he could rake and scrape for me. He walked to the back part of the store, into the little office, and then came back and said he could pay me \$30 in money and \$40 in goods. I said that \$30 was mighty little money. He replied that was all he could do for me; said he was just doing it for accommodation; said he had to run the risk of getting the money, and would, may be, lose it; he said there was a great deal of confusion back there in Washington, and he didn't know as there would be any money paid out to the Cherokee Nation. After he told me this I got a little scary, so I concluded to take his offer, and done so. He paid me \$30 in money, and gave me \$40 in goods. The goods were pretty high. I took a little, small satchel, and put \$40 worth of things in it and left the store. I went into the office with Mr. Nash, and he got out a long, thin book, wrote something in it, and told me to touch the pen, which I did. He did not explain to me what was in the book. I did not sign at that time any other paper. At the time I was paid my first bounty by Mr. Brown Wright, I touched a pen. I have not signed any other paper; nor have I given a receipt to Mr. Wright for my second bounty. The balance of my bounty, \$15, I have never called for or never received.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Why did you not call on Mr. Wright for the fifteen dollars?—Answer by witness. Because I did not know any more was coming to me.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Why did you file your discharge-papers with Judge Wright, in his office?—Answer by witness. Because Joshua Ross, one of his clerks, told me he was a Government officer appointed for that purpose.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. W. Wright :

Question. What were the goods amounting to \$40 that you put into that satchel?—Answer by witness. They were two pairs fine women's shoes; one flannel skirt; two dress-patterns, one calico, one muslin; two sets plates, (twenty-four;) a dozen teacups and saucers; one butter-dish; one preserve-dish.

his
RICHARD + HUMPHREY.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

The commission adjourned to meet in the council-chamber, Cherokee Nation, at 9 o'clock a. m. on Friday, the 19th day of January, 1872.

The commission met in the council-chamber, Cherokee Nation, at 9 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Present: John B. Jones, United States agent for Cherokees, acting as commissioner, and Joseph A. Williamson on the part of the Government, and Thomas B. Wolfe on the part of the Cherokee Nation, and John Brown Wright for John W. Wright, and adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m., at the request of J. B. Wright.

The commission met, pursuant to adjournment, in the council-chamber of the Cherokee Nation, in Tahlequah, at 2 o'clock p. m. Present: John B. Jones, United States agent, acting as commissioner, Joseph A. Williamson on the part of the Government, and John B. Wright on the part of John W. Wright.

First came Willis Hendricks, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and reside about ten miles from Tahlequah. Am a farmer by occupation. I was a private in Captain Coffman's company, (Company L,) Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I sent my discharge-papers to John W. Wright, to collect my first bounty, in the fall of 1865, and got my bounty all right. In January, 1869, about the 20th of the month, I was in Fort Gibson, and in Mr. Nash's store, and he proposed to buy my bounty-claim—my second bounty. He proposed to me to trade me for my claim. I told him I would trade a part of it, and he said he would trade it all. I told him I would have to have some money on it, and then he agreed to pay me \$30 in cash, and the balance in goods. I took the \$30 in cash and \$55 in goods. After I bought the goods he took me back into his office and I touched the pen to a book and a paper. The prices were high enough for the goods. If I had the \$35 in cash I believe I could have done better with my money.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Did Mr. Nash tell you at that time there was a check

for your bounty issued by the Government in your favor, dated October 30, 1868?—Answer by witness. No, sir; he did not. I did not know there was any such check. I did not know there was any place in Fort Gibson where I could inquire about my bounty. I received no notice from John W. Wright that he had my money at that time. I live fifty-five miles from Fort Gibson. I was very needy for the money.

his
WILLIS + HENDRICKS.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Reader Beaver, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live on Pecan Creek, about eight miles from Tahlequah; was a private in Captain Coffman's company, (Company L,) Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I am a farmer by occupation. The second year after I got out of the Army, in 1867, I went to Fort Gibson, and went to Mr. Wright's office, and asked for my first bounty-money, and was told by Judge Wright it had not come. Three weeks after that I went to Fort Gibson and heard they were giving credit in Ross's store on bounties. I went to Ross's store and got goods to the amount of \$85 from a clerk I did not know. I would rather have had the money, but as Mr. Wright had told me the money had not come, I took it in goods. The prices for the goods were very high. I touched the pen on a book, and also on a small piece of paper. This took place in Ross's store. They did not explain the book or the paper to me. I did not know what they meant. I lived about fifteen miles from Fort Gibson.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Have you ever received any money on your second bounty?—Answer by witness: No; I have not.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Have you ever tried to get your second bounty?—Answer by witness: Yes; I have often tried at the office near Mr. Nash's, when they were paying bounties; they would tell me my bounty had not come.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright:

Question. Have you ever dealt in goods as a merchant?—Answer by witness: No, sir; I never did.

Question by Mr. Wright: How do you then judge the goods you got were high or low?—Answer by witness: I have bought goods at other places, at other times, and obtained them at a less price.

his
READER + BEAVER.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

The commission adjourned to meet in the council-chamber, Cherokee Nation, at 9 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, the 20th of January, 1872.

The commission met, pursuant to adjournment, in the council-chamber of the Cherokee Nation, in Tahlequah, at 9 o'clock a. m. Present: John B. Jones, United States agent for the Cherokees, acting as commissioner, Jos. A. Williamson on the part of the Government, Thomas B. Wolfe on the part of the Cherokee Nation, and J. B. Wright on the part of John W. Wright.

First came Susan Dillen, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and was the wife of George Rooster, who was a private in Company F, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. My husband was killed by the enemy this side of Fort Scott, I think in the year 1864. Judge Wright made out my papers for my husband's bounty-claim, I think in the year 1865. It was toward fall in that year. I was living in Fort Gibson at that time. About a year after that some of them asked me if I did not want to trade out my bounty-claim. I told them yes, I was very well satisfied to do so. I got half in goods and half in money; this was my first bounty. At that time I signed a paper in Mr. Wright's office, which was in Mr. Ross's store. They told me the paper was given so they could draw the bounty. After that I went to reside at Fort Smith. It was in the spring of 1870 that I went to Fort Smith to reside. In the summer of that year I wrote to Mr. Nash to see if my money had come; and in August of that year Mr. Nash came down to Fort Smith, bringing the check for my second bounty with him. I owed Mr. Nash \$39 store-bill in my own right—about this sum. On reflection I find I owed Mr. Nash \$42.25. He then gave me \$17.75 in cash, which made \$60 payment on my bounty, leaving \$25 still due me on it. I told him I was willing to trade out the whole amount, all but that \$25 he had charged John Rattling Gourd with. He replied, "I can't do that; John Rattling Gourd wouldn't pay his own debts." I could do nothing else, and just had to let it go, and told him to give me a paper and I would try to collect it from John Rattling Gourd. Mr. Nash gave me a paper for it, and I asked John Rattling Gourd for it, and he got mad, and I have never got a cent of it.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Did you ever give John Rattling Gourd any authority

to trade at Mr. Nash's store on your account?—Answer by witness: No, I never did but I told him if he wanted to trade a little on the Maria Duck claim, to let him trade. I never was administratrix on the estate of Maria Duck, deceased. I lived in Fort Gibson during the years 1868 and 1869; and during that time neither Judge Wright nor his agent, Brown Wright, informed me that a check for my first husband's (Rooster) second bounty had been issued. By the advice of Major Craig I went to Mr. Nash to see if I could obtain the \$25 which Mr. Nash had retained. Major Craig was the United States agent for Cherokees at that time. Mr. Nash told me he couldn't pay it back, he would have to let it go so; and it was at this time I asked him for the papers to collect it off of John Ratling Gourd, referred to above.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright :

Question. Did not the goods you obtained from Mr. Ross suit you as well as if you had the money?—Answer by witness: Yes, they did.

Question by Mr. Wright: Did you write to Mr. Nash to bring your check to Fort Smith?—Answer by witness: Yes, I did; that is, I mean to say, if my money was there to attend to it.

SUSAN DILLEN.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Lucy McDaniel, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I live in Tahlequah district, about fifteen miles from Tahlequah. Charles Walker, a sergeant in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, was my husband. He died about six weeks after he was mustered out of the United States service. I put his claim for bounty in the hands of Judge Wright, and received it all right. This was the first bounty. My husband's claim for second bounty I put into the hands of Judge Wright in Fort Gibson. Some time after this I went to Fort Gibson; it was nearly a year. I went into Judge Wright's office, next to Nash's store, to see about my money. I found there Mr. Clapperton, who told me it had not come yet, but it would soon be here; they expected it every day. This was in the winter, about two years ago. I then went back home without my money. In about three weeks I came again to Fort Gibson, and went to Mr. Wright's office and saw Mr. Clapperton again. He said the name had not come, but he was looking for it every day. I went back home again without my money, and went back to Mr. Wright's office again in about a month. I saw Mr. Brown Wright this time, and he said it had not come yet. I then sort o' got insulted, and never went back any more.

Question by Mr. Williamson: How did he insult you?—Answer by witness: He told me he would help me to get my pension, if I would go out with him and do as other women did.

Question by Mr. Williamson: What did you say to this?—Answer by witness: I told him I belonged to the church, and I would not do that—it would be committing a sin, and he then said that many womens does that. I told him I did not care if all of the women done it, I would not do it, and I then went out angry, and never went back any more. The first time I went to see Mr. Clapperton for my money he told Mr. Nash to let me have \$20 worth of goods on account of my second bounty. As I needed the goods and hadn't the money, I took them. This \$20 in goods is all that I have received of my second bounty. I never signed any paper or book or order to draw my bounty. Neither Judge Wright, John B. Wright, nor Mr. Clapperton nor Mr. Nash gave me a paper or book to sign. I was not satisfied with the prices of the goods I got, but was obliged to take them.

her
LUCY + MCDANIEL.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Ka-uer-que Keener, who, first being duly sworn, says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live on Fourteen Mile Creek, about fifteen miles from Tahlequah. I was a private in Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I gave my discharge-paper to Captain White Catcher to give to Judge Wright to collect my first bounty. I spoke to a young man in Mr. Wright's office to get my second bounty, and he promised to write to the Department about it. This was, I think, about two years ago last summer. It may be longer; I cannot recollect.

Question by Mr. Williamson: How much money have you got from your two bounties?—Answer by witness: Twenty dollars in money. Mr. Nash gave me this. The rest of \$85 I got in goods of Mr. Nash in his store.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Did you go to Mr. Wright's office for your bounty-money before going to Mr. Nash's?—Answer by witness: Yes; I did. I went to Mr. Wright's office in a building near Mr. Nash's store, that the old man who used to pay the women was there, and I asked him for my money. He looked at his books and wrote a little paper, and told me to take it to Mr. Nash. When I gave it to Mr. Nash

he looked at it, and took me back into a little glass room in the back part of the store, and then he examined a book and wrote a note and told me to take it back to the old man, which I did. The old man read it, tore it up, and said nothing. I then went away without my bounty. Some time after, I think about two or three months, I heard that they were paying bounties at Nash's store, and I went there and asked one of the clerks in the store for my money. He said he wouldn't give me but \$20 in money and the balance in goods. I told him I would take it, and did so. I wanted money very much, but could not get it, and was obliged to take it in goods. The goods were very high, and poor white cloth. I had to pay 25 cents for a yard of it. After I got through trading, the clerk who sold me the goods asked me to touch the pen to a paper. No one explained or told me what the paper meant, and I did not know what I was signing.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Are you certain you did not get the money or trade for but one bounty?—Answer: I am not mistaken. I know I did not get but one bounty.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Did you ever sign but the one paper?—Answer: No; I did not. I never signed but one paper. I lived about twenty-five miles from Fort Gibson, and went there five times or so for my money.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright:

Question. Did you ever deal in goods as a merchant?—Answer. No, sir.

KA-NER-QUE + ^{his} KEENER.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Walter McDaniel, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live in Tahlequah district, about twelve miles from Tahlequah. I was a corporal in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. Judge Wright had my claims for bounties. News got out into the country that they were paying bounties in Fort Gibson, and I went down to get my bounty. I lived about twelve miles from Fort Gibson. From what I could understand we were to go to the store and inquire whether our bounty had come or not, or whether we had succeeded in getting our claim through. I went into Mr. Nash's store, so called, and asked one of Mr. Wright's clerks if my bounty had come. He said there was no money, but if I wanted to trade there was the goods; I could have what they had. He said he would let me have in goods to the amount of ten, fifteen, or twenty dollars. As well as I remember I traded \$10, at high enough prices. My situation demanded it, and I was obliged to take something. About a month after that I went back again to Gibson, to the authorities, or clerks of the claim-agent, Wright, and inquired again about my first bounty. Wright's clerks told me if I would go into Nash's store his clerks would tell me if my money had come or not. I went into Mr. Nash's store and asked Mr. Nash to look on his list and see if my money had come. He said, "Your claim is good, but the money has not come, but if you will trade to half the amount in goods, I will give you the other half in money." I agreed to it, and traded in that way. The prices were fair, satisfactory to me.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Did you understand from Mr. Wright that the Government authorized him to attend to this business for the soldiers? Answer: Yes, I did. As well as I recollect he told me so. After that I made up my mind to give him my claim for the second bounty, because I understood that he was the only one who was authorized to do this business. I went to Wright's office in Fort Gibson, in the latter part of 1863, to get my second bounty. One of the clerks told me it had not come. After that I went several times to the same office and made the same inquiries, with the same result. I got out of patience because I did not get my money, and concluded to trade again. At one time and another I traded about two-thirds of my second bounty with Mr. Nash, and traded the other third at Ross's store. I signed a paper in Nash's store when I got the goods. He told me the paper was to enable me to draw it. The prices were tolerably fair at Nash's, but very high at Ross's. This happened in the fall of 1869.

WALTER MCDANIEL.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

The commission adjourned to meet in the council chamber of the Cherokee Nation, at Tahlequah, on Monday, at 9 o'clock a. m., the 22d day of January, 1872.

The commission met, pursuant to adjournment, in the council chamber of the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, on Monday, the 22d day of January, 1872, at 9 o'clock a. m. Present: John B. Jones, United States agent for the Cherokees, acting as commissioner, and Joseph H. Williamson on the part of the Government.

First came John Tulsy, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citi-

zen of the Cherokee Nation. I was a private in Company K, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. Soon after peace was declared, in the fall of 1865, I gave my eagle or discharge-papers to Judge Wright, in person, at Fort Gibson. At that time I lived fifty miles from Fort Gibson, in Flint district. Not quite a year after this I went again to Fort Gibson, to get my bounty, and saw John Brown Wright in his father's office, and asked him for my first bounty-money, and he told me my papers had not come back. There were several persons with me who also wanted their bounties, and I told Brown Wright that we lived a long way from Fort Gibson, and hated to go backwards, to and fro, for nothing. Brown Wright then said he would give us orders to trade in Ross's store. We all then took our orders to Ross's store, and traded out to the whole amount of our bounties. The prices of the goods were very high indeed. I could have done better if I had had the money to trade with. About a year after this I went to Fort Gibson again, and gave Brown Wright and Daniel H. Ross a claim for my second bounty. I understood that they were acting for Judge Wright, and that Judge Wright was authorized by the United States Government to do this business. In the fall of 1863 I went to Fort Gibson to get my second bounty. I saw Judge Wright in person, and asked him for my bounty, and he told me he had no money. I needed the money very much, and I went to Nash's store and asked him for credit. He told me he would give me credit if I would bring an order from Judge Wright. Judge Wright gave me an order, and I got \$40 in goods from Nash, and then went home without any money. About a month afterwards I went back again, and Judge Wright paid me the balance of my second bounty in money. Mr. Nash got me to touch a pen to a book when I got the goods. I signed a small paper when Judge Wright paid me the balance of my bounty-money. I touched a pen to a paper also in Ross's store. They did not tell me what the papers meant. The goods in Nash's store were very high.

his
JOHN + TULSY.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Mr. J. B. Wright, for J. W. Wright, made his appearance.

And then came Ah-ni-le, Dirt Seller, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and reside in Catchtown, Tahlequah district. I am the widow of James Dirt Seller, who was a sergeant in Company C, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. Captain Bruce was the captain of the company. In English they call me Ann. My husband died on the last campaign to Little River, which was in the fall of 1864. I gave my claim for pension to Mr. Jones. I went often to Judge Wright's office in Fort Gibson to get his clerks to make out my claim for my husband's bounty. I made my application to Brown Wright, and he and Mr. Clapperton examined the book together. They told me my husband's name was not on the rolls at Washington, and I never would get five cents. Often after that I would go back to them, and they would tell me sometimes that they would fix it a week, and again they would fix it in a day. John Brown Wright and Mr. Clapperton would tell me this. Some of these times I would stay at John Brown Wright's house. The last time I staid at his house, I was in the kitchen washing up the dishes, and Mr. Brown Wright came in and caught me around the waist, and tried to throw me on the floor. I struggled and threw him up against the wall, and told him that Susie was coming and she would whip him; he said I lied, she was not coming, and I told him to go to the door and see, which he did, and she was coming. We then went out into another room and lay down, as Susie was coming. It was so late in the day that I could not go home, as my home was thirteen miles away, but I went home next morning, and did not go back to see Mr. Wright again for my bounty, and have not received it to this day.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

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And then came Aaron, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and was a member of Company F, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I live in Tahlequah district, about five miles from Tahlequah. I took my discharge papers and gave them to Daniel H. Ross, in the presence of Judge Wright. I understood that Judge Wright was authorized by the United States Government to attend to this business. This was in February, 1866, about forty rods from Ross's store, in Judge Wright's office. I wish to correct myself; it was in February, 1866, that I went for my bounty, and in 1865 I gave up my discharge papers. I must correct myself again, two years after I gave up my discharge I went to Fort Gibson, and Judge Wright paid me \$45 on my first bounty. I told him there was more money coming to me. He told me that was all that was coming to me. I supposed that was so, and I went out.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you sign a receipt at any time for your bounty

money?—Answer. No; I never did. After this I wanted my second bounty. I had never made application through Judge Wright for it, but I went three or four times for it; as I supposed he was a Government officer I thought he would have my bounty-money any how. I was there several times, and saw Judge Wright each time; he told me my claim had not come. I then quit going, and have not received any bounty in goods or money. The last time I applied was to the old man, not Mr. Brown Wright's father. I asked him if my claim had not come, and he said it had not. I have not been back there since, neither have I got my money. I have not given any receipts for my first or second bounties.

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AARON. +
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Isaac Patt, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live near Double Spring Branch, about twelve miles from Tablequah. I was a private in Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I went for my bounty when they were paying bounties in a house close by Mr. Nash's store in Fort Gibson. I went to Mr. Wright's office and asked an old man for my money, he told me there was no money there, and I went home without it, and about three months after I went again to Fort Gibson and to Mr. Nash's store; he offered to pay me my bounty in goods. I thought I would have to wait a long time for my money, so I took it. \$80 in goods, and he gave me \$5 in money. George Sanders, one of his clerks, was interpreting, and told me Mr. Nash had made a paper for him (Nash) to draw the money, and I made my mark to the paper. I never got but this one bounty, and I never signed but the one paper spoken of above.

R. J. Jones
R. J. Jones

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Tse-wa-to Watts, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live on Double Spring Branch, about thirteen miles from Tablequah. Before my re-marriage I was the widow of Johnson Oo-la-he-ya-ter. He was a private in Captain Fish's Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. He died before the close of the war, at Fort Gibson. Clapperton made out my husband's claim for bounty. I have received one bounty, and that was paid me by Captain Craig, United States agent for Cherokees. I want my other bounty.

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Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

The commission adjourned to meet in the council chamber of the Cherokee Nation, in Tablequah, on Tuesday, the 23d day of January, 1872, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The commission met, pursuant to adjournment, in the council chamber of the Cherokee Nation, in Tablequah, on Tuesday, the 23d day of January, 1872, at 9 o'clock a. m. Present, John B. Jones, United States agent for the Cherokees, acting as commissioner; Joseph H. Williamson, on the part of the Government; Thomas B. Wolfe, on the part of the Cherokee Nation; and J. B. Wright, on the part of John W. Wright.

First came Fox Keener, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live on Double Spring Branch, about eight miles from Tablequah. I was a private in Company G, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I turned my eagle papers over to Mr. Spencer Stevens, who was clerking for Judge Wright. I applied to Mr. Wright for my bounty, and he gave me an order on Mr. Nash's store, and I took my whole bounty in goods. He did not tell me anything, but just gave me the order. This was my first bounty. The goods were very high. I did not know I had taken up my bounty when they told me it was all taken up. It was Mr. Nash, the owner of the store, who sold me the goods. After this, I went for my second bounty, and saw Mr. John W. Wright in Mr. Nash's store, in Fort Gibson, Mr. Wright having told me the week before that it would be there for me. I told Mr. Wright I wanted my second bounty. Andrew Crittenden interpreted for me. Mr. Wright then turned around and said something to Mr. Nash, which I did not understand. Mr. Wright then gave me an order, and said that would get me what I wanted out of Mr. Nash's store. I told him I must have my money. Mr. Wright said the money had not come, and that the order was as good as the money. I thought I could do no better, so I took it all out in goods. The prices were very high, as high as they were before. I lived twenty-five miles from Fort Gibson, and went twice to get my second bounty, and as I had no horse I was obliged to walk, and so, rather than to go so many times, I took the goods. I did not touch a pen to a book or to a paper. I have not given a receipt for my first or second bounties to any one. This took place two years ago the 3d day of last December.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Are you sure it was Judge Wright who gave you the order on Nash's store?—Answer. I did not know his name.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Describe him.—Answer. He was an old man with white hair, white beard, was lame, walked with a stick, and wore a narrow brim long hat.
J. W.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Ah-le Watt, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live in Going Snake district, Cherokee Nation, about thirty miles from Tahlequah. I am the widow of Watt, who was a private in Company D, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. He was killed in the battle of Cabin Creek in 1864. I gave my husband's claim to Brown Wright. My first bounty Mr. Nash paid me, \$15 in goods and the balance in money. This was in Ross's store. I never have received my second bounty. I have never applied to Mr. Wright or any of his agents for my bounty.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Ga-lu-ki She Paw, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live in Going Snake district, Cherokee Nation. I am the widow of She Paw, who was a member of Company D, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. He was killed at the battle of Shirley's Ford, in 1862. I have never received but one bounty, which I supposed was my son's, whose name was Oo-cal-sit, who was a member of Company G, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I got \$50 in money and \$30 in goods, in Nash's store. My son left no family. My son died at Fort Gibson a short time before the soldiers were discharged.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Why did you think it was your son's bounty you received?—Answer. I cannot tell. I have always been at a loss to tell. The \$50 in money I got in Tahlequah, and got an order on Nash's store, in Fort Gibson, for \$30. I have been to Gibson often, over and over again, and Brown Wright and John W. Wright would tell me my bounty had not come. I have never got either of the three bounties. I live fifty miles from Fort Gibson. I have never signed any receipt for any of the bounties.

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GA-LU-KI + SHE PAW.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Yo-qui-si Manning, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live six miles from Tahlequah, in Tahlequah district, Cherokee Nation. I gave my discharge to John W. Wright. My husband's name was Cuning Deer, and was a private in Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. He died in September, 1865. It was about a year after this that I gave his discharge to Mr. Wright. I do not remember of ever signing any paper to Judge Wright or any of his clerks. The next spring after giving up my husband's discharge I saw Judge Wright, and he told me I must make my claim over again. At that time I made my mark to a large paper. A year after this I went to Fort Gibson and went to the new brick store. I had been to the Government office, and Judge Wright told me the claim was good, and would undoubtedly be paid, but that I could trade on it in Nash's store, as the money had not come yet. I went into Nash's store and traded on it to the amount of \$20. Mr. Wright gave me a paper to take to the store. Not very long after this I went back again to the same store and Mr. Nash told me he would not give any more goods on it, as it might be a long time before I would be paid; that I probably would not get the \$60 more. I thought there was more coming to me, and I went to another store and got \$20 worth of goods. Last summer a year ago, about the middle of the summer, thinking there was more bounty due me still, I went to the Government and saw Mr. Clapperton. He told me my money hadn't come. I then went home. I told him before I started that I was not coming back again; was tired of coming backward and forward. He says, "Why do you say so? You will be paid without doubt."

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever touch a pen to this narrow piece of paper? I will read it to you first.—Answer. No; I did not sign the paper which you have just had read to me by Mr. Jones. I never signed any receipt.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever receive, of both or either of the bounties, more than the 40 dollars' worth of goods?—Answer. No; I have not.

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YO-QUI-SI + MANNING.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came John R. Gourd, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I live on Fourteen-Mile Creek, about fifteen miles from Tahlequah. I was a private in Company I, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I gave my eagle papers to Judge Wright in the summer of 1865. About the middle of the summer of 1867 I went to Fort Gibson and applied to Judge Wright for my bounty-money, and he told me my money hadn't come. I told him I was tight run, and wanted money. He told me he would give me a paper on Nash's store to trade on. I took it, after objecting, saying that the Government had sent the money here; they did not send any little white papers. He told me it would be a year or two before I would get it, as the Government hadn't any money; and as I thought I could do no better, and as I was in great need of clothes and groceries. I took the paper and showed it to Nash. He, Nash, hemmed and hawed awhile, and said he would give me that amount of goods, which was for the whole amount of my first bounty—\$85. I told him to give me half money, and he said he wouldn't do it; he hadn't any money. I took the goods, but thought he was charging me three prices for them.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever sign this receipt which I now read to you, as follows:

"98. No. 1560.]

"Received of John W. Wright \$85 in full for my bounty, as provided for by resolution of Congress, as private in Company I. of the Third Regiment of Indian Home Guards.

his
"JOHN R. + GOURD.
mark.

"Attest:

"JOHN BROWN WRIGHT.
"F. H. NASIL."

Answer by witness. I never signed that paper; I never saw it before.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever sign a power of attorney authorizing Mr. Wright to draw your bounty-money?—A. No; I never signed any paper in favor of Mr. Wright or anybody else to draw my bounty. My second bounty I received in full from Major Craig at the fort. I lived from Gibson twenty-two miles.

his
JOHN R. + GOURD.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Moses Price, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live in Illinois district, Cherokee Nation, near the mouth of the Illinois River, about twenty-five miles from Tahlequah.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Were you clerk of the circuit court for the district of Illinois on the 28th day of January, 1869, and on the 28th day of April, 1869?—Answer. Yes; I was clerk of that court, and when Mr. Wright came out here to prosecute bounty-claims in 1866, I think, I was clerk of the district court. Mr. Wright came to me and wanted me to assist him, as I was clerk of the district court. I agreed to assist him in my official capacity as clerk of said court. I, as clerk, would swear the claimants on application for bounty. I did a great deal of this business: in addition to this I did a great deal of interpreting for Judge Wright.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you use a seal in the beginning of this business?—Answer. No, I did not.

Question by Mr. Williamson. When did the seal, the stamp of which I now show you, begin to be used by you in the bounty-claim business?—Answer. I recognize the stamp, but do not remember the date when we commenced to use it. The first time I saw the seal was in my desk in Judge Wright's office, where I did my business. When I saw it I asked the question what it was, as I had never seen one before. Some one replied it was a seal to be used on the bounty-claim business. After we had used this seal awhile for this business a discussion took place as to the propriety of using it, as the Nation nor any of the courts had a seal. After this Judge Wright and myself had a talk about using this seal. I told Judge Wright that some one had said that this seal was not lawful. He said, "That is my seal. I ordered it made for the purpose of stamping the bounty-papers." He told me it was necessary to stamp the claim-papers, and also that after he got through with it he was going to give it to Judge Crawford. After this all the claim-papers I saw made out had the impress of this seal. I have seen Judge Wright stamp claim-papers with it. I have seen John Brown Wright and Pension Agent Clapperton use it on the same kind of papers.

Question by Mr. Williamson. I show you here a power of attorney purporting to be made by Harry Cutter, of Company B, Third Regiment, witnessed by Alexander Clapperton and Henry C. Meigs. In the body of the certificate, which is dated 28th day of January, 1869, the name of Moses Price appears, certifying that the said Harry Cutter

appeared before you and acknowledged his signature to be his act and deed. Did the said Henry Cutter appear before you and make such an acknowledgment?—Answer. No; he did not. I know nothing about that paper which you now show me.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Are the words Moses Price in said acknowledgment or certificate your signature?—Answer. No; it is not my signature. Some one else has written it. When I was clerk of the circuit court Clapperton was United States pension agent. He wanted me to put my office in his office. He said I could make a good thing out of it. I told him no; I would keep my office where it was. I had a good office, so I refused him. After this he said to me again to move my office into his; that he would throw everything into my hands. I replied, Mr. Clapperton, you are mistaken in the man. The Nation pays me for all I do; and then I left him.

MOSES PRICE.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Thomas Sanders, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live in Going Snake district, about twenty-five miles from Tablequah. I was a sergeant in Company B, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I got my first bounty all right from Judge Wright, in Tablequah, in cash. I went after my second bounty twice, and saw Judge Wright each time. He told me my bounty had not come. I have not got my second bounty yet, and want it.

THOMAS ^{his} + SANDERS.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Mary Ann Fish, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live about seven miles from Tablequah. I am the administratrix of the estate of Judge Butler, of Company C, — Regiment Indian Home Guards. I claimed and got the first bounty of said Judge Butler, of Judge Wright, for the benefit of the heirs, George and Nancy Butler. I have been time and again to Fort Gibson, and saw either Judge Wright, Brown Wright, or Clapperton, each time on the business. Judge Wright made me make out the papers three separate times. He would tell me the money hadn't come; at other times Brown Wright would tell me the same. They both would tell me the claim was good, but that the money hadn't come. Afterward I saw Clapperton, and he told me I would have to have the papers made out again; that I would have to have the official seal put upon the papers that were to go to Washington. He then made me go back to the district court and get out new guardian papers. I took them back to him, and he put a stamp on them which he called an official seal. He said, "It is all right now; I will shove these through, and in a few weeks you will get your money." I have not got the children's money, neither have they received it from the Government.

MARY ANN ^{her} + FISH.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Betsey Sanders, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live in Going Snake district, about seventeen miles from Tablequah. I went to Mr. Clapperton, in Fort Gibson, to get the pension-money due the heirs of Pelican, of Company D, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. He asked me if I was the widow of Pelican. I told him no. He asked me if I had drawn Pelican's first bounty. I told him yes. He then asked me if I had drawn it as his widow. I told him no, I drew it as the guardian of the children of Pelican. He told me it was down on the book that I had drawn it as the widow of Pelican. He said if I would get my witnesses and swear that I was the widow of Pelican he would pay it to me, that is, the pension-money; if I would swear like a devil he would pay it to me. I told him no; I always worked for my living and would not swear a lie for any amount of money. I then left him, and have not got the money yet. I received for the children, as their guardian, all of both bounties due Pelican except \$50. I have received all of Pelican's bounties. The \$50 referred to above is for back pay; this I have not got.

BETSEY SANDERS.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

The commission adjourned to meet at the house of O. W. Lipe, in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, on Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1872, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Commission met, pursuant to adjournment, in the house of O. W. Lipe, in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, on Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1872, at 9 o'clock a. m. Present: John B. Jones, United States agent for the Cherokees, acting as commissioner;

Joseph H. Williamson, on the part of the Government, and J. B. Wright on the part of John W. Wright.

First came Thomas Gal Catcher, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live in Coo-wee-skoo-wee district, Cherokee Nation, about fifty miles from Fort Gibson. I was appointed the administrator on the estate of Watt Stop, deceased, in the spring of 1869. As stated in my testimony given before the Hon. Lewis B. Gunckel, on the 8th day of November last, at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation. I have applied several times to Judge Wright for the delivery to me of a certain check drawn by the Government in payment of a claim due said estate under the eighth article of a treaty concluded with the Cherokee Nation, July 19, 1866, and have been refused.

Question by Mr. Williamson. What reason did Judge Wright give you for not handing over the check?—Answer. He told me he would not give it to me until I had paid him his lawyer fees. He told me this in person, at the door of Mr. Nash's counting-room, the little glass room in Fort Gibson. I replied to him that the children of Watt Stop were suffering, and I wanted something to support them with. He made no reply to this, and went back into the counting-room.

Question by Mr. Williamson. What was the fee he wanted to charge you?—Answer. The fee, as well as I remember, was 10 per cent., and I refused to pay it. At that time he said nothing to me about having given him a power of attorney. At no time did he ever say I had given him a power of attorney.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Look at this power of attorney drawn in favor of John W. Wright, which purports to have been signed by you on the 6th day of March, 1869, without witnesses, and acknowledged before Moses Price, clerk of the circuit court, Cherokee Nation, on the 6th day of March, 1869, in Illinois district, Cherokee Nation, and say whether the signature attached to the power of attorney is yours?—Answer. No; that is not my signature.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did Moses Price ever explain this paper to you?—Answer. No; he never explained this paper to me, but he did explain a paper to me which was about some lost horses, which had nothing to do with the O-hoth-le-yo-ho-la claim, of which Watt Stops was one. I say that the signature attached to the paper which I now hold in my hand is a forgery of my name. I never signed it.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever give Judge Wright a power of attorney to attend to your O-poth-le-yo-ho-la claim?—Answer. No; I never did. If he has a power of attorney with my name attached to it, it is a forgery.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever sign your name to a power of attorney dated the 8th day of April, 1870, in favor of Clement N. Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation?—Answer. Yes; I did.

Question by Mr. Williamson. How do you usually sign your name, Tom, or Thomas?—Answer. Usually Tom.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Then why, in signing your name to the power of attorney in favor of Clement C. Vann, did you sign Thomas?—Answer. Because Mr. D. W. Lipe told me I had better sign Thomas, so as to have it the same as it was written in the body of the power given to Mr. Vann.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Look at these powers of attorney and say whether you ever saw them until to-day.—Answer. I have again examined the powers of attorney purporting to have been made to Judge Wright, and which are now made a part of this record, and marked A and B, and say that I have never seen them before until to-day. I wish to correct myself in regard to the number of the article of the treaty of 1866; as far as I can remember, it was the twenty-eighth (28th) article of said treaty.

TOM GAL CATCHER.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Power of attorney.

Know all men by these presents that I, Thomas Gal Catcher, of the Cherokee Nation, have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint, John W. Wright, of Washington, my true and lawful attorney, irrevocable, for me and in my name, place and stead, hereby annulling and revoking all former powers of attorney or authorizations whatever in the premises, to collect, receive, and receipt for all moneys coming to me under the twenty-eighth article of the Cherokee treaty proclaimed August 11, A. D. 1866, and to, from time to time, furnish any further evidence necessary or that may be demanded, giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present at the doing thereof, with full power of substitution and revocation, and to receipt and sign all vouchers, hereby ratifying and

confirming all that my said attorney or substitute may or shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of March, 1869.

THOMAS GAL CATCHER.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Illinois District, ss :*

Be it known that on this 6th day of March, in the year 1869, before me, the undersigned, a clerk of the circuit court in and for said county and State, personally appeared Thomas Gal Catcher, to me well known to be the identical person who executed the foregoing letter of attorney, and the same having been first read over to him, and the contents thereof explained, acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and that I have no interest, present or prospective, in the claim.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office, the day and year last above written.

[SEAL.]

MOSES PRICE,

Clerk of Circuit Court, Cherokee Nation.

Power of attorney.

Know all men by these presents that I, Thomas Gal Catcher, administrator of Walter Stop, late of the Cherokee Nation, have made, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C., my true and lawful attorney, irrevocable, for me and in my name, place and stead, hereby annulling and revoking all former powers of attorney or authorizations whatever in the premises, to collect, receive and receipt for all moneys coming to the estate of Walter Stop under the twenty-eighth article of the treaty of the Cherokee treaty proclaimed August 11, A. D. 1866, and to, from time to time, furnish any further evidence necessary, or that may be demanded of him, giving and granting to my said attorney full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present at the doing thereof, with full power of substitution and revocation, and to receipt and sign all vouchers, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said attorney or substitute may or shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of March, 1869.

THOMAS GAL CATCHER,

Administrator of Walter Stop, deceased, late of the Cherokee Nation.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Illinois District, ss.*

Be it known that on this 6th day of March, in the year 1869, before me, the undersigned, a clerk of the circuit court in and for said county and State, personally appeared Thomas Gal Catcher, administrator, to me well known to be the identical person who executed the foregoing letter of attorney, and the same having first been read over to him, and the contents thereof explained, acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, and that I have no interest, present or prospective, in the claim.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office the day and year last above written.

[SEAL.]

MOSES PRICE,

Clerk of Circuit Court, Cherokee Nation.

And then came De Witt Lipe, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and live in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. I made out the body of the power of attorney given by Tom Galcatcher to C. N. Vann, as referred to in Gal Catcher's testimony above, and advised him to sign Thomas Gal Catcher in full, because I had so introduced his name in the body of said power: as I supposed if he signed his name in the usual way, "Tom," it would invalidate the power. I am familiar with Gal Catcher's signature.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Look at the paper marked A, and say whether the signature of Thomas Gal Catcher to this paper is, from your knowledge, a true signature of Thomas Gal Catcher, in your belief.—Answer. I don't think it is. I would not take it to be his. Nor is the signature of Thomas Gal Catcher attached to the paper B, which is a part of this record, in my opinion a true signature of Thomas Gal Catcher.

Question by Mr. Williamson. In your opinion what are these signatures of Thomas Gal Catcher's in papers A and B referred to?—A. In my opinion they must be a fraud, of course.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever hold an office under the Government of this Nation?—Answer. Yes, I have been clerk of the court of Coo-wee-skoo-wee district, of both circuit and district courts in that district.

Question by Mr. Williamson. What is the reputation of Thomas Gal Catcher? I mean his general reputation.—Answer. I have known him for several years; his reputation is that of a good citizen, an honest man.

D. W. LIPE.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Henry C. Meigs, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and reside in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. I was clerk for Mr. Nash when he was one of the firm of D. H. Ross & Co. I staid with said firm from the fall of 1865 until they dissolved partnership in 1866. This is as near as I can remember. I was in their stores in Talequah and Fort Gibson during this time. I understand the members of this firm were Daniel H. Ross, Wm. P. Ross, Lewis Ross, sr., and F. H. Nash. Nash went out in 1866, or the beginning of 1867. Mr. Nash then went into business by himself in an old store back of where his present brick building is. In 1867 I was employed in the house of Ross, Gunter & Co., as clerk.

Question by Mr. Williamson. I hand you a power of attorney which is marked C and made a part of this record, purporting to be made by Arch Spears, who was a private in Company B, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, dated January 3, 1867, in favor of John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C. Said power is witnessed by John Brown Wright and H. C. Meigs, containing also a certificate signed by D. R. Hicks and James G. Mehlin, (Guehlin,) the signatures of which are witnessed by John Brown Wright and H. C. Meigs, and the whole acknowledged before Robert Crawford, and attested on the 3d day of January, 1867, before Albert Barnes, clerk of the district court. Did you sign the above described paper?—Answer. Yes, sir, the name appearing on said paper is my signature.

Question by Mr. Williamson. I hand you a check, number 17082, dated Washington, October 30, 1868, drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, to the order of Arch Spears, upon the assistant treasurer of the United States, New York, and for \$100, bearing on its face a stamp as follows: "Paid November 27th, 1869;" also in writing across the vignette statement, April 1st, 1870. Said check is indorsed "Pay Toomer & Co., or order, Arch Spears, his + mark; witness, Henry C. Meigs, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, F. H. Nash, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, Toomer & Co. Pay American Exchange National Bank, New York, or order, for account of State Savings Association, St. Louis," and what appears to be the name of J. W. McCluney, A. C. and D. Clark & Co., and ask you if the signature of Henry C. Meigs appearing thereon as witness is yours?—Answer. Yes, sir, it is.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Is the signature of F. H. Nash appearing below yours on the same check the true one of F. H. Nash?—Answer. Yes, sir, it is.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you see the Indian make that mark?—Answer. I could not swear to it, because I was not acquainted with Arch Spears.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Were you in the habit of witnessing the Indian's mark when you did not know him to be the proper one?—Answer. I have.

Question by Mr. Williamson. At whose request did you witness these marks in cases where you did not know the Indian?—Answer. Generally at the request of the party receiving the check.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Who received the check drawn to the order of Arch Spears, number 17082?—Answer. I don't think I got that check.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Can you tell me in what place the indorsements of Henry C. Meigs and F. H. Nash were made?—Answer. Very likely in Mr. Nash's store.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Were you present at the time the Indian made his mark on the power of attorney referred to in this testimony?—Answer. I must have been in the office, but cannot swear as to the party being present.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you know Arch Spears personally?—Answer. I did not.

By Mr. Williamson. I hand you a check here, No. 17345, drawn to the order of Duck Draper, for \$100, dated October 30, 1868, by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, indorsed by Henry C. Meigs and F. H. Nash, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, as witnesses to the cross-mark of Duck Draper. I ask you if the indorsement "Henry C. Meigs" thereon was made by you?—Answer. Yes, sir; it was. That is my signature.

By Mr. Williamson. Is the indorsement "F. H. Nash" his signature?—Answer. Yes, sir; it is his signature. To the best of my belief and knowledge he made it.

By Mr. Williamson. Was Duck Draper present when you witnessed that mark as it appears upon said check?—Answer. I cannot say, as I did not know him.

By Mr. Williamson. Who had possession at that time of this check No. 17345?—Answer. It must have been Mr. Nash, because I do not know the other indorsements on the back of said check.

By Mr. Williamson. Where were you when you witnessed the signature of Duck Draper?—Answer. It is very likely I was in Mr. Nash's store.

By Mr. Williamson. Did you ever know an Indian by the name of Dutch Dropper?—Answer. I have heard of his name, but I do not know him.

By Mr. Williamson. I hand you a check, No. 16365, dated Washington, October 30, 1868, drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, to the order of Run-about-Puff, for \$100. This check bears the indorsements of Henry C. Meigs and F. H. Nash as witnesses to the mark of said Run-about-Puff. I ask you if the indorsement "Henry C. Meigs" is your signature?—Answer. Yes; that indorsement was made by me.

By Mr. Williamson. Is the indorsement "F. H. Nash" on said check genuine?—Answer. To the best of my belief and knowledge it is.

By Mr. Williamson. Were you present when Run-about-Puff made his mark?—Answer. I cannot say; I am not acquainted with him.

By Mr. Williamson. Who had possession of said check No. 16365 at the time you indorsed it as witness to the mark of Run-about-Puff?—Answer. Mr. Nash must have had it at that time; I do not recollect it.

By Mr. Williamson. Where did this happen?—Answer. I do not know; probably in Mr. Nash's store.

By Mr. Williamson. I hand you a check, No. 17624, dated October 30, 1868, drawn to the order of Young Squirrel, by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, for \$100, indorsed by Henry C. Meigs and F. H. Nash. Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, and ask you if the indorsement "Henry C. Meigs" made thereon was made by you?—Answer. Yes, sir; it was. That is my signature.

By Mr. Williamson. Is the indorsement "F. H. Nash" on said check genuine?—Answer. It is to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By Mr. Williamson. Who had possession of check No. 17624 at the time these indorsements were made as witnesses to the mark of Run-about-Puff?—Answer. I think Mr. Nash must have had it, as I do not know the other indorsements on the check.

By Mr. Williamson. I hand you a check, No. 17611, dated October 30, 1868, drawn to the order of Little Hawk, for \$100, by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army. I ask you if the indorsement "Henry C. Meigs" as witness to the mark of Little Hawk thereon was made by you?—Answer. Yes, sir; it was.

By Mr. Williamson. Is the indorsement of F. H. Nash thereon as witness to the mark of Little Hawk in the handwriting of F. H. Nash?—Answer. Yes, sir.

By Mr. Williamson. Did you see Little Hawk make his mark at the time you indorsed said check?—Answer. I cannot say, as I did not know Little Hawk.

By Mr. Williamson. Who had possession of check No. 17611 at the time yourself and F. H. Nash indorsed it as witnesses to Little Hawk's mark?—Answer. I think Mr. Nash must have had it.

By Mr. Williamson. I hand you a check, No. 17649, dated October 30, 1868, drawn to the order of Samuel Squirrel, by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, for \$100. I ask you if the signatures of Henry C. Meigs and F. H. Nash indorsed thereon as witnesses to the mark of Samuel Squirrel are genuine?—Answer. Yes, sir; they are.

By Mr. Williamson. Was Samuel Squirrel present when you indorsed said check as witnesses to said mark? The mark on the back of the check, I mean.—Answer. I cannot tell, as I did not know the Indian Samuel Squirrel. Mr. Nash must have had possession of this check, No. 17649, as I do not know the names of other parties on the back of the check.

HENRY C. MEIGS.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

The commission adjourned to meet at the house of O. W. Lipe, in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, on Friday, the 26th day of January, 1872, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The commission met, pursuant to adjournment, at the house of O. W. Lipe, in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, on Friday, the 26th day of January, 1872, at 9 o'clock a. m. Present: John B. Jones, United States agent for Cherokees, Jos. A. Williamson on the part of the Government, and John B. Wright on the part of John W. Wright.

First came Dennis W. Bushyhead, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen and treasurer of the Cherokee Nation. I reside in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. I have resided in this place since the 28th day of March, 1868. I have heard a good many members of the Indian Home Guards complain of the delay in making payments of the second bounty by Judge Wright. I have had inquiries made of me as to the cause of the delay. When it was expected or reported that Judge Wright would be here, I would so tell them as I had heard it. About the last of February, or the first of March, 1869, I heard of and saw a circular stating that Mr. J. W. Wright would be here with bounty-money in April. The money did not come out in April, as expected. After that, once in awhile, it would be rumored that Judge Wright would be here to pay the bounties. The expected times would arrive, but no payment of bounties. This caused great disappointment, the people coming so often, and from all parts of the Territory. It was the general rumor that they could get goods on the expected payment of bounties. I saw a great many Indians trading at Mr. Nash's. I did not know myself, personally, that they were trading on bounties, but it was generally (through the place) rumored that they were trading on bounties. I heard some

say that they had rather have had the money than the goods, and they complained that they could have traded better if they had their money. This general trading took place in the spring and summer of 1869. This general trading took place in Mr. Nash's store in this place. The people of this Territory were very poor and needy from the effects of the war, and were very much in want of money. Our people, that is those who came here after their bounties, did not appear to have any money. I myself in several instances let them have a dollar to buy something to eat, while they would camp out.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright :

Question. Didn't you trade on these bounties?—Answer. Yes; about half a dozen I bought.

By Mr. Wright. Did you not wish a list of those checks to trade on?—Answer. Yes, I called upon you once.

By Mr. Wright. Why did you not trade more?—Answer. I got afraid that I could not get my money.

By Mr. Wright. Did you know from your personal knowledge, or rumor, that the merchants of Talliequah traded on the second bounties?—Answer. From rumor I understood some of them were trading.

By Mr. Williamson. What particular reason had you for applying to Mr. Brown Wright for a list on which to trade in bounties—that is, second bounties I mean?—Answer. Because I thought Mr. Brown Wright was posted, and I had reason to believe other parties had lists of names to whom these checks were issued.

By Mr. Williamson. What reason did Mr. Brown Wright give for refusing to give you a list?—Answer. I do not know as I asked him for a reason, though he did afterwards give me a few names, and told me bounties were coming to those parties.

D. W. BUSHYHEAD.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Dennis W. Bushyhead recalled at his own request: I wish to say that at the time of the transactions referred to in my testimony I was a merchant here, and was not then a treasurer of the Cherokee Nation.

D. W. BUSHYHEAD.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Application of discharged soldier for additional bounty.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss :*

On this 3d day of January, 1867, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the nation aforesaid, Arch Spears, of the Cherokee Nation, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that his age is ——— years; that he is a resident of the Cherokee Nation, and that he is the identical person who enlisted as a private in Company B of the Second Regiment of Indian Home Guards, to serve for the period of three years, and was discharged from the service of the United States, as a private, at Fort Gibson, on the 31st day of May, 1865, by reason of Order No. 110, Department of Arkansas, and that there is additional bounty of \$100 due him under the act of Congress, approved July 28, 1866. And he does further declare that he has not bartered, sold, assigned, transferred, loaned, exchanged, or given away his final discharge-papers, or any interest in the bounty provided by this or any other act of Congress; that he has not already received, or is entitled to receive, any other or greater bounty than \$100, and that the statement of service above given is a correct and true statement of any and all service rendered by him during the rebellion; and that he has never served otherwise than as stated. And he hereby constitutes and appoints John W. Wright, of Washington, D. C., his attorney to present and prosecute this claim, and authorizes him to receive and receipt for any certificate, check, or draft that may be issued for the same, and to do any other act or thing necessary or that he might do if personally present, with full power of substitution and revocation, hereby countermanding all former authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose.

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ARCH † SPEARS.
mark.

JOHN BROWN WRIGHT.
H. C. MEIGS.

Also personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the Cherokee Nation, D. R. Hicks and James Gwelliu, of the Cherokee Nation, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn according to law, declare that they have been for five years acquainted with Arch Spears, the above-named applicant, who was a private in

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Company B of the Second Regiment of Indian Home Guards, and know him to be the identical person named in the foregoing declaration, and that they have no interest whatever in this application.

D. R. HICKS.
JAMES GWEHLIN.

JOHN BROWN WRIGHT.
H. C. MEIGS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 3d day of January, 1867,
ROBERT CRAWFORD.

I certify that Robert Crawford, before whom the foregoing declaration and affidavit were made, is a district judge, duly authorized to administer oaths, and that the above is his signature.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 3d day of January, 1867.

[SEAL.]

ALBERT BARNES,
Clerk of the District Court.

THE UNITED STATES,

To ARCH SPEARS, private, discharged from Company B,
Second Regiment of Indian Home Guards. Dr.

For ordinary bounty, under all prior acts.....	
For bounty to colored troops, act July 26, 1866.....	
For bounty to white and colored troops, two-year enlistments, under act of July 28, 1863.....	
For bounty to white and colored troops, three-year enlistments, under act of July 28, 1866.....	\$100 00
Deduct for advanced bounty	
Enlisted January 1, 1863.....	
Balance	<u>100 00</u>

Received of C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, this 30th day of October, 1868, one hundred dollars and — cents, in full of the above account, by check on assistant treasurer, New York.

Signed in duplicate, same amount and date.

ARCH SPEARS,
By J. W. WRIGHT,
Attorney.

Indorsed:

This payment of bounty indorsed on discharge, and noted on rolls.
Filed: Application and power of attorney.

FORT GIBSON, *Cherokee Nation, Indian Country, ss :*

On this 25th day of January, 1872, personally appeared before me, Joseph A. Williamson, United States special agent of the Interior Department, John B. Jones, United States agent for Cherokees, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: In the fall of 1866 I came to the Cherokee Nation, and took up my residence in Fort Gibson. I found Mr. Wright had appeared here as the Government agent to prosecute and collect bounties and pensions for the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards. This was John W. Wright. He commenced making a payment of bounties in the summer of 1867, at Fort Gibson. He paid here, I think, about twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars, that is here and at Tahlequah. In the course of a few days he was compelled, on account of the cholera, to leave Fort Gibson. He went up to Tahlequah and paid there a few days. He then wrote me that he was obliged to leave the country, and wished me to come to Tahlequah and finish making the payment for him, which I did, and paid out about \$18,000. This \$18,000 was included in the twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars spoken of. All receipts taken by me at that time, and bearing my name as witness, are valid. The payments I made were for the first bounties. To the best of my remembrance this amount is all that I have seen paid on the first bounties.

After Judge Wright left the country, and some time had elapsed, payments not being resumed, complaints among the Indians became to be very general, as the Indians were very poor and needy, as from the effects of the war they were in a state of destitution. The practice of the Indians trading on their first bounty-claims there became to be very prevalent. After that I have no remembrance of large payments being made at one time, but it was rather in small dribblets, as well as I remember; but I had no connection with these last payments spoken of. During the same summer (1867) Mr. F.

H. Nash told me that Judge Wright had become responsible for him (Nash) to a large amount—I think it was about \$19,000—but before he (Wright) would do it, made him (Nash) sign papers, which were then with Judge Wright in Washington, to the effect that should he (Nash) die before this amount was paid back, that his whole business should be turned over into my hands for settlement. Although not an officer of the United States Government I was very much surprised at the arrangement, as it was made entirely without my knowledge. The trading before spoken of was, by rumor, almost exclusively done at Ross & Co., and Nash's store. In regard to the second bounties, I have no knowledge of any regular payments being made to the Indians by Judge Wright. From an examination of the official rolls now before me, I find that most of the checks for second bounty due the members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, were issued by the Government on the 30th of October, 1868; and from observation I know the trading (heavy) trading was done during the year 1869, that is on the second bounty. To my certain knowledge this mode of receiving their bounties, by orders upon the store for goods, was exceedingly unsatisfactory to the Indians, and complaints were loud and general; for, as I have before stated, their condition was one of great destitution, and they needed the cash to stock their little farms. Many made this complaint to me, but I had no power to remedy the difficulty. These claimants, in a majority of instances, had to come great distances, and make repeated journeys, and being poor, were at last forced to accept, in part or whole, the terms offered, by trading in Mr. Nash's store. The dissatisfaction among the Indians in regard to the prices they were compelled to pay in this store was wide-spread. To this day a large number of Indians complain that they have received no bounty whatever, neither in goods or money. Many of them, however, it is reported, have been marked as deserters. I served throughout the war with the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, and to my knowledge a large number reported as deserters were among our best soldiers. I have been present when a widow, who had been paid her pension, would apply to Judge Wright for the bounty of her husband, and would be told by him that he had no bounty for her, as her husband was reported as a deserter, and she would inquire then, "How is it, then, that I have got my pension if my husband is reported as a deserter?" His reply was, "On the rolls of the War Department, where they allow bounties, he is reported as a deserter, and in the Interior Department, where they allow pensions, he is not reported as a deserter, and you had better keep quiet and not make a fuss about it, for you may lose your pension." To my knowledge there was no regular office kept at this place for the settlement of the second bounty-claims, until the arrival in 1869 of United States Pension-Agent Alexander Clapperton. Mr. Clapperton seemed to take charge of the business, and, from all that I could learn, gave orders upon Nash's store to the Indians, to trade in whole or in part upon their second bounty. At one time Mr. Clapperton stated to me that he was employed by Mr. Wright to attend to this business, and whatever was the difference between what he received from the Government as pension-agent and the sum of \$2,000 per annum, he (Wright) would make up to him for his services.

JOHN B. JONES,
United States Agent for Cherokees.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of January, 1872.

JOS. A. WILLIAMSON,
United States Special Agent Interior Department.

CHEROKEE NATION, Indian Territory :

I, John B. Jones, United States agent for the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that the above-named William S. Madden, Johnson Parris, Delilah Parris, Mary Miller, William Guess, Josiah Oo-za or Oo-sa-na-li, Hair Lifter, Man Killer Catcher, Henry Mush, Harry Buffington, S. S. Stephens, Samuel Worford, Joseph Rodgers, David Israel, Richard Humphreys, Willis Hendricks, Reader Beaver, Susan Dillen, Lucy McDaniel, Ka-ner-que Keener, Walter McDaniel, John Tulsy, Ah-nile, Dirt Seller, Aaron Isaac Pott, Tse-wa-to Watts, Fox Keener, Ahle Watt, Galuke She Paw, Yo-que-si Manning, John R. Gourd, Moses Prico, Thomas Sanders, Mary Ann Fish, Betsey Sanders, Thomas Galcatcher, De Witt Lipe, Henry C. Meigs, Dennis W. Bushyhead, were by me severally sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the said matter of charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards against John W. Wright, late United States special agent, and that the said depositions hereinabove written were reduced to writing by Frank Howard, a disinterested person, in the presence of said witnesses and of myself, and were severally subscribed by said witnesses in my presence.

And I also certify that all the above-named witnesses are known to me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief are credible persons.

Witness my hand this 26th day of January, 1872.

JOHN B. JONES,
United States Agent for Cherokees.

No. 1.

Depositions of sundry witnesses before Joseph A. Williamson, United States special agent, at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, on the 19th day of January, 1872, in relation to the death of Dutch or Duck Draper, of Company K, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.

First came Jack Double Tooth, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and a printer by occupation, being employed in the Cherokee Advocate office, in Tahlequah. My home is in Illinois district, Cherokee Nation. I was a sergeant during the late war in Captain James Vannis's company, Company K, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I knew Dutch Dropper, of Company K, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. There was no Duck Draper, no person of that name in that company. I knew Dutch Dropper well. My acquaintance with him began with the formation of the company. We served all through the war, and he is the same person called by the name of Dutch Draper in the paper shown me by Agent Williamson. He served all through the late war, and received an honorable discharge. To my knowledge, after his discharge he lived near this place until he was brought into this place sick, in July, 1867. I believe, from what everybody said, he died from that sickness.

JACK DOUBLE TOOTH.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Jane Candy, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a resident of Tahlequah, and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I have heard the foregoing evidence of Jack Double Tooth, and in my opinion Duck Draper and Dutch Dropper is one and the same person. I knew Dutch Dropper from the time peace was made in 1865. He lived a neighbor of mine for several years. For two years he was a neighbor of mine. In July, 1867, he was brought up to Tahlequah sick. He was taken over there to that house, which used to be the office of the Cherokee Advocate, which, as you see, is now occupied by R. B. Ross and brother, as a store. Miss Mary Eyre (now the wife of Chief Downing) and myself waited on him during this sickness. He was ill with diarrhea, fever, and had a great deal of coughing. He died in that house in August, 1867. I saw his remains a few minutes after his death. He was buried in the Tahlequah grave-yard.

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JANE + CANDY.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

I certify that I have heard the foregoing testimony of Jack Double Tooth and Jane Candy, and that they are credible witnesses.

JOHN B. JONES,
United States Agent for Cherokees.

Sundry depositions taken before United States Special Agent J. A. Williamson, at Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation, on the 20th day of January, 1872, as to the decease of certain Indians formerly members of the Second and Third Indian Home Guards.

First came George Swimmer, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and am pastor of the Fourteen Mile Creek church. I was acquainted with Jack Watt, a Cherokee Indian, a member of Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I was a member of the same company. After his discharge, in 1865, he lived about three miles below Catchertown, on Double Spring Branch, about ten miles from this place. He moved once a mile up the creek, and lived at the last-mentioned place at the time of his death, which took place on the 26th day of January, 1868. I wish to correct myself as to the day of his death. It was on the 16th day of January, 1868. I did not see the body after death, but heard of his decease the same day. It was known through the neighborhood that Jack Watt was dead. The reason why I am certain of the day of his death, is because I began at the beginning of the year to keep an account of all the deaths in the neighborhood during the year. I knew Young Squirrel, a Cherokee Indian, a private in Company G, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. He lived on this side of Spring Creek, close by the stream, in Tahlequah district, where he resided until the time of his death, which took place on the 26th day of June, 1868. His widow came to my house not long after his death, and told me he died of fever with spots. I got the day of his death the day after his death, and placed it on my memorandum.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

G. R. P. D. S.

And then came Ellis Watt, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I am the son of Jack Watt, who was a private in Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. Jack Watt is the same person referred to in the foregoing testimony of the Reverend George Swimmer. My father died on the 16th day of January, 1868, at about 8 o'clock in the morning. I was present when he died. He had a fever. His funeral took place the next day, which I attended. He left no wife, and I was the only child. I took possession of my father's place, and live there now.

I gave no one authority to draw my father's money.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

The interlineation at the close of Ellis Watt's deposition was made with his assent after signing.

JOS. A. WILLIAMSON,
United States Special Agent.

George Swimmer recalled: I have known Ellis Watt, whose testimony I have just heard, and which is made a part of this record, from the time he was three years old, and know him to be the son of Jack Watt, deceased, who was a member of Company D, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. There was no other member of that company by the name of Jack Watt.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Lucy McDaniel, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I knew John Cloud, now deceased, formerly a member of Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. He lived less than half a mile from me, on Fourteen Mile Creek, about twelve miles from Tablequah. John Cloud died in 1866, in the month of September. I attended his funeral the day after his death. He left a widow but no children. His widow lives about eight miles from here.

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LUCY + McDANIEL.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Walter McDaniel, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. The John Cloud referred to in the foregoing testimony of Lucy McDaniel was, to my personal knowledge, a private in Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, and lived less than half a mile from me, on Fourteen Mile Creek, about twelve miles from Tablequah. He died in the month of September, 1866. In his last moments I was sent for, but I did not arrive to where he was until a few minutes after his death. I helped to lay him out. He died of fever. There was no other member in that company by the name of John Cloud.

WALTER McDANIEL.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

Sundry depositions taken before United States Special Agent J. A. Williamson, at Tablequah, Cherokee Nation, on the 22d day of January, 1872, as to the decease of certain Indians formerly members of the Second and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards.

First came Polly Smith, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I reside on Fourteen Mile Creek, eight miles from Tablequah. I was the widow of Arch Spears, private in Company B, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. My husband and myself moved into Canadian district, Cherokee Nation, in the fall of 1865. In the March following, in 1866, he was taken with a pain in his side, with a continuous fever and spitting of blood, which lasted for two weeks, and then he died. His death took place late in the month. We were husband and wife according to Indian custom. He had no other wife. I got some goods on my first bounty in Ross & Co.'s store, in Fort Gibson. On my husband's second bounty I have received nothing at all. I applied to Mr. Clapperton, in Fort Gibson, for my money, and he told me my papers had to go back to Washington to be fixed up.

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POLLY + SMITH.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Ann Squirrel, or Ann Young Squirrel, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live near Spring Creek,

in Saline district, about twenty-one miles from Tahlequah. I have heard the foregoing testimony of Polly Smith. She, to my personal knowledge, was recognized by Arch Spears, of Company B, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, as his wife, and, so far as I know, was his wife up to the day of his death. I am the widow of Young Squirrel, who was a private in Company G, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. My husband was taken sick in May, 1865; he had a fever, spitting of blood, and a cold. He continued sick until the 14th day of July, 1866, when he died; he died about 9 o'clock in the morning, and we buried him just at dark on the same day. Ross & Co. had credited my husband previous to his death to the amount of \$40. I went there after his death, took up \$40 more in goods, leaving \$5 still owing me, which I never have got. This was on my first bounty.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever get your second bounty?—Answer. No, I never have.

Question by Mr. Williamson. Did you ever go to Judge Wright's office for it in Fort Gibson?—Answer. I did, and Mr. Clapperton told me my claim had to be made out over again. This was in the summer-time, about three years ago.

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ANN + SQUIRREL.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Jackson Sa-wa-gi, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and live on Double Spring Branch, about nine miles from Tahlequah. I was the father of Jackson Martin, who was a private in Company M, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. He was killed before the close of the war, near the residence of Mr. Beck, this side of Batic's Prairie, about forty miles from here. He was killed by bush-whackers. I have never seen or heard of his being alive since. He was killed on the 6th day of July, 1864. A woman by the name of Ka-lah-di, who is still living, saw him after he was dead. She lives on Spring Creek, about sixteen miles, or a little more, from Tahlequah. I never have got one dollar of his bounties, either in goods or money. I have frequently applied to Judge Wright, John Brown Wright, and Clapperton, and they would tell me the claims had not come out. My son left no family.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

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And then came Mitchel Squirrel, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a resident of the Cherokee Nation, and am eighteen years of age on the 8th day of February next. I live in Saline district, near Spring Creek, about twenty-one miles from Tahlequah. I knew Run-about Puff, a private in Company B, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. He was taken sick of this dangerous cough, and died on the 1st day of January, 1867. I saw him after death; I was at his funeral; he was buried the day after his death. He left one child, a son, who is about sixteen years of age. His name is Ah-gi-li, which means, The Dog. He lives in Saline district, near the residence of Judge David Rowe.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

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Ann Squirrel recalled: I have heard the foregoing testimony of Mitchel Squirrel, and know it to be true. I attended the funeral of Run-about Puff, of Company B, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards.

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ANN + SQUIRREL.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Yo-qui-si Manning: I was the sister of Grass, Company B, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I live eight miles from Tahlequah, in Tahlequah district, Cherokee Nation. Grass, my brother, lived in the southern part of Saline district, about twenty miles from Tahlequah. He died of erysipelas in his arm. He was sick about a week, and died at my house on Fourteen Mile Creek, a little before Christmas, in 1866. I was with him when he died. He left a widow named Ah-ho-ga. She lives about six miles north of his old residence.

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YO-QUI-SI + MANNING.
mark.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

And then came Nathaniel Fish, who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and reside in Tahlequah district about eight miles

from Tahlequah. I was captain of Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I am now a member of the lower house of the national council, Cherokee Nation. I knew Sunday, of my company, C, Third Regiment, Indian Home Guards, who was a private. He died in the hospital at Fort Gibson. He died about the last of May or first of June, 1865. He was sick with a dangerous cough. He caught cold in the Army. I saw him when he was put in his coffin. Said Sunday lived near Caney, about twelve miles from Tahlequah. He left a widow by the name of Go-sa-ge-wi. She still lives at his old residence.

NATHANIEL FISH.

Attest: FRANK HOWARD.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory*:

I, John B. Jones, United States agent for the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that the above-named Jack Double Tooth, Jane Candy, George Swimmer, Ellis Watt, Lucy McDaniel, Walter McDaniel, Polly Smith, Ann Squirrel, Jackson Su-wa-gi, Mitchell Squirrel, Yo-qui-si Manning, Nathaniel Fish, were by me severally sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the said matter of charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, against John W. Wright, late United States special agent, and that the said depositions hereinabove written were reduced to writing by Frank Howard, a disinterested person, in the presence of said witnesses and of myself, and were severally subscribed by said witnesses in my presence.

And I also certify that all the above-named witnesses are known to me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief are credible persons.

Witness my hand, this 25th day of January, 1872.

JOHN B. JONES,

United States Agent for Cherokees.

EXHIBIT H.

Depositions of sundry witnesses taken before Lewis B. Guuckel, special commissioner appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to take testimony in the matter of charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, against John W. Wright, late United States special agent. Said witnesses were produced, sworn, and examined at the Planters' House, in the city and county of Saint Louis, and State of Missouri, before me, the undersigned, H. C. Hartt, a notary public within and for said county. J. A. Williamson was present on the part of the Government, and Irwin Wright, counsel for defendant, under protest, as heretofore.

William Young, of lawful age, being sworn and examined on the part of the Government, deposes and saith: I am a resident of Saint Louis; dealer (wholesale) in clothing. Indirectly I have had business relations with John W. Wright. The firms of Ross, Gunter & Co. and D. H. Ross & Co. were indebted to my firm for clothing to the amount between six and seven thousand dollars, in settlement of which I received from them one-half of such indebtedness in so-called second-bounty warrants. This, I think, was in the fall of 1868. A second-bounty warrant was a due bill or draft on the Government for the amount due on second bounty, as I understand it, or more properly an order on the Government for military services rendered. This is simply my impression: I never had a full understanding of it. A portion of those were paid me by Henry Bell for Judge Wright, less 10 per cent. commissions reserved by Judge Wright. The remainder I sent to Alexander Clapperton for collection, according to instructions received from Judge Wright through Henry Bell, and have never received anything on account of them. Mr. Clapperton, I think, lived at this time at Fort Gibson. I supposed him officially connected with the Government, but how I don't know. I attach hereto, marked Exhibit A, as a part of my deposition, a list of the orders or warrants above spoken of, with date, name, amount, witnesses to the order, and memoranda as to whether paid or not. Those marked with red ink were sent to Clapperton, and have not been paid. I sent these to Mr. Clapperton on the 22d of January, 1870, and I think amounted to about \$2,000. I wrote him at the time a letter, of which a copy is hereto attached, (Exhibit B.)

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright:

I cannot tell the date when I got these warrants, but the settlement was made in the fall of 1868, and warrants received during winters of 1868 and 1869 and spring of 1869. I received them from Henry Bell & Son. I understood that they distributed them immediately upon receiving them. These warrants were the same kind of docu-

ments that Henry Bell & Son received from these same firms. I never presented them directly for acceptance or payment to John W. Wright. Henry Bell & Son acted as agents or trustees for the rest of the parties; this was by arrangement, as I understand it, of all the creditors. All I know about the 10 per cent. retained by Mr. Wright is what I got from Henry Bell & Son. As I now remember it, the orders or due bills or warrants, of which I have spoken, were orders drawn by the Indians, and signed by them in the presence of witnesses, on John W. Wright for a portion of their second bounty, and that said memoranda give names, amounts, &c., of the same.

WM. YOUNG.

D. B. Lindsley, of lawful age, being sworn and examined on the part of the Government, deposed and saith: I am a member of the firm of Orr & Lindsley, wholesale dealers in boots and shoes, in Saint Louis, Missouri. Indirectly we had business relations with John W. Wright. We sold D. H. Ross & Co. and Ross, Gunter & Co., in the spring of 1867, about fifty-five hundred dollars' worth of boots and shoes. I think that in the fall of 1867 or winter of 1867 and 1868 we received from Henry Bell & Sons, as per agreement with said firms, orders on Judge John W. Wright, Washington City, drawn by the Indians, for such proportions of their second bounty as they had traded out with said firms. These orders, as well as I can recollect, amounted to some fifty-five hundred dollars. Some twenty-four hundred dollars of these orders were paid to us by Henry Bell & Son for Judge John W. Wright, less 10 per cent. for commissions deducted. The balance, amounting to \$3,051.05, were mailed in registered letter to Alexander Clapperton, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, January 5, 1870, by order of said Wright. I attach hereto as a part of my deposition (marked Exhibit C) a list of orders so sent to Clapperton, with a copy of his receipt for the same. The said lists show the name of the soldier, witnesses, date, and amount. I received a letter of John W. Wright upon the subject, a true copy of which I hereto attach, marked Exhibit E. This letter does not show the year, but it was received in the year 1869, or early in the year 1870. I don't think we ever received any other letter from Judge Wright. In November, 1868, I went on to Washington City. I think that it was at the request of Judge Wright that some one should represent the Saint Louis creditors of D. H. Ross & Co. and Ross, Gunter & Co. I supposed when I went there that some arrangement was to be made for the payment of these claims, but such turned out not to be the case, and my visit there did not amount to anything. In this matter Judge Wright appeared to wish to establish the credit of William P. Ross with the Saint Louis creditors, which I told him that I was satisfied could not be done. William P. Ross, I think, was a member of one of said firms, and by their failure was injured in credit. I proposed to Judge Wright if he would accept for him, say for \$10,000 at sixty or ninety days, that the arrangement could be effected. He agreed to it, and upon my return credit was given to him for that amount, and we drew on Judge Wright and got our money from him. The goods sold under this arrangement were billed and sent to H. C. Meigs, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, November 17, 1868. The 10 per cent. commission, of which I have above spoken, was, as I understand it, for John Brown Wright to pay him for services in collecting the said orders.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright:

In a meeting we had of the creditors of said firms at the time the settlement was considered, John Brown Wright was present and said that these orders would be paid by his father, and so we took them for their face as perfectly good. John Brown Wright did not, so far as I remember, represent himself as acting for any one in any particular capacity, except for this 10 per cent. commission. This arrangement, *i. e.*, the interview with Brown Wright, was had probably in the fall or summer of 1868.

D. B. LINDSLEY.

Daniel William Bell, of lawful age, being sworn and examined on the part of the Government, deposed and saith: I am a member of the firm of Henry Bell & Son; they are wholesale dealers in dry goods. I have had business relations with John W. Wright, of Washington City. I take the record from my book, which states that I received from William P. Ross, February 29, 1868, orders on John W. Wright for second bounty extra to the amount of \$25,307.03; also orders on first bounty for \$1,360.10; also Cherokee national warrants for \$6,390.57; also Cherokee national warrants, Tahlequah and Fort Gibson, for \$1,040.61; also pension-accounts for \$3,407.46; also back-pay receipts for \$2,436.02; also William Nero, open and not closed by note, for \$2,210.62; total amount being \$42,187.41, which was placed in my hands by William P. Ross to divide among his creditors of the city of Saint Louis for a debt he was then owing them, the total amount of which was somewhere near seventy or eighty thousand dollars, as near as I can recollect. This was for the debt of Ross Brothers & Co., of Tahlequah, and Ross, Gunter & Co., Fort Gibson, in both of which debts William P. Ross was a partner, and jointly bound. According to my books May 1, 1868, William P. Ross presented himself to his creditors at a meeting at the office of the United

States Insurance Company in Saint Louis, Missouri, and made a proposition: The total amounts of the warrants, receipts, &c., should be divided *pro rata* among his creditors, they then furnishing *pro rata* a stock of goods to the amount of six or seven thousand dollars for him, said Ross, to continue his business. Many of the creditors objected, and preferred to take their pay from 75 to 100 cents in a dollar, in second-bounty orders, first bounties, back-pay receipts, and Cherokee national warrants. The houses of Barrow, Howse & Main, William G. Downing & Co., and Henry Bell & Son, preferred to relinquish their claims upon the warrants and claims before mentioned, and pay off the other creditors with such claims, bounty-warrants, &c., as William P. Ross had sent Henry Bell & Son. Out of these claims we preferred to pay them, which they accepted. Henry Bell & Son, by Daniel W. Bell, then and there paid each and all of the creditors their debt, out of the bounty-warrants, &c., with the exception of Henry Bell & Son's debt. Barrow, Howse & Main, and W. G. Downing & Co., whose total indebtedness of the three firms against said firms amounted to \$40,962.57, they, the said three firms, proposing to furnish William P. Ross with such goods as he might want, and which they did furnish to the amount of \$7,000, for which they have only received out of the bounties, &c., held by them, after paying other creditors, the amount of about \$7,000, leaving their first and total indebtedness against Ross Brothers, and Ross, Gunter & Co., totally unpaid. The creditors, after the settlement was made, commissioned Daniel W. Bell to receive and pay over to them such moneys as should come into his hands on these orders from certain Indians on John W. Wright, he, John W. Wright, deducting from each settlement the amount of 10 per cent. as his fee for collecting such money, as agreed by each and all of the creditors. Both William P. Ross and John Brown Wright were present at said meeting, held May 1, 1868. The understanding among all the creditors was that they were to pay John Brown Wright 10 per cent. for collecting said second-bounty warrants or orders, and John W. Wright deducted the 10 per cent. when he made the payments. The payments were made at different times by John W. Wright to me for all the creditors interested. I received from John W. Wright divers and sundry checks on the United States Treasury at New York, from the 5th day of January, 1839, to the 30th of November, 1839, the amount of \$9,908.18. These checks were (as far as I know) for the amounts of \$85 or \$100 each, and drawn by some United States paymaster on the Treasury at New York, and generally attached to a power of attorney giving John W. Wright the power to indorse said checks, and they were indorsed by him as such attorney. Mr. Wright deducted from each remittance 10 per cent. for collecting these orders. I have had conversation with Mr. John W. Wright. I have had them in my store and in the Planters' House. The first conversation was the spring of 1870, in Washington, where I went to see him. Well, we had never received any money since the 30th of November, 1839, and I held about \$6,000 of these second-bounty orders, and being in New York in April, 1870, I went to see Mr. Wright why he had not paid us any more on these orders. In November, 1869, I received the letter marked Exhibit F, and as I sent these orders to Mr. Clapperton I sent the same to Clapperton by registered letter, January 5, 1870, which Mr. Clapperton replied to in letter of February 18, 1870, hereto attached, marked Exhibit G, and we have never heard of the warrants since. Mr. John W. Wright said that his clerk was in the Indian country, and that he (Wright) had some eight or nine thousand dollars, worth of drafts now due the Indians, payable to their order, and that he had no power of attorney to sign or indorse for them; thought many of them were dead, and he would have to get out letters of administration by publication, and that the drafts were valueless, and could not be used or paid out less done according to law. As I remember it, Ross Brothers & Co. was composed of William P. Ross, Daniel Ross, and John Ross; Ross, Gunter & Co. of William P. Ross, Daniel Ross, and Daniel Gunter. The goods sold last as above named were billed to Ross Brothers & Co., as I remember it. I had another conversation with Mr. J. W. Wright in the last sixty days at the Planters' House, Saint Louis. He stated to me that he still held those checks which I before mentioned, and that they were still unpaid. He estimated them about \$9,000.

Cross-examined by Mr. Wright:

I took these orders from William P. Ross originally, and did not then know Judge John W. Wright from Adam. I never presented these to J. W. Wright for acceptance. I wrote to him about them. He said that he would not accept them. He said that when he got the money that he would pay them. He had a list, sent by me, of these orders, and when he collected them he would send me the money. I hereto attach one of the original orders, marked Exhibit H, received from William P. Ross as aforesaid. All these orders were of one printed form. They were all dated about the same time.

DANIEL W. BELL.

STATE OF MISSOURI, County of Saint Louis, ss:

I, H. C. Hart, jr., a notary public, do hereby certify that William Young, D. B. Lindsley, and Daniel W. Bell, the deponents, whose place of residence is in the city

and county of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, were by me sworn to testify the whole truth of their knowledge touching the matter in controversy in the cause aforesaid; and that their depositions were reduced to writing and subscribed by them in my presence on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1871, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Planters' House, in the city and county of Saint Louis, and State of Missouri.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this day and year last above written.

[SEAL.]

H. C. HART, JR.,
Notary Public.

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, November 16, 1871.

I do certify that the above depositions were taken before me, and signed in my presence, and that said witnesses were sworn before said notary as above stated.

LEWIS B. GUNCKEL,
Commissioner.

Sundry depositions relative to certain charges made against John W. Wright by members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, in relation to disbursements by him of bounties and back pay due said soldiers, taken before Joseph A. Williamson, special agent Interior Department, in the office of the assistant treasurer United States, Saint Louis, Missouri, on the 30th day of January, 1872. Said depositions to be read before L. B. Gunckel, esq., commissioner.

First came Francis A. Field: Am a merchant of Saint Louis, 808 and 809 North Levee; I was United States Indian agent for the Creek Nation from August, 1869, until April, 1871; personally I know nothing of the mode adopted by John W. Wright in the disbursement of bounties due the First Regiment Indian Home Guards. The transaction of that business was carried on by the son of J. W. Wright, John Brown Wright, and the United States pension-agent, Alexander Clapperton, at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

Question by Mr. Williamson: How did you know that John Brown Wright and Clapperton were paying bounties at Fort Gibson?—Answer. I received a letter from Mr. Clapperton requesting me to send over certain Creeks to receive their bounty. Acting upon this letter I sent over those Creeks, besides at other times accompanying a great many. Having received instruction from Washington that I should guard the interest of the Indians in the payment of these bounties, I used every effort for their protection, and accompanied them to the office of the United States pension-agent, Clapperton. Sometimes I would go as often as two or three times a week with parties of eight and ten in each, and, to the best of my recollection, I never saw more than three cases in which the parties received their money. They would examine the books and invariably say there was no money, or that the papers had not come or were not made out. Several times Agent Baldwin of the Seminoles agency, Agent Craig of the Cherokee agency, and myself for the Creeks, talked the matter over to see if we could not adopt a plan by which the proper payment of these bounties could be secured to the Indians. The only remedy which we could think of was that of constantly reporting the delinquencies of John W. Wright and the complaints of the Indians to the Department at Washington. Many Indians complained to me in regard to their disappointments, and those that did get any pay were compelled, they stated, to take a part out in goods at Nash's store in Fort Gibson. A majority of these claimers had to travel a distance of from sixty to one hundred miles. These Indians were in an extremely destitute condition, as from the effects of the war they were extremely reduced.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Do you know whether the Creek Nation ever authorized a national seal, or whether the Creek authorities used a seal?—Answer. The laws of the Creek Nation never authorized the use of a seal, nor did the Creek authorities ever use a seal; and I would know, as a large number of Creek official papers passed through my hands.

Question by Mr. Williamson: I show you a paper, and which is hereto attached and made part of this record, which has the following stamp upon it, viz: A vignette of a plowman by the side of a shock of wheat, with the following letters in a circle: "Seal of the Creek Nation, Muskogee." I ask you if the Creek authorities ever to your knowledge recognized that seal as the seal of the nation?—Answer. Never, to my knowledge.

F. A. FIELD.

Attest: ELLIS S. PEPPER.

And then came Hugh L. Ranken: Am not settling up the business of the house of H. L. & J. D. Ranken, at 111 Locust Street, Saint Louis, Missouri. The firm of H. L.

& J. D. Ranken have received certain Indian-bounty checks in payment of liabilities of F. H. Nash, at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory. The firm has received at least, if not more, from F. H. Nash the sum of \$20,000 in said checks. I was a member of said firm. As to the way in which we commonly received these checks, I herewith file a copy of a letter, and wish it made a part of this record, which the firm received from Mr. Nash, transmitting a few of said checks.

Question by Mr. Williamson: I hand you a check, No. 16365, dated Washington, October 30, 1868, drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, to the order of Run About Puff, on the assistant treasurer United States at New York, for \$100, and bearing the following indorsements: "Pay H. L. & J. D. Ranken, or order, Run About Puff, his + mark; witness, Henry C. Meigs, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. F. H. Nash, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. Pay to J. & J. Stewart & Co., H. L. & J. D. Ranken, J. & J. Stewart & Co., A. Lane, C." I ask you if you received said check from F. H. Nash, and whether it is the same one described in copy of letter which you have just filed and made part of this record, from said Nash, and whether the indorsement of H. L. & J. D. Ranken was made by any member of your firm?—Answer. Yes, sir, it is the same check referred to in Mr. Nash's letter, and the indorsement was made by myself.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Did Mr. J. W. Wright ever become responsible to your house for any liabilities of Mr. Nash?—Answer. He did in one instance; the amount I do not remember, but will get it for you. I hand you herewith a letter, which I wish attached hereto and made a part of this record with the accompanying check, No. 23806, referred to in said letter, and request that the Government investigate the whole matter. I would say that my brother, J. D. Ranken, received in person from F. H. Nash other Indian-bounty checks in payment of debts due to us by said Nash.

HUGH L. RANKEN.

Attest: ELLIS S. PEPPER.

And then came John H. McCluney, cashier State Savings Association, Saint Louis, Missouri.

Question by Mr. Williamson: I hand you a check, No. 17082, dated Washington, October 30, 1868, drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, on the assistant treasurer United States at New York, to the order of Arch Spears, for \$100. Said check bears the following indorsements: "Pay Toomer & Co., or order. Arch Spears, his + mark; witness, Henry C. Meigs, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, F. H. Nash, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation. Toomer & Co., pay American Exchange National Bank, New York, or order, for account of State Savings Association, Saint Louis. J. H. McCluney, A. C., D. Clarke, A. C." I ask you if the indorsement thereon, J. H. McCluney, was made by you, and of whom did you receive the check?—Answer. It is my signature, and was received from Toomer & Co.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Are you familiar with the signature of Toomer & Co.?—Answer. Yes, I am, and, to the best of my knowledge, the indorsement on said check is genuine.

J. H. CLUNEY.

Attest: ELLIS S. PEPPER.

And then came L. A. Moffett: Am a member of the firm of D. A. January & Co., of Saint Louis, Missouri. We received certain bounty-checks in 1869, of F. H. Nash, of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, in payment of certain debts due our firm and other parties in this city, as instructed by paper marked D, and which is hereto attached and made part of this record.

Question by Mr. Williamson: Did you receive these checks directly from Mr. Nash—that is, the \$7,400 worth referred to in paper D?—Answer. Sixty-four hundred dollars I received from John W. Wright, of Washington City, for Mr. Nash. (See paper marked E, made a part of this record.) One thousand dollars I received from Mr. Nash, through the hands of Mr. O. W. Lipe. (See paper marked F, made a part of this record.) I received, November 5, 1869, \$2,000 for account of Mr. Nash. May 6, 1870, sundry checks from F. H. Nash, amounting to \$556. May 27, 1870, sundry checks on New York, \$500. We also received a ten-day draft on J. W. Wright, Washington City, for \$1,500, transmitted to us by F. H. Nash, at Fort Gibson. This draft was accepted and paid by Mr. Wright. Received September 29, 1868. I also wish attached hereto and made a part of this record papers marked G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R.

L. A. MOFFETT.

Attest: ELLIS S. PEPPER.

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI:

I, Joseph A. Williamson, United States special agent of the Interior Department, as such authorized to administer oaths, do hereby certify that the said Francis A. Fields, Hugh L. Ranken, John H. McCluney, and L. A. Moffett, were by me duly sworn to tes-

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tify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the matter of charges made by Indians of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards against John W. Wright, and that the said depositions were taken on the day and at the place above written, and were reduced to writing by Ellis S. Pepper, a disinterested person, in my presence, and severally signed by said witnesses in my presence.

Witness my hand this 30th day of January, 1872, city of Saint Louis, Missouri.

JOS. A. WILLIAMSON,
United States Special Agent Interior Department.

Jno. G. Alexander & Co	\$200	\$200 00
A. F. Shapliegh & Co	300	300 00
Scott & Melier	300	300 00
Stelle, Yast & Co	700	900 00
H. L. & J. D. Ranken	800	1,000 00
Appleton, Noyes & Co	1,300	1,500 00
J. O. Ford & Co	1,300	1,500 00
D. A. January & Co	1,500	1,700 00
	<u>6,400</u>	<u>7,400 00</u>

Will be remitted by Judge John W. Wright to credit.

I. H. NASH.

Pay as above.

WASHINGTON, *March 22.*

DEAR SIR: I to-day received from Mr. Nash 74 receipts, &c., for bounty, and directed to send you \$7,400; of the papers ten are informal, and will have to go to Gibson. I send you \$6,400; the others I will forward as soon as I can get them corrected. Please notify Nash and receipt to me.

I am, yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

N. B.—I send in two envelopes.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
June 18, 1869.

GENTLEMEN: Inclosed you will please find ten drafts on assistant treasurer, New York, for \$100 each; total \$1,000. Place same to my credit, and send me receipt for same. This will be handed you by Mr. O. W. Lipe, of this place. Our payment is progressing slowly and collections correspondingly. I have sent \$6,000 to Washington for collection, and directed same to be remitted to you as soon as collected. Hope you will bear with me a little until some more collections can be made.

Yours, respectfully,

F. H. NASH.

Messrs. D. A. JANUARY & Co.,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

OFFICE OF D. A. JANUARY & Co.,
Wholesale grocers and commission merchants,
Nos. 406, 408, 410, and 412 Second Street, Saint Louis.

1869.

March 26, '69.—Cks. of J. W. Wright...	6,400			
Paid J. G. Alexander & Co	200			
A. F. Shapliegh & Co	300			
Scott & Mellier	300			
Stelle, Yast & Co	100			
H. L. & J. D. Rankin	800			
Appleton, Noyes & Co	1,300			
I. C. Ford & Co	1,300	4,900		1,500 00
May 20, drafts		500 00	242 00	291 25
				1,033 25

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June 17 "	401 91	179 74	581 65
" 26 10 cks. on N. Y. per Mr. Lipe, mar'd.....			1,000 00
Nov. 5, draft of J. W. Wright.....	20 00		
Paid H. L. & J. D. Rankin.....	1,000		1,000 00
Nov. 20, draft on Philadelphia from F. Geise			5,363 19
Dec. 10, Government voucher.....	2,272		272 00
Paid Appleton, Noyes & Co.....	2,000		
1870.			
March 18, draft on ac. treasurer, New York			1,200 00
May 6, sund'y cks			556 00
" 27, sundry checks on New York.....			500 00
June 30, of G. E. Brown			360 00
July 9, Ashbrook & White.....			173 95
Sept. 17, ck. on ac. treas			1,000 00
" 29, 10 days' draft on J. W. Wright .			7,500 00

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *May 2, 1869.*

GENTLEMEN: I have this day ordered some drugs from Messrs. Scott & Melier, and a few articles from A. F. Shapliegb & Co., and also wish a few articles in your line. Judge Wright is on his way here now, and as soon as he arrives I will be able to make you a remittance. I wish you to attend to the shipping for me. Call for goods at Scott & Melier's, also at Shapliegh's, and make up the balance of 3,500 pounds in groceries from the following. Ship to care Messrs. Lohman & Co., Sedalia, Missouri. I am particular about the weight of total order, viz, 3,500 pounds, as I send two wagons from here to Sedalia to haul them. After ascertaining weight of other bills please lessen or increase your bill to make the loads.

500 pounds liquorice.	4 E. D. cheese.
2 cans fresh peaches.	6 dozen P. M. Y. powders.
1 can pine-apple.	3 barrels crushed sugar.
1 can strawberries.	50 pounds indigo.
1 can corn.	50 pounds madder.
1 can tomatoes.	3 dozen each medium and small pine curnis.
100 pounds figs.	2 dozen zinc washboards.

Yours respectfully,

F. H. NASH.

Messrs. D. A. JANUARY & Co.,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

WASHINGTON, *January 4.*

MY DEAR SIR: Inclosed find draft of \$2,000 in your favor to place funds in the hands of F. H. Nash, of Fort Gibson. Please acknowledge. I wrote you about my son in the Indian country. If he gets to Saint Louis with and under guard have him confined in an asylum until you hear from me, and please telegraph.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *January 9, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I will accept a draft of W. A. Musgrove for \$500 if he should agree to purchase goods of you, draft payable in ninety days, at Jay Cooke & Co. bank in this city.

J. W. WRIGHT.

D. A. JANUARY Esq.

WASHINGTON, *April 20.*

DEAR SIR: I received your request about a \$50 draft, and attended to it by filing bond, &c., and the officer said he would remit you the draft, of which I ought to have

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notified you, but I am crowded so for time I neglected it. I hope you have received it. I hope next week to be in Saint Louis on my way to the Indian country.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, January 1, 1869.

DEAR SIR: On yesterday I sent you on Nash account \$2,500; to H. L. & J. D. Rankin \$2,300; Appleton, Noyes & Co. \$2,500; to Webster, Steele & Co. \$600, in paymaster's check, duly indorsed; also to H. Bell & Son \$2,200 on old account of Ross. I sent them to post-office to register. It was not done well, and they went in ordinary mail. Will you see if received, and if not telegraph me at once. My son in the Indian country has become insane, and is on his way to Saint Louis under guard. He may escape. If he should I wish you or H. Bell & Son would have him confined until I can get him. I will start to Saint Louis or send a son as soon as I find he has got to the railroad. I will send you \$2,000 by mail to-morrow to place Mr. Nash in funds.

A happy new year.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

D. A. JANUARY.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, June 8, 1869.

GENTLEMEN: Inclosed please find my draft \$26 on Damer Bros., Saint Louis, for \$401.41; also draft No. 2877, on war warrant No. 68, Treasury of the United States, in favor of Cho-e-mah-la, for \$179.74, making \$581.65.

I have money in hand which I am desirous of paying you, but am afraid to remit. Will send you first safe opportunity. In all probability I will have to pay you a visit myself in a couple of weeks.

Respectfully,

F. H. NASH.

Messrs. D. A. JANUARY & Co.,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
May 28, 1869.

GENTLEMEN: Your statement of May 18 is to hand. I find everything correct except the charge of March 22 of \$20.12 and \$85.92, total \$105.94; this may be correct, but I have not entered it in my books. Please write me about these amounts. I am also in receipt of your inclosure of my note for \$2,803.99, and acknowledge receipt of \$1,033.25 remitted, which reduces my account a little more. Will make you a remittance in a few days.

Yours, respectfully,

F. H. NASH.

Messrs. D. A. JANUARY & Co.,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
May 13, 1869.

GENTLEMEN: Inclosed please find draft No. 23715 on Fourth National Bank, New York, drawn by Atlantic National Bank, Atlanta, Georgia, favor Samuel Weil, April 13, 1869, for \$242; post-office warrant No. 7790, on assistant treasurer, St. Louis, C. W. Cray, for \$291.25, and my draft No. 21 on Damer Bros., St. Louis, for \$500, making a total of \$1,033.25.

Please remit me my note of November 19, 1868; you have some credit on it. If this amount should be anything more or less, please credit or charge me with same and send statement with my canceled note.

Yours, respectfully,

F. H. NASH.

Messrs. D. A. JANUARY & Co.,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
February 1, 1869.

GENTLEMEN: I have this day ordered a few dry-goods from Messrs. H. L. & J. D. Rankin, to be shipped by river. Please ship with them the following:

1 box axle-grease, ea., large and small.	6 boxes candles, 18½.
1 box canned tar, 4.25.	10 boxes soap, superior, 7½.
2 coils ½-inch rope, 23.	6 cases 2-pound oysters, 2.75.
4 coils ¾-inch rope, 24.	3 cases 1-pound oysters, 1.75.
4 coils 1-inch rope, 24.	1 case cranberries.
1 barrel coal-oil, 40.	1 case pine-apple, 4.75.
4 Western Reserve cheese, 24.	1 case green peas, 3.75.
6 E. D. cheese.	2 barrels soda-crackers, 7.
12 reams large wrap paper, 1.40.	20 pounds jute twine, 30.
9 medium wrap paper, 1.05.	1 M. 4-pound paper bags.
1½ barrel wigwam smoking-tobacco.	2 kegs nails, each 6d., 8d., 10d., 4.60.
2 barrels sugar-house molasses, 85.	1 keg nails, each 3d. and 4d.
2½ barrels sugar-house molasses, 88.	5 barrels New Orleans sugar.
10 bags coffee, "choice" V., \$39.25½.	1 bag bucket, ea. 1 and 2, 3.40.
1 bag shot, Ea. O. 2, 4, 5 and 6, 3.15.	5 kegs rifle powder. 6.50.

You can ship the above by packet company, and get through balance if there is no boat coming direct through.

Yours, respectfully,

F. H. NASH.

Messrs. D. A. JANUARY & Co.,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

WASHINGTON, February 18.

DEAR SIR: Mr. Musgrove, of the Cherokee Nation, brought home by your city my unfortunate son. By some means his trunk was left at Barnum's Hotel in your city. I directed Musgrove on his return to express the trunk. He writes me be ordered it to be done. No trunk has come. Will you do me the favor to see if you can find it, and, if so, send it to me directed to 517 M street, Washington? I will be in your city next month and see you.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

They must have been in Saint Louis about 1st of January. The trunk is very large, and marked J. B. Wright, Cherokee Nation.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Dispatch dated Cairo, Illinois, ———, 1869. Received at Saint Louis, Missouri, March 10.

To D. A. JANUARY & Co.,

Will be in Saint Louis to-morrow evening.

F. H. NASH.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
November 17, 1869.

GENTLEMEN: On the 13th instant I remitted you check No. 98, on assistant treasurer United States, Saint Louis, favor Co-ton-se, for \$192, with instructions to make some payments for me; presume same has come safe to hand ere this. Inclosed you will please find checks in amount \$488, as follows:

No. 17221 on assistant treasurer United States, New York, favor Fus-se-ki-ya-ha-jo, for.....	\$100 00
No. 16365 on assistant treasurer United States, New York, favor Runabout Puff.....	100 00
No. 57 on assistant treasurer United States, Saint Louis, favor Anna Brown..	96 00
No. 102 on assistant treasurer United States, Saint Louis, favor Linse Harkee	96 00
No. 103 on assistant treasurer United States, Saint Louis, favor Mutter Cheer	96 00

488 00

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You will please pay J. & J. Beakey \$69 for me; send me receipt for same, and place balance to my credit.

Yours, respectfully.

F. H. NASH.

Messrs. H. L. & J. D. RANKEN,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

We do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original in our possession.
JOHN D. RANKEN.
HUGH L. RANKEN.

DEAR SIR: We would beg to call your attention to a certain draft of C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, 21806, in favor of one Pas-sa, for \$100, which we hold under our lawyer's control in Washington, still unpaid.

On July 2, 1870, our John D. Ranken was at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, and on that date remitted us certain funds; amongst said remittance he received from Alexander Clapperton, agent of J. W. Wright, the above draft of C. Holmes, No. 21806, in favor of Pas-sa, indorsed Pas-sa by J. W. Wright, attorney, without power of attorney being attached; Mr. Clapperton informing him, J. D. Ranken, that in case said draft was not paid to return it, when he would have it corrected.

On July 7, we forwarded it to J. & J. Stuart & Co., New York, for collection. On presentation, the assistant treasurer refused payment, owing to indorsement of J. W. Wright, as attorney, without his authority being attached; Stuart & Co. returning same to us with said instructions. On receipt of same we forwarded it to F. H. Nash, as follows:

"SAINT LOUIS, *July 26, 1870.*

"DEAR SIR: Inclosed, we hand you C. Holmes's draft, 21806, on assistant treasurer New York, payable to Pas-sa's order, for \$100. The Treasury Department won't pay said draft on account of its being indorsed by J. W. Wright, attorney. We wish you to have Mr. Clapperton get this draft properly indorsed, per instructions, and return to us. By attending to this you will greatly oblige.

"Yours, truly,

"H. L. & J. D. RANKEN.

"F. H. NASH, Esq.,
"Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation."

"SAINT LOUIS, *October 15, 1870.*

"DEAR SIR: On July 26, we sent you C. Holmes's draft, 21806, on assistant treasurer New York, for \$100, in favor of Pas-sa, indorsed by J. W. Wright, attorney, which the treasurer refused to pay, owing to the indorsement. We requested you to have Mr. Clapperton get the proper indorsement, and then return to us. As yet we have not heard from you any particulars regarding it. Please inform us what has become of it, and if not already returned to us, do so, and oblige,

"Yours, truly,

"H. L. & J. D. RANKEN.

"F. H. NASH, Esq.,
"Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation."

"FORT GIBSON, *November 7, 1870.*

"GENTLEMEN: I have handed the draft you have reference to, to Mr. Clapperton; he starts to Washington City to-morrow, and will see Judge Wright, and have it filed and forwarded to you.

"Yours, respectfully,

"J. H. NASH.

"Messrs. H. L. & J. D. RANKEN,
"Saint Louis, Missouri."

"SAINT LOUIS, *February 17, 1871.*

"DEAR SIR: On the 15th October last, we wrote you in regard to draft on assistant treasurer New York, in favor of Pas-sa, indorsed by Judge Wright as attorney, without said power being attached, which you informed us you had placed with Mr. Clapperton to have corrected. Please inform us if it has been returned to you, or if corrected; and if not, may we trouble you to have it returned to us, and greatly oblige,

"Yours, truly,

"H. L. & J. D. RANKEN.

"F. H. NASH, Esq.,
"Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation."

"SAINT LOUIS, July 4, 1871.

"DEAR SIR: It is some time since we heard from you in reference to draft we sent you, indorsed by J. W. Wright, attorney, to have properly indorsed. In case you have not succeeded in collecting, or having it properly indorsed, will you please have it returned to us, as we can hold Wright, as indorser.

"Yours, truly,

"H. L. & J. D. RANKEN.

"F. H. NASH, Esq.,

"Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation."

"FORT GIBSON, July 7, 1871.

"GENTLEMEN: Inclosed please find the draft spoken of. I have sent it to the parties for whom your Mr. J. D. Ranken cashed it, and they return it indorsed, as you see. If this will not answer, I can try it again, or you can send it to Judge Wright.

"Yours, respectfully,

"F. H. NASH.

"Messrs. H. L. & J. D. RANKEN,

"Saint Louis, Missouri."

"SAINT LOUIS, July 11, 1871.

"DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 7th instant is received, inclosing draft, as stated, of C. Holmes, in favor of Pas-sa, \$21,806, for \$100. We find that some person has erased J. W. Wright's name since we sent it to you, and would request you to try and find out who did it, as we may have to hold them responsible, it being forgery to tamper with an indorsement until all the names that signed last is satisfied. We send it to Washington to try to collect; if not paid there, we may have to trouble you still further in the matter.

"Thanking you for past favors, we are yours, truly,

"H. L. & J. D. RANKEN.

"F. H. NASH, Esq.,

"Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation."

Since writing the foregoing, the said draft has been returned from Washington, and seems Wright will neither pay nor give any information in regard to it. The indorsements of Robert Brown and Timothy Perry were made from the time we sent it to Mr. Nash and its return to us from Nash.

We are, respectfully,

H. L. & J. D. RANKEN.

J. A. WILLIAMSON, Esq.,

Special Agent Internal Department, Washington, D. C.

SAINT LOUIS, January 29, 1872.

JANUARY 30, 1872. This check was received from Mr. Clapperton, by J. D. Ranken, who paid \$100 to Mr. Clapperton for it.

HUGH L. RANKEN.

EXHIBIT I.

Depositions taken before Lewis B. Gunckel, special United States commissioner, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to investigate charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments Indian Home Guards, against John W. Wright, at the office of the assistant treasurer of the United States, in the city of New York, on this 5th day of March, A. D. 1872.

First came George Proudfoot, who, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows: I reside in the city of New York, and am a clerk in the office of the assistant treasurer of the United States, in said city, in this building, and have been so for two years. At the instance of Mr. Commissioner Gunckel, I examined a quantity of checks on deposit in the vault of this office, canceled as paid, with vouchers or powers of attorney attached, the checks being drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, on the assistant treasurer United States, New York, to the order of various parties with Indian names, each for \$100, and the powers of attorney attached, being on a printed form, and purporting to have been executed in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, empowering John W. Wright, of Washington City, to assign and collect said checks, with two witnesses each. The payee's name is signed by a cross, (+) and a certificate added from a person assuming to be a clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, each with the official seal purporting to be of the Cherokee Nation. I attach hereto, as a part of my deposition, a copy of one of these checks, with the power of attorney and certificate attached, marked Exhibit A. Another gentlemen, in company with myself, examined a batch of about three hundred, similar to the one above described.

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The name of the gentleman who examined them in conjunction with me is Eli H. Evans, also a clerk in this office. Out of the three hundred we selected seventy, some of which had the names of Henry Eiffert and George O. Sanders, as witnesses, and others with the names P. N. Blackstone and Henry Eiffert, as witnesses, and others, still, with the names of George O. Sanders and Frank I. Nash, as witnesses, and a few with Frank I. Nash and Simon Brown, as witnesses, the certificates to all of which are signed by DeWitt Lipe, as clerk of the district court. In each of the seventy so selected the name of the payee of the check is filled in or written in the power of attorney, and signed thereto by a cross, (+) in a different handwriting, and with a different ink, from either those of the witness or clerk aforesaid. These powers are all signed by a cross, (+) evidently written by the same person who wrote the name and filled in the power of attorney. They all bear the appearance of having been filled in, and name written at a subsequent time. I am very sure that the names of the Indian payee in these powers were not written by either Henry Eiffert, P. A. Blackstone, George O. Sanders, Frank I. Nash, Simon Brown, or DeWitt Lipe. From a comparison of the handwriting in letters shown me, written at different times in 1869, by one N. Hayden, who signs himself as a clerk of John W. Wright, to Alexander Clapperton, I believe these powers of attorney to have been filled in and the name and cross (+) of the Indian payee to have been written by said N. Hayden. All these checks bear the indorsement of J. W. Wright, as attorney for the Indian payee, and bear the stamp of this office indicating payment, and also with cut cancellation. The conclusions just sworn to by me were arrived at by my own inspection as apparent upon the face of the papers, and without any intimation from any body. I have also examined a check dated Washington, October 30, 1868, drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, on the assistant treasurer United States, New York, in favor of David Tucker, for \$100, a copy of which, with the indorsements, is hereto attached, marked B. I believe, by a comparison such as made above, that the indorsement on said check of David Tucker was written by the above-mentioned N. Hayden.

GEORGE PROUDFOOT.

And then also came Eli H. Evans, who, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows: I am thirty-six years of age. I reside in the city of New York, and am a clerk in the office of the assistant treasurer of the United States in said city, and have been so for three years and over. At the instance of Mr. Commissioner Gunckel I examined a package of about three hundred and sixty checks, and selected seventy drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, in statement of account February 4, 1869, drawn on the assistant treasurer United States, New York, for \$100 each, to the order of sundry persons with Indian names, and with powers of attorney attached made on a printed form, and purporting to be executed in the Cherokee Nation of the Indian Territory, with two witnesses each, and all certified to by De Witt Lipe as clerk of the district court, and the seal of the Cherokee Nation affixed, the name of the Indian payee signed by a cross (+). The check and the power of attorney attached as Exhibit A to the deposition of George Proudfoot is a true copy of one of the original checks and powers of attorney examined by me. In the seventy checks above referred to the name of the payee and the words "his mark" and the cross (+) were filled in and written by the same person, but not in my opinion by either of the witnesses or by De Witt Lipe. They are written with an ink different in shade of color from that of either of the witnesses or the clerk of the Court. I have examined sundry letters purporting to have been written for John W. Wright to Alexander Clapperton in 1869 by one N. Hayden, and by a careful comparison of the handwriting in the letters and the filling in and names signed to the powers of attorney in the seventy cases above named I am of opinion that they were written by the same person. If N. Hayden wrote the letters referred to, then he wrote the signatures and filling in of the powers of attorney in question. I have also examined two checks similar to these above named without powers attached. A copy of one of them to the order of David Tucker is attached as Exhibit B to the deposition of George Proudfoot, and the other is numbered 16457 dated October 30, 1868, to the order of Ground-hog, by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, on the assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, for \$100, a copy of which, marked as exhibit C, is hereto attached. And by a comparison as above with the writing of the said N. Hayden, I believe the indorsements on said checks of the names David Tucker and Ground-hog to have been written by the said N. Hayden. All the checks above referred to are canceled and cut as paid, and are on deposit in the vault of the assistant treasurer of the United States at the city of New York, and all bear the indorsement of John W. Wright as attorney for the Indian payees.

E. H. EVANS.

Edward W. Baneroff, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I reside in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, and am one of the firm of H. B. Claflin & Co., of the city of New York. I have special charge of the general office business. I first made the acquaintance of

John W. Wright in the latter part of 1865, or early part of 1867. He came to make some negotiation for the firm of D. H. Ross & Co., of Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, who were customers of ours. D. H. Ross & Co. were in some financial trouble, and had been for some little time previous; and Mr. Wright had a young man, I think, a relative of his—I think his name was Nash—who was a partner of the firm of D. H. Ross & Co. I think his name was F. H. Nash; and Judge Wright's object, as he stated to me, was, to make some negotiation by which Nash should be released from the debt of D. H. Ross & Co., due H. B. Clafin & Co. We accepted the notes of F. H. Nash, either indorsed or guaranteed by Judge Wright, in settlement of a portion of the indebtedness of D. H. Ross & Co., to release the said F. H. Nash. D. H. Ross & Co. were also indebted to other firms in New York. By an arrangement then made he compromised with us and with the other New York firms; that for a portion of the compromise with other parties he furnished money; and the money and notes which passed through our hands for all the creditors amounted to about \$39,000, of which about \$6,200 was paid in cash, and the notes, as I have stated, made by Nash and indorsed and guaranteed by Wright. We then made an arrangement to sell Nash what goods he wanted for a new business, which he was to start at Fort Gibson independent of the Rosses, and for these sales we were to have the guarantee of Judge Wright, and received his written guarantee, a copy of which is hereto annexed, marked Exhibit D. This guarantee was given on the 13th of March, 1867. It is what we call an open guarantee, covering all his purchases. We sold Nash about \$22,000 worth of goods under this guarantee, in 1867. That was all paid, most if not all through Judge Wright. I do not remember whether this amount was paid in drafts or in currency; and our books do not show how it was paid. My impression is that the reason he stated for helping Nash was that he was a relative, and because he wished to have him conduct a business in the Indian country, which would facilitate the transactions of Judge Wright with the Indians. He intimated that he had control of the monetary affairs of the Cherokee Indians. Our firm had no claim against any man in the Cherokee Nation named McDaniel, that I know of, and never threatened to sue Judge Wright on any Indian draft. I remember that Wright spoke to me about some claim, and wanted to interest us in some such thing; and afterwards a lawyer in Washington, by the name of Stanton, wrote to us about the same claim, and we referred him to Judge Wright, as knowing nothing about it ourselves.

EDWARD W. BANCROFT.

EXHIBIT A.—*Wm. T. Farham, Notary Public, New York, March 5, 1872.*

[Vignette.]—No. 16958.

WASHINGTON, *October 30, 1868.*

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York:*

Pay to the order of Mathew one hundred — dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster United States Army.

[Indorsed on face:] Paid, January 9, 1869.

Indorsed:
Pay Appleton, Noyes & Co.

MATHEW.
By J. W. WRIGHT, *Attorney.*

APPLETON, NOYES & Co.:

Pay American Exchange National Bank, New York, or order, for account of State Savings Association, Saint Louis.

JNO. McCLUNNY, *Cashier.*
D. CLARKE, *Assistant Cashier.*

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss:*

Know all men by these presents, that I, Mathew, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington City, my attorney to sell, transfer, and assign a draft drawn in my favor for \$100 and — cents, by C. Holmes, paymaster of the United States Army, on United States assistant treasurer at New York City. Dated the 30th of October, A. D. 1868, with full power of substitution.

his
MATHEW +. [SEAL.]
mark.

Attest:
HENRY EIFFERT.
GEO. O. SANDERS.

I, De Witt Lipe, clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that Mathew, who signed the above, personally appeared before me and acknowledged it to be his act and deed. I further certify that at the time of making such acknowledgment, I read and fully explained such warrants of attorney to the party executing the same.

Witness, my hand and seal of court, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1868.

DEWITT LIPE,
Clerk of the District Court.



EXHIBIT B.—*Wm. T. Farnham, Notary Public, New York, March 5, 1872.*

[Vignette.]—No. 16362.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 30, 1868.*

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York :*

Pay to David Tucker, or bearer, one hundred — dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster United States Army.

Indorsed :

DAVID TUCKER, J. W. WRIGHT, D. L. EATON :

Pay Fourth National Bank, New York, or order, for account of First National Bank, Washington, D. C.

W. S. HUNTINGTON,
Cashier.
A. LANE,
Cashier.

EXHIBIT C.—*Wm. T. Farnham, Notary Public, March 5, 1872.*

[Vignette.]—No. 16457.

WASHINGTON, *October 30, 1868.*

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York :*

Pay to the order of Ground Hog one hundred — dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster United States Army.

[Indorsed on face :] Paid September 2, 1869.

Indorsed :

Jay Cooke & Co., Comstock ; Ground Hog, his + mark ; witness, J. W. Wright ; J. W. Wright ; G. W. Stickney, Assistant Actuary.

Pay Jay Cooke & Co., New York, or order, for account of First National Bank, Washington, D. C.

WM. S. HUNTINGTON,
Cashier.

Guaranteed :

C. F. SIMPSON,
Cashier.

EXHIBIT D.—*New York, March 5, 1872. Wm. T. Farnham, Notary Public.*

For and in consideration of one dollar to me in hand paid by H. B. Claflin & Co., (the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.) I hereby guarantee unto them unconditionally, at all times after maturity, any indebtedness of F. H. Nash, now doing business in Fort Gibson, county of and State of New York, for any purchases made prior to act at, or to be made after this date, by the said F. H. Nash, of the said H. B. Claflin & Co., upon a credit of thirty days, or such other time or at any extension of time after maturity as may be given by the said H. B. Claflin & Co. to the said F. H. Nash.

And I hereby waive all demands of payment and notices of protest as the respective bills, notes, acceptances, or other indebtedness of the said F. H. Nash fall due. This guarantee to be open and continuous for six months until revoked. Dated at New York this 13th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

J. W. WRIGHT,
Washington City.

Witness: H. W. GUERM.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
State of New York, ss:

By this public instrument be it known to all to whom the same doth or may in any wise concern, that I, William T. Farnham, a public notary in and for the State of New York, by letters-patent, under the great seal of the said State, duly commissioned and sworn, dwelling in the city of New York, do hereby certify, that on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1872, at the request of Lewis B. Ganckel, special commissioner of the United States, as set forth in the caption of the foregoing depositions, I attended at the office of the assistant treasurer of the United States in said city, where the above-named witnesses, George Prondfoot and Eli H. Evans, were duly examined: and, subsequently, on the same day, I attended at the office of H. B. Claflin & Co., in said city, where the above-named witness, Edward W. Baneroft, was duly examined; that said examinations were conducted by said special commissioner before me; that the said witnesses were duly cautioned and sworn by me to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth in relation to the matters involved herein; that said witnesses duly subscribed therein several depositions in the presence of myself and said commissioner; and that said depositions were, each of them was, carefully read over to the respective witness before signature by him.

In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name, and caused my notarial seal of office to be hereunto affixed, the fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

WILLIAM T. FARNHAM,
Notary Public, City, County, and State of New York.

Depositions of sundry witnesses before Joseph A. Williamson, United States special agent, taken in the Department of the Interior on the 21st day of February, 1872, relative to the indorsement of certain Indian-bounty checks formerly held by John W. Wright.

First came Nehemiah Hayden, of lawful age: Resides in Washington, D. C., No. 1336 Sixth street; am clerk in the United States Census Office. The Indian-bounty checks shown to me on this the 21st day of February, 1872, by Mr. J. A. Williamson, Nos. 17172, dated October 30, 1868, drawn by C. Holmes on the United States assistant treasurer at New York, in favor of Jackson Martin, for \$100, and 17391, dated October 30, 1868, drawn by C. Holmes on the United States assistant treasurer at New York, in favor of John Cloud, for \$100. I recognize as the following indorsements: Jackson Martin, his + mark, attest John C. Smith, his + mark; attest, and John Cloud, his + mark, attest John C. Smith, on said check, were made by me.

Question by Mr. Williamson: State the circumstances under which you made the indorsements on said checks.—Answer. I was clerk for John W. Wright, of Washington City, part of the summer and fall of 1869, having accepted employment under him temporarily, as I was out of work. The way in which I would make the indorsements on bounty-checks was as follows: Mr. Wright bring me bounty-checks and tell me to put the Indian's name and cross-mark on the back, with the word "attest" and the name of John C. Smith under it, and in this way I came to write the indorsements on the above-described checks. I did it under his orders.

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Question by Mr. Williamson: When you were making these indorsements did not your own judgment dictate the impropriety of such an act?—Answer. Yes, it did; and I suggested to Judge Wright that it was wrong in me to make these indorsements. In reply he stated that he (Wright) had a power of attorney to do these things, and in some cases, he told me, the checks belonged to him. He would hunt through the pile of checks and pick out some, saying the ones he picked out were his.

NEHEMIAH HAYDEN.

Attest: DUNCAN THOMPSON, Jr.

Nehemiah Hayden recalled on this 23d day of February, 1872, and being duly sworn deposes and says: That, while acting as clerk for John W. Wright, and by his directions, I made the indorsement of Olay Watie, his + mark, attest I. P. Dunn, on check No. 17089; the indorsement of James Tobacco, his + mark, attest I. P. Dunn, on check No. 17645; on check No. 16380 the indorsement of Grass, his + mark, attest I. P. Dunn; on check 17169 the indorsement Jessey, his + mark, attest I. P. Dunn; on check No. 17386 the indorsement of Bark Prince, his + mark, attest I. P. Dunn; on No. 17152, the indorsement of Hatchet Fisher, his + mark, attest Jno. C. Smith; on check No. 17608, John Dearhead, his + mark, attest Jno. C. Smith; on check No. 17155, the indorsement of Ben. Blackfoot, his + mark, attest Jno. C. Smith; said checks are now in the possession of J. A. Williamson, Department of the Interior, and are all dated October 30, 1868, drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, in favor of the following claimants, for \$100 each, viz: Ben. Blackfoot, Hatchet Fisher, John Dearhead, Bark Prince, Jessey Grass, James Tobacco, Oo-lay-wat-tie; the indorsements were by orders of John W. Wright made by me. I used to know a man by the name of Dunn, but never knew of Jno. C. Smith. The Dunn I allude to lived in the State of Indiana; was an elderly man. Mr. Wright had no clerk to my knowledge by the name of Dunn or Jno. C. Smith. I would put the names of I. P. Dunn and John C. Smith on bounty-checks because Wright told me to do so. Wright would suggest to me for a certain lot of checks the name of John C. Smith as the attesting witness to the mark of the Indian, at other times the name of I. P. Dunn, and I would so put them on.

NEHEMIAH HAYDEN.

Attest: DUNCAN THOMPSON, Jr.

And then came, on the 24th day of February, 1872, at the Department of the Interior, Robert J. Fleming, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I reside in Washington City, D. C., No. 1132 Twelfth street, northwest; am of lawful age, and my occupation is that of carpenter and builder. The checks Nos. 17152, 17155, 17172, 17391, 17608, dated October 30, 1868, and drawn upon the United States assistant treasurer, New York, for \$100 each, in favor of the following Indians respectively, to wit, Hatchet Fisher, Ben. Blackfoot, Jackson Martin, John Cloud, Jno. Deerhead, and which are now shown to me by J. A. Williamson, of the Department of the Interior, I recognize as having been given to me by John W. Wright at his house on M street, in this city, and the indorsement on each of said checks, of Robert J. Fleming, was made by me.

Question by Mr. Williamson. State the circumstances under which you received these checks.—Answer. I received ten of these checks from Judge John W. Wright in part payment of a sum due on a contract for building two tenement houses for him near this city, at a place called Pleasant Plains. I told him at the time he offered these checks to me that I disliked very much to take them. He replied that he would give me some money and these checks, as he had no more cash. He picked them out of a drawer where he had a large lot of them, and handed them to me. I told him that I would not take them without his indorsement, as I intended to hold him personally responsible; he then took the checks and indorsed them. One of my reasons for refusing at first to take the checks was, the name of the Indian and attesting witness on all the checks seemed to be in one handwriting, and therefore I determined it would be safer to have his indorsement. He told me he had just been out and paid the Indians, and these checks he got on his commission. He paid me \$1,000 in cash and \$1,000 in checks. The transaction took place, as well as I recollect, on the 25th June, 1869.

ROBT. J. FLEMING.

Attest: JNO. C. WINN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington City, D. C.

I, Joseph A. Williamson, United States special agent of the Interior Department, being duly authorized to administer oaths, do hereby certify that the above-named Nehemiah Hayden and Robert J. Fleming were, on the dates above written, by me severally sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the said matter of certain Indian-bounty checks, formerly held by John W. Wright;

and that the said depositions hereinabove written were by me reduced to writing in the presence of said witnesses, and were severally subscribed by said witnesses, the signature of Nehemiah Hayden being duly attested by Duncan Thompson, jr., and that of Robert J. Fleming by John C. Winn, both being disinterested persons; and I also certify that the above-named witnesses are known to me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief are credible witnesses. Witness my hand, this 24th day of February, 1872.

JOS. A. WILLIAMSON,
United States Special Agent.

WASHINGTON CITY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington County, ss:

Sanford W. Perryman, a citizen of the Creek Nation, of lawful age, and to me well known as a credible person, after being by me duly sworn, deposes as follows: I am a citizen of the Creek Nation, Indian Territory; farmer by occupation; reside at Choska. During the year 1865, or thereabouts, General Blunt's agent and John W. Wright commenced making out papers for bounty due the soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards. The First Regiment was, with the exception of two companies of Seminoles, composed of my people, the Creeks. After Blunt and Wright had about got all the claims made up between them, the news came from our delegation in Washington that Wright had got all the business in his hands, and that Blunt had turned over all his papers to him, Wright. My people understood that Mr. Wright was the authorized agent of the Government to attend to this business for them. Wright commenced the payment of the first bounty at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation; how much he paid them I do not know. He made one regular payment at the Creek agency; he did not pay many Indians at this payment. There was great dissatisfaction among the claimants. After that they would have to go to Gibson for their money. Gibson is about eleven miles from the Creek agency. Agent Dunn, I was informed, did make a payment for Mr. Wright. My people were very much dissatisfied at having to go to Gibson for their money. Those he did not pay complained greatly at being kept out of their money. In the fall of the year 1869, I think, saw Mr. Wright's agent at Sealsville making out papers for the second bounty. In the winter of 1868-'69 I was in Washington, and Mr. Wright showed me a list of second bounties he had sent to Gibson for payment. All through the payment of the second bounties my people complained of the delay and having to go to Gibson and trade out so much of their money in goods at Mr. Nash's store. A great many went down often, and had to come back without money or goods. A good many had to come as far as one hundred miles. They complained that, having to go so far, they had to come to terms or get nothing. They were very poor and needed every cent of their money, as the war had cleaned them out. Wright paid me the whole of my first and second bounty.

[SEAL.]

Question by Mr. Williamson. Look at the above impression, and state whether it is the impression of the seal of the Creek Nation.—Answer. No, it is not. The Creek Nation never had a seal, and, as delegate from said nation, state there is no law or authority for making or using a seal.

S. W. PERRYMAN,
Delegate Creek Nation.

Attest: D. THOMPSON, Jr.

Sworn and subscribed in my presence this the 27th day of February, 1872.

JAS. A. WILLIAMSON,
United States Special Agent.

Sundry depositions taken before Hon. Lewis B. Gunckel, United States commissioner in the Department of the Interior, Washington City, in relation to certain charges made by members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards, against United States Special Agent John W. Wright.

Nehemiah Hayden, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I gave my testimony in part in this matter on the 21st and 23d of February, 1872. I was never in the employ of John W. Wright until the summer of 1869. I think it was the latter part of the summer. I have no data by which to test the exact time I commenced or ended my service for Wright, but it was during the summer and fall of 1869. I did such clerical service from time to time as he directed; he had no regular work, but just such things as would turn up. I remember I filled up bounty and pension papers for him; but what par-

tienlar papers I do not now remember. I sometimes inserted his name by his direction, and at other times wrote other names as he would dictate. I have examined sundry powers of attorney given to Wright by Indian soldiers, dated 3d December, 1868, empowering him to assign a draft for \$100, drawn by C. Holmes, paymaster United States Army, on Assistant Treasurer New York, all purporting to have been executed before De-Witte Lipe, clerk of the district court, Cherokee Nation, four signed by Frank J. Nash and George O. Sanders as witnesses; one witnessed by Frank J. Nash and Simon Brown; another by Amos Thornton and George O. Sanders; another by P. N. Blackstone and Henry Eiffert, with checks attached as follows: No. 17765, Johnson; No. 16435, for Sick Warrior; No. 17778, Jack Grasshopper; No. 17580, for E-ne-ha-ha-jo; No. 17746, for Ho-pelch-bin-ne-ho-chee; No. 17539, for Ola-to-ha-jo; No. 16481, for Robert Batie, copies of which are hereto attached, marked A, B, C, D, E, F, G, all bearing evidence of having been cut and canceled; and to the best of my belief can say that the name of the claimant, found filled in and signed to said powers, were written by me, under the direction of John W. Wright. I did not sign the names of the witnesses or clerk of the court, or write the date to said powers; said names and date were written in before I filled in the name of the Indian. When I filled in the powers and wrote the name of the Indian, the Indian in no case was present. I was not in Wright's confidence. He never allowed me to read any letters received, and if any came, I was directed to hand them to his wife unopened. I had never known anything about bounty, pension, or agency business; was simply a clerk, accustomed to do what my employer directed. I also examined two checks described as follows: No. 16862, payable to David Tucker, and No. 16457, payable to the order of Ground Hog, both dated October 30, 1868; each for \$100; both drawn by C. Holmes on assistant treasurer United States, New York; both cut and stamped as paid; copies of which checks are hereto attached, marked H; and I recognize the name of David Tucker and the name of Ground Hog as in my handwriting. I wrote said names on said checks by the dictation of said John W. Wright, who said that they were his and that he had the power to have them signed. Neither of the Indians were present when I signed these names. Never saw either Indian before or since.

NEHEMIAH HAYDEN.

Attest: DUNCAN THOMPSON.

And then came, on this the 12th day of February, 1872, Samuel Checote, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I am the principal chief of the Creek Nation; have been for over four years. Am now at Washington as a member of the Creek national delegation. Previous to my election as principal chief I was one of the two chiefs for about four years. I have examined an impress of a seal found in the possession of John W. Wright, and claimed to be the seal of the Creek Nation; and I declare that the same is not, and never was, the seal of the Creek Nation. Indeed the nation has not and never did have a seal, and I know of no law authorizing the use of a seal by the nation or either of its courts, and none has ever been used, to my knowledge.

The first payment I ever knew of John W. Wright's making was in the fall of 1867; this was first bounties, since which time there has been a general complaint among my people. The complaints have been of two kinds. The first was that he was not paying what they thought was due them; and secondly, he was paying them in goods instead of money. This worked great hardship, as they were very destitute. As they had lost everything by the war they were in great want of the necessaries of life.

SAMUEL CHECOTE,

Principal Chief Creek Indians.

Attest: DUNCAN THOMPSON, JR.

And then came William P. Adair: Am now in Washington as a member of the Cherokee national delegation, and am a member of the Cherokee national senate; have an extensive and general acquaintance among the Cherokees, and have been in official position almost ever since 1855. It is my opinion that a considerable majority of the adult Cherokees can sign their names either in Cherokee or in English. Indeed it is very uncommon to find any one that cannot write his name. I think that fully three-fourths of the adult males can do so.

W. P. ADAIR.

Attest: D. THOMPSON, JR.

And then came Clement N. Vann: Am now in Washington as a member of the Cherokee national delegation; have resided in the Cherokee nation all my life, and have a general acquaintance with the Cherokee people. My opinion is that a very large majority of my people can sign their names in either Cherokee or English. In fact I think there is less than one-fourth of the male adults who, either in one language or the other, cannot sign their names

C. N. VANN.

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I, Joseph A. Williamson, special agent of the Interior, do hereby certify that the above-named Nehemiah Hayden, Samuel Checote, William P. Adair, C. N. Vaun, were by me severally sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in said matter of charges made by the late soldiers of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards against John W. Wright, late United States special agent; and that the said depositions hereinabove written were reduced to writing by myself on the dates above written, in the presence of said witnesses, and were severally subscribed to by them in my presence.

And I also certify that all the above-named witnesses are known to me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief are credible persons.

Witness my hand this the 13th day of March, 1872.

JOS. A. WILLIAMSON,
United States Special Agent.

Statement of account, November 16, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 16362.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York* :

Pay to the order of David Tucker, one hundred — dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster United States Army.

Indorsed on face:
Paid December 18, 1869.

Indorsed:
David Tucker, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton.

Pay Fourth National Bank, New York, or order, for account of First National Bank, Washington, D. C.

WM. S. HUNTINGTON, *Cashier.*

A. Lamp.

Statement of account, August 24, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 16457.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York* :

Pay to the order of Ground Hog, one hundred — dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster United States Army.

Indorsed on face:
Paid September 2, 1869.

Indorsed:
Jay Cooke & Co. Comstock. Ground Hog, his + mark. Witness, J. W. Wright; J. W. Wright; G. W. Stickney, assistant actuary.

Pay Jay Cooke & Co., New York, or order, for account of First National Bank, Washington, D. C.

WM. S. HUNTINGTON, *Cashier.*

G. M. Arther & Co. O. P. Simpson.

Statement, February 4, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 17878.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York* :

Pay to the order of Jack Grasshopper, one — hundred dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster United States Army.

Indorsed on face:
Paid January 21, 1869.

Indorsed:
Jack Grasshopper, by J. W. Wright, attorney.

Pay Richard King, esq., assistant cashier, or order.

MOSES KELLY, *Cashier.*

Received payment.

RICH'D KING,
Assistant Cashier.

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CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss :*

Know all men by these presents that I, Jack Grasshopper, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington City, my attorney, to sell, transfer, and assign a draft drawn in my favor for \$100 and — cents by C. Holmes, paymaster of United States Army, on United States Assistant Treasurer at New York City, dated the 30th of October, A. D. 1868, with full powers of substitution.

JACK + GRASSHOPPER, [SEAL.]
his
mark.
Company H, Third Regiment.

Attest:

GEO. O. SANDERS.
FRANK J. NASH.

I, De Witt Lipe, clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that Jack Grasshopper, who signed the above, personally appeared before me and acknowledged it to be his act and deed. I further certify that at the time of making such acknowledgment I read and fully explained such warrant of attorney to the party executing the same.

Witness my hand and seal of court this 7th day of December, A. D. 1868.
[L. s.]

DE WITT LIPE,
Clerk of the District Court.

Statement, February 4, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 16435.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York :*

Pay to the order of Sick Warrior one hundred — dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster United States Army.

Paid January 9, 1869.

Indorsed :

Pay D. A. January & Co.

SICK WARRIOR,
By J. W. WRIGHT,
Attorney.

D. A. JANUARY & CO.:

Pay J. and J. Stuart & Co.

JAS. E. YEATMAN,
Cashier.
J. & J. STUART & CO.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss :*

Know all men by these presents, that I, Sick Warrior, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington City, my attorney to sell, transfer, and assign a draft drawn in my favor for \$100 and — cents, by C. Holmes, paymaster of the United States Army, on United States Assistant Treasurer at New York City, dated the 30th of October, A. D. 1868, with full powers of substitution.

SICK WARRIOR. + [SEAL.]
his
mark.

Attest:

GEO. O. SANDERS.
FRANK J. NASH.

I, De Witt Lipe, clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that Sick Warrior, who signed the above, personally appeared before me, and acknowledged it to be his act and deed. I further certify that at the time of making such acknowledgment I read and fully explained such warrant of attorney to the party executing the same

Witness my hand and seal of court, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1868.
[L. s.]

DE WITT LIPE,
Clerk of the District Court.

Statement, February 4, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 16481.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York* :

Pay to the order of Robert Batie one hundred — dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster United States Army.

Paid February 1, 1869.

Indorsed:

Robert Batie, by J. W. Wright, attorney.

Pay Central National Bank, New York, or order, for account of First National Bank, Washington, D. C.

H. S. F. GOTT,
Cashier.
C. F. COLES & CO.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss* :

Know all men by these presents, that I, Robert Batie, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington City, my attorney, to sell, transfer, and assign a draft drawn in my favor for \$100 and — cents, by C. Holmes, paymaster of United States Army, on United States Assistant Treasurer at New York City, dated the 30th of October, A. D. 1868, with full powers of substitution.

ROBERT BATIE, ^{his} + [SEAL.]
_{mark.}
Company E, Second Regiment.

Attest :

P. N. BLACKSTONE.
HENRY EIFFERT.

I, De Witt Lipe, clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that Robert Batie, who signed the above, personally appeared before me, and acknowledged it to be his act and deed. I further certify that, at the time of making such acknowledgment, I read and fully explained such warrant of attorney to the party executing the same.

Witness my hand and seal of court this 28th day of December, A. D. 1868

[L. s.]

DE WITT LIPE,
Clerk of the District Court.

Statement, February 4, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 17746.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York* :

Pay to the order of Ho-peltch-hin-ne-ho-chee one hundred dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster, United States Army.

Paid January 21, 1869.

(Indorsed:)

Ho-peltch-hin-ne-no-che, by J. W. Wright, attorney.

Pay Richard King, esq., assistant cashier, or order.

MOSES KELLY,
Cashier.

Received payment.

RICHARD KING.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss* :

Know all men by these presents, that I, Ho-peltch-hin-ne-ho-chee, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington City, my attorney to sell, transfer, and assign a draft drawn in my favor for \$100 and — cents, by C. Holmes,

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paymaster of the United States Army, on United States assistant treasurer at New York City, dated the 30th of October, A. D. 1868, with full powers of substitution.

HO-PELTCH-HIN-NE-HO-CHEE. ^{his} + [SEAL.]
mark.

Attest:

FRANK J. NASH.
SIMON BEAR.

I, De Witt Lipe, clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that Ho-peltch-hin-ne-ho-chee, who signed the above, personally appeared before me, and acknowledged it to be his act and deed. I further certify that, at the time of making such acknowledgment, I read and fully explained such warrant of attorney to the party executing the same.

Witness my hand and seal of court this 16th day of December, A. D. 1868.
[L. S.]

DE WITT LIPE,
Clerk of the District Court.

Statement, February 4, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 17580.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, New York :

Pay to the order of Ene-ha-hajo one hundred dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster, United States Army.

Paid January 21, 1869.

(Indorsed :)
Ene-ha-hajo, by J. W. Wright, attorney.

Pay Richard King, esq., assistant cashier, or order.

MOSES KELLY,
Cashier.

Received payment.

RICHARD KING.

CHEROKEE NATION, Indian Territory, ss :

Know all men by these presents, that I, Ene-ha-hajo, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington City, my attorney, to sell, transfer, and assign a draft drawn in my favor for \$100 and — cents, by C. Holmes, paymaster of United States Army, on United States assistant treasurer at New York City, dated the 30th of October, A. D. 1868, with full powers of substitution.

ENE-HA-HAJO. ^{his} + [SEAL.]
mark.

Attest:

FRANK J. NASH.
GGO. O. SANDERS.

I, De Witt Lipe, clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that Ene-ha-hajo, who signed the above, personally appeared before me, and acknowledged it to be his act and deed. I further certify that at the time of making such acknowledgment I read and fully explained such warrant of attorney to the party executing the same.

Witness my hand and seal of court this 2d day of December, A. D. 1868.
[L. S.]

DE WITT LIPE,
Clerk of the District Court.

Statement, February 4, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 17539.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York* :

Pay to the order of Ola-to-hajo one hundred dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster, United States Army.

Paid January 9, 1869.

(Indorsed :)

Pay D. A. Jannary & Co., O-la-ta-ha-jo, by J. W. Wright, attorney.

D. A. JANUARY & Co. :

Pay J. & J. Stuart & Co., or order.

JAS. E. YEATMAN,
Cashier.
J. & J. STUART & CO.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss* :

Know all men by these presents, that I, Ola-to-hajo, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington City, my attorney to sell, transfer, and assign a draft in my favor for \$100 and — cents, by C. Holmes, paymaster of United States Army, on United States assistant treasurer at New York City, dated the 30th of October, A. D. 1868, with full power of substitution.

O-LA-TO-HAJO. ^{his} + [SEAL.]
_{mark.}
B Company, First Regiment.

Attest :

AMOS C. THORNTON.
GEO. O. SANDERS.

I, De Witt Lipe, clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, do certify that O-la-to-Hajo, who signed the above, personally appeared before me, and acknowledged it to be his act and deed. I further certify that, at the time of making such acknowledgment, I read and fully explained such warrant of attorney to the party executing the same.

Witness my hand and seal of court this 8th day of December, A. D. 1868.

[L. S.]

DE WITT LIPE,
Clerk of the District Court.

Statement, February 4, 1869.

[Vignette.] No. 17765.

WASHINGTON, October 30, 1868.

ASSISTANT TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES, *New York*.

Pay to the order of Johnson one hundred dollars.
\$100.

C. HOLMES,
Paymaster, United States Army.

Paid January 9, 1869.

(Indorsed :)

Pay H. L. & J. D. Rankin.

JOHNSON,
By J. W. WRIGHT, *Attorney.*

Pay J. & J. Stuart & Co.

H. L. & J. D. RANKIN.
J. & J. STUART & CO.

CHEROKEE NATION, *Indian Territory, ss* :

Know all men by these presents, that I, Johnson, do hereby make, constitute, and appoint John W. Wright, of Washington City, my attorney to sell, transfer, and assign a draft drawn in my favor for \$100 and — cents, by C. Holmes, paymaster of United

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States Army, on United States assistant treasurer at New York City, dated the 30th of October, A. D. 1868, with full powers of substitution.

JOHNSON, his + mark. [SEAL.]
G Company, First Regiment.

Attest:

GEO. O. SANDERS.
FRANK J. NASH.

I, De Witt Lipe, clerk of the district court of the Cherokee Nation, do hereby certify that Johnson, who signed the above, personally appeared before me and acknowledged it to be his act and deed. I further certify that at the time of making such acknowledgment I read and fully explained such warrant of attorney to the party executing the same.

Given under my hand and seal of court this 3d day of December, A. D. 1868.
[L. S.]

DE WITT LIPE,
Clerk of the District Court.

EXHIBIT L.

[Wright correspondence, year not given in date, chronologically arranged so far as days and months are concerned.]

WASHINGTON, March 13.

DEAR ALECK: I received yours. As to the last letter, it has not come to hand. My health is good. Mrs. W. expects to start to Cincinnati in two weeks, and get to Gibson 1st of May. I may be with her. I hope you, Robert, and Nash can so arrange as to run the salt-works. I send you form 63 for Sampson 2; he is a live Indian.

Char-co-ko-we, K, First Regiment, rejected, not on rolls.

Long Sam, D, First, first bounty paid father on proof of no child. Now guardian of child claims; how is it?

George Smith, G, Third Regiment, first bounty paid to Jack Smith, guardian. Now Form No. 63 is signed by Sally Smith; who is she? I have no application.

Also No. 63 for the father of Thomas Sanders to sign.

Aleck made now to mother, before to brother; it will not do; the case is worthless. I have now out 202 cases. I have sent a list of part. I will send the balance tomorrow.

J. W. W.

WASHINGTON, March 20.

MY DEAR SIR: I had expected to hear from you from Saint Louis, but have not as yet. I hope you have got safe to Gibson; I miss you very much; things go on as usual. I will sell my house, I think, without doubt. Your friend is inquiring after you every day. I send you some blank drafts. After you have spent all your money you can draw on me at 517 for \$500, or less, at a time; but only for cash, and never for more than the drafts on P. A. you send forward.

All P. A. are to be witnessed by you and forwarded by you, with directions as to whose credit. You will not draw drafts for P. A. forwarded by Nash on Ross, but only for cash from other parties, and for cash for your use. Nash and Ross are to use all their cash to take up powers, and if you doubt their claim to it do not aid them with your money.

After your arrival I will not receive any P. A. or receipt not witnessed by you, and you will return all I send as I directed. Mr. Jones, of Tablequah, has some money coming to me. Show him this, and he will pay you the money. I send you some blank drafts.

J. W. WRIGHT.

N. B.—We have found several applications, and form No. 63. Do not make any move on the two long letters we wrote. We will send you a new list in a day or two.

J. W. W.

Say to Nash to send act.
Important news.

A. CLAPPERTON.

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WASHINGTON, *April 1.*

DEAR SANDY: I called to see why your commission was not sent. The Commissioner told me you were acting under your old commission, and it did not expire to the adjournment of Congress. He wished me to telegraph you to go on with your payments. Of course you will proceed at once to make payments.

I thought that was the rule John Nash told me you had stopped; so go on at once; all well. I hope to increase your pension-list next week.

Mrs. W. will start to Cincinnati next week, and about 1st of May she will be with you. I will write at full length to-morrow.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *April 4.*

DEAR ALECK: I expect to start with Mrs. Wright next Monday for Cincinnati, thence in a few days to Gibson. I do not want it known that I am coming; say nothing to any one. I will try and fix it for Rob when I get there. Do not trouble about your commission; go on and pay as before under your old one.

I am sorry to hear of Susie's misfortunes. I hope she is better. All well.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *April 20.*

DEAR ALEX: Yours of 7th and 8th is just received. I expect to start from here early next week for Gibson. I am detained here, as no Indian business is done yet; all delayed for the new officers. I think I will get off by Wednesday by the river, and you can tell when to look for me. You write no more to me here.

I will bring out drafts, funds, &c. Senator Cameron has recommended you for pension-agent, and I will get it.

Brown is improving, but will not come out with me, but will be out with his mother as soon as he is well.

Give my love to Susie.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

I wrote you several letters; I hope Nash has sent on his power of attorney; if not, hold them.

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *April 23.*

MY DEAR SIR: You are appointed pension-agent, and I will bring your commission with me. I have received no P. A. or apple from you or Nash.

I expect to start about Tuesday. Do as little as possible until I come out. I will go up the Arkansas. Write me at Barnum's Hotel, Saint Louis.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *May 24.*

DEAR SANDY: I return you the surety draft. Collect the fee due me, the \$40 due Saint Louis, and deliver the draft to Lyhe on payment of that amount.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

MAY 30.

DEAR SANDY: I send you, in a registered letter worth \$3,050, in drafts. I hope it will arrive safe.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT SMITH, June 9.

DEAR ALEX: The boat is here. Susie's wardrobe is in pieces; you can put it up for her; it goes up with a wedge. I sent carpeting, and carriage for baby. Good-bye.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, June 24.

DEAR SANDY: The widow of Tom Brown, of Company K, First Regiment, is allowed \$273.40. I can only hand \$15. I wish you would collect the balance, \$22. I do not know if it is possible, but try. Captain Feld I know to be a scoundrel, &c., &c., and I fear it will be lost.

I wish to hear from Brown, and all about him and his affairs. He must care nothing for us, as he cannot write.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Write and let me know everything.

J. W. W.

WASHINGTON, June 26.

DEAR ALECK: On Wednesday next Brown and Cuthbertson will start for Gibson, and you may expect them about the 11th. I wrote to Ross to-day about the money he owes me on my acceptances for him. I wish you to call on him for a statement of the amount he has collected for me and the Saint Louis creditors, and get the money from him, and pay it over as I told you to pay fees. If he refuses to pay have Nash collect for me and the Saint Louis creditors all that is coming to Ross. I did not collect the \$15 you loaned him. Brown is in excellent health. Send no more papers until he gets out; I send some instructions; I will write by him. The weather is very hot, and nothing doing. All well.

Yours,

J. W. W.

Say to Susie, Musgrove has something for her, and I send Brown several things.

J. W. W.

I suppose you have your commission and the funds to pay pensions. If any doubts about anything postpone action until Cuthbertson comes.

Opothle-ya-ho-la receipts.

1. Tassel Nale.....	\$124 20
2. Mary McDaniel.....	778 90
3 Young Pig Red Bird.....	177 42
4. Willam Ska-la-le.....	186 30
5. Jumper Mills.....	295 71

Mr. Nash has given you credit for \$156 fees; also, six additional evidence-papers.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

D. H. Ross has these receipts on old book:

- Marth Israel, grand-child of John Deck, Company I, Second Regiment.
- Hickory, guardian of Martin, Company A, Third Regiment.
- James Chustre, Company A, Third Regiment, by Sarah Suter.
- James Springfrog, Company D, Third Regiment, by Anna.
- Joseph, Company A, Third Regiment, by Suky or Aggy, mother.
- John Ligge, Company K, Third Regiment, by guardian, Susan Scarles Carr.

Wright correspondence, 1869, chronologically arranged.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., April 7, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: I am favored with both of your notes from Saint Louis: also, the photographs which were forwarded, and very good. I have given one to Mr. Wright, and one to Mr. Williamson; the rest we keep. I have no good news to tell you: I have had a hard time since you left us. Mrs. C. has been laid up again with her old pain; pretty near gone up. She is to-day sitting up, but very weak. She and I were in one bed yesterday, and James in another. Poor Bob was all the man we had. Neither James nor Bob is at school. We are going to have Mary back; we cannot get along without some help. I am completely played out for want of rest. Old Washburn played complete havoc in the old house. Dr. Bogan sent me a warrant for \$30, We had a trial yesterday, but I cannot tell yet how the thing went; I think I beat him; I will let you know in my next.

Poor Ann nearly went crazy about Sandy; she would not sleep only with her mother for a few nights. The old woman and the two girls missed you most. The old woman often says she wished she had tried to keep the old Scotch beast. She thinks she would put up with his noise now.

There has been no changes in office yet. The old man to-night says he has got the pension-agency for you. I suppose he will have wrote. The Reverend Fox called on me that very morning you went off; he thought he would have seen you before you would have got off; also, Tim Luby. When you write me send a receipt for \$14, saying that you have lost the notes; this is what he wants.

I have not been much at the office for some days, so my desk is behind. You will see I have wrote this note in a hurry. I have leave from the Commissioner to go and come till Mrs. C. gets a bit better. In a few days I will write you a respectable letter.

I have to send you Mrs. C.'s best wishes, and tell the old Scotch beast, if he is not comfortable, to come home again. But my advice is take time and see what you can do.

The old man to-night is at my desk, asking if I have heard from you; he has not got his house let yet; he is not coming out to you; you have to complete the business.

I'll finish for this time. I'll write in a few days. You write soon. I have paid Harly.

I am, dear Sandy, your old friend, cany man,

R. CUTHBERTSON.

[Private letter.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., April 15, 1869.

DEAR FRIEND C.: I wrote you a few days ago; hope you received it. Since then things at home are a little better; Mrs. C. was down stairs this morning, but seems much shaken, more so than before, after such attacks. Do you know I had a private fear that she would not get better this time. I told the doctor so, and asked him to again carefully examine her; he did so, but found nothing to fear; he still says he can mend her. She longs to hear what you have got to say about your new situation. I know she has an inward feeling that you would not like it; but my wish is contrary. I hope you will, and do well. I am heartily sick of a department life. We have got a new Commissioner, which will be fixed on the first of the month. The smash will be great; about three hundred has to be discharged out of the Treasury Department to-day. The female class has suffered very much already.

I see from the newspapers A. M. Reed was promoted last month.

Your old friend, General Ekin, has been put in full power of the Quartermaster's Department, under General Meigs—all others removed. So if you cannot get along in your present position, Mr. E. can now fix you. But as I have said before, if you think you can be safe with your head, and make a good living, stick to it. I will do as I promised; I will let all the family come and live with you, so soon as you can find a house and home for them. I'll keep James for a few months. I spoke to Mr. Wright yesterday; as soon as he hears from you he will start to the Indian country. He has not got his house let or sold yet, but I suppose the Senate committee has given him a guarantee for the rent until December next. In conversation with him, I told him I wished to be with you, (I mean Mr. W.;) he said whenever I was ready to go he would get me a share of a saw-mill with some person, which he would name to me hereafter, and that I would do well; this is just what would suit me, so let your report be favorable as to the state of the country. All the family are anxious to hear from you—Bob most. Bob thinks if he only could get to the country he could live on milk and honey. Mrs. C. bids me remember her. She will write you herself when next communicate. Good-by for the present.

I am, your old friend, Cuningham,

R. C.

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FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
April 15, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Please disburse the \$500 I gave Alex. Clapperton as follows:

Bob, F, 2	\$25
Son-me-coo-yah, B, 2	15
Thomas Scott, I, 3	40
Joe Hilderbram, B, 3	85
Dave Jackson, M, 3	50
Charles, 2, F, 2	35
Oak-or-lesser, C, 1	25
George Stand, I, 2	75
James Cockran, K, 3	25
Young Deer, C, 2	60
	435
	435

To Henry Bell & Son and other creditors, Saint Louis, Missouri, \$15; to Nash, and the balance to the credit of your own indorsement, for—

WILLIAM P. ROSS.
ROSS & COM.
H. C. MEIGS.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., April 24, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: I cannot for my life understand how it is. I have wrote you three letters, Bob one, and Mrs. C. one; it appears strange that you do not get them. We all hoped to keep you alive with letters, but if they do not reach you it can't be helped. I have put on the address which Judge Wright gave me. The best news I can give you to-day is that you are appointed pension-agent for Fort Gibson. The old man has had a hard time to get the appointment; he has had me for one solid week running after Seuator Cameron. I need not tell you how bad he is to see. At first old Cameron did not wish to do anything in the matter, as he said these appointments was left to Delegates of each Territory. However, the judge sent me back to make an explanation that Fort Gibson had no Delegate; it was free and independent; then he went for you. Old Mr. W. could not have done it of hiunself. I tell you there is a hard time here about place-obtaining and place-keeping. I feel quite shaky to-day. I am on the list for discharge, but the old man thinks he has got the matter stopped. I'll not know till to-morrow, (Sunday.) Mr. W. leaves for Fort Gibson to-morrow, or Monday morning, with his whole family, but he does not bring them all the way, only the youngest boy. He wanted me to look after the house, but Mrs. W. objected on account of the children. Mrs. C. and self went and saw Mrs. W., and that was her finally. She need not have minded the children; Mrs. C. would have takenas nuuchcare as if everything had been gold; however, I am just as well pleased. We do not know what may happen. We may be best to have a house over our heads. I am, anyhow, heartily glad you are fixed for four years. I'll do the best I can to make out. Colonel O'Beirne has lost his position, and without a cent, I am told. Captain Shillinglaw is running for Leith, with old Cameron at his back; he will get it, if his political record does not kill him, for Graut says any man who sympathized with Johnson cannot hold any office nnder him.

I cannot write to-day. I feel bothered, my bit bread; however, I'll trust to Him above.

I am your most affectionate friend,

CUNINGHAM.

Mr. Nash will please to deliver to Alex. Clapperton, esq., Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
May 3, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 23d received, with welcome news of my being appointed pension-agent. I am astonished at your not receiving any powers of attorney or applications from Nash or myself. I sent you a package on the 11th of April, with ninety-eight

applications in it, and again on the 16th of April, I sent you another package, with sixteen applications and ten powers of attorney that I received from W. P. Ross. Mr. Nash sent on the 12th of April powers and receipts amounting to over \$2,300. I hope you received them before you left Washington. I hope you are well, and will arrive here safe. Susie and the baby are doing pretty well.

I remain, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

[Private letter.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Pension-Office, Washington, D. C., May 5, 1869.

MY OLD FRIEND: All we folks have been looking for another letter from you; at least Bob thinks every week a month to bring him an answer. I may say, however, I received your last, but you did not say what you thought about the prospects of living out there, and so forth. However, I am just going to say at this time what it may be good for you to know before the old man lands—that is, the judge. He left yesterday for Fort Gibson. Now, what I have to say first is, do you know the little bit of fuss you had with Reed in my house? I told the old man to write that you put him out of my house, and paid his board, because he said that he wished the rebels had killed every Union soldier they caught hold of. This I told to raise you in the eyes of Cameron and that party. It had the desired effect. The old man handled it just like a bell. Poor Reed will be the only man who will suffer. I went yesterday to the Treasury and stated in brief just what passed. I write this in haste to put you on your guard before the old man sees you. The newspapers are this morning full up about your appointment. I'll send you the paper to-morrow. Mr. Ransom has paid nothing yet. We are all well. I just got myself annoyed in the office. I cannot write any more. They want to take the desk from me. I am just going to make a fight over it. Good-bye for the present.

I am your old friend,

BOB.

FORT SMITH, June —, 1869.

Mr. CLAPPERTON: I have purchased a wardrobe, a baby-wagon, and a carpet for Susie, and they will be sent by the next boat. You can deliver the Creek seal to any Creek judge, and take his receipt. I will collect the price of it from the Nation. The boat has whistled, and I hope to get off to-day.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Will you help Susie to cut the carpet so it will fit, both on the room and figures.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT SMITH, June —, 1869.

ALEX. : Will you see if these cases are marked paid? The receipts I have on the P. A. If not so, mark them.

David Tadpole, D, Third Regiment.

Stork ———, I, Second Regiment.

Naked Head, K, Third Regiment.

Henry Dick, C, Third Regiment.

Bull Frog, C, Third Regiment.

Getting Iron, A, Third Regiment.

Cooking Potatoes, H, Second Regiment.

Ker Sti, F, Third Regiment.

Rossin, E, Third Regiment.

James Chambers, L, Third Regiment.

Taylor Hicks, I, Second Regiment.

James Smith, I, Second Regiment.

Sold ———, G, Third Regiment.

Lacy Trumpabout, D, Third Regiment.

George Goo-wee-scot-wee, C, Third Regiment.

Mussells ———, E, Third Regiment.

Still awaiting a boat.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

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Soldiers for whom I have discharges, and I want powers of attorney :

Soldier's name.	Co.	Reg.	Soldier's name.	Co.	Reg.
William Kawkawive.....	I	2d	Tobe.....	K	1st
Felisi First.....	E	2d	Cotu-hay.....	K	1st
John Ranicrow.....	D	2d	Wat-ko-ah-ho-cah.....	K	1st
Thomas Butler.....	D	2d	Con-chah-cah-mi.....	K	1st
Danelegaler Yah.....		2d	Majo.....	K	1st
Marshall John.....	K	1st	Pas-sa.....	K	1st
Jo-cah-som-ga-pa.....	K	1st	Cohn W. Perryman.....	I	1st
Lee-ha-mat-ha-joh.....	H	1st	David Goremon.....	I	1st
Ne-ha-luc-que-chee.....	E	1st	Gas-seh.....	I	1st
Jacky, (no bounty).....	E	1st	Mek-ko-fix-e-co.....	H	1st
Alexander Hawkins.....	C	1st	Nik-cli-gha.....	G	1st
Che-lo-ho-yas ho-ler.....	C	1st	No-kot-fix-e-koh.....	A	1st
Nul-ke-part-ke.....	B	1st	Tick-to-ta-tre.....	A	1st
Wox-se-pas-ja-che.....	B	1st	Ga-ne-clas-th.....	A	1st
Ko-nark-ko geh.....	A	1st	David Anclevim.....	A	1st
Osa-ya-ha-hah.....	A	1st	Tes-ke-hat-ka.....	A	1st
No-los-se-ma-lah.....	A	1st	Ok-you-ha-got.....	A	1st
Pam-affix-e-koh.....	A	1st	Jack-e-la-co-che.....	A	1st
Ne-ha-ya-ho-luh.....	A	1st	Pen-ha-go.....	A	1st
Shawne.....	A	1st	Samp-sou.....	A	1st
Clot-lo-ha-gah.....	A	1st	Os-sog-ffix-se-kot.....	A	1st
Fa-ya-ha-slah.....	A	1st	Kell-ah.....	A	1st
Ar-ge-a-ho-la.....	A	1st	Jack-sey.....	A	1st
Ta-ma-keh.....	A	1st	Ah-hel-la-ffix-e-kox.....	A	1st
Ya-ho-la-ha-goh.....	A	1st	Es-te-pp-bee.....	A	1st
Pen-ne-ma-sah.....	F	1st	Es-ppanc-fix-e-koh.....	A	1st
Ka-pit-cha-ha-jo.....	F	1st	A-tas-ha-got.....	A	1st
War-kap-me-kol.....	F	1st	Co-nep-pe-ma-la.....	A	1st
Wak-se-ho-la-teh.....	A	1st	Mat-teh.....	A	1st
Samuel Bush.....	F	3d	Theadore Geremiah.....	D	3d
Jack Canoe.....	F	3d	Asch Sanday.....	M	3d
Davis Juwerlukey.....	H	3d	Gar-no-ske-ske.....	K	2d
Joe Sparrowhack.....	H	3d	John Keller.....	M	3d
Swimer Christy.....	H	3d	Toneater Mose.....	K	3d
Wilsey.....	A	1st	Jack Downing.....	D	3d
Alexander Woolf.....	K	3d	French McRemise.....	K	3d
John R. Goard.....	I	3d	Oscalo P. Daniel.....	I	3d
William Martin.....	M	3d	Kermi Six-killer.....	L	3d

WASHINGTON, *January 5, 1869.*

DEAR NASH: I send you herewith two lists. One you can pay, the other I still need power of attorney. I have sent it three times to Brown, but have never got it. I received a telegram from Musgrove last night; they were in Saint Louis. I telegraphed for him to come on with Brown. I suppose they will be here to-morrow. I will then place him in the asylum.

If Susie has gone home, Mr. Ross can occupy the house. Take care of Susie. Write often.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

HUMBOLDT, KANSAS, *June 6, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find receipt and power of attorney, as you instruct me, from Mr. Stephens to draw and receipt for additional bounty for C. Frazer.

Colonel desires that you shall pay Mr. Spencer Stephens \$30, and remit balance to him through us.

Yours truly,

THURSTON & CATES.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT,
Fort Gibson.

P. S.—Colonel desires that you should send his discharge to him.

T. & C.

Clapperton will pay the above as desired on production of this and receipt:

"Received from Alexander Clapperton \$30 on the 20th day of August, 1869.
"SPENCER S. STEPHENS."

FORT SMITH, *June 7, 1869.*

DEAR ALEX.: We got here an hour too late for the boat, and I have to wait for the next. As to business, do as I done. Give all persons an equal chance. I shall give Guliger in future some chances at future business. As to your drafts, take care of them and see that the right persons get them. We are both well. I have directed a wardrobe and baby-wagon to be sent to Nash for Susie.

If Guliger desires to see the names on the list so he can spell them correctly let him do so.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

HUMBOLDT, KANSAS, *June 7, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: Tecumseh, of Company C, First Indian, desires us to write you in reference to his additional bounty; says you have his discharge, and you have collected one bounty for him. He will send you necessary power of attorney.

Yours, truly,

THURSTON & CATES.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

These papers were forwarded to me from Gibson. Let one of the men go down. Frazer receipts will do, and my clerk will pay him if forwarded with this note. Campsy had better go, as he has to be identified. I return them all. You can write to Alexander Clapperton at Gibson; he has drafts and money.

HUMBOLDT, KANSAS, *July 5, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I herewith inclose you receipt and power of attorney for Colonel Frazier's bounty and back pay; also letters to Hon. J. W. Wright in regard to Frazier and Tecumseh's claims, with Mr. Wright's answer.

The bearer, Tecumseh, will be able to identify himself and sign receipts, &c.; please pay both in separate drafts to our order, deducting your fees. Designate the respective amounts due each man.

Truly yours,

THURSTON & CATES.

A. CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *June 16, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following-named papers, to wit, applications of—

- Edward Starr, A, Third, Ellen Starr, widow; no discharge.
 - Lewis Woodford, B, First, James D. Woodford, father; no discharge.
 - Philip Daniel, K, Third, Patsey Daniel, widow; no discharge.
 - Walker —, H, Third, Nancy Walker, widow; no discharge.
 - Thomas Stand, A, Third, Abgilabi Stand, widow; no discharge.
 - Thomas Hawkins, E, First, Jane Hawkins, widow; discharge sent.
 - Jack Thompson, A, Second, Nancy Thompson, widow; discharge sent.
 - Ne-hur-rak-kol-fix-se-ko, I, First, Lina, widow; discharge sent.
 - Da-di-sta-ski, F, Second, Lucy Da-di-sta-ski, widow; discharge sent.
 - Adam Doublehead, K, Third, Charlotte Doublehead, widow; discharge sent.
 - William Rock, G, Second, Culster Rock, widow; discharge sent.
 - Jefferson Vann, G, Second, Amanda Vann, widow; discharge sent.
 - Chis-ki-li-ki, C, Second, Linda, mother; discharge sent.
 - Edward Allbones, H, Second, Jenny Allbones, widow; discharge sent.
 - Johnson Young Bird, A, Third, Sarah Young Bird, widow; discharge sent.
- No affidavits, &c., of Mayt Bear Paw for pension. Affidavits of Albert Barnes, &c. Application of Rebecca Morton, (George Morton, L, Fourteenth Kansas,) for bounty,

twenty-nine applications of living men, and twenty-seven applications of widows, &c., for soldiers' bounty who died in the service.

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

MEMORANDUM.

Dirt Seller, G, Third.

Look for Neacher's draft: Joseph K. Perryman.

No draft: Tas-ko-na, En-cah-keh, Reuben Childers, George Tickeater, Gall-catcher, Cla-loc-a-ho-la, Tulsy-har-cho, James Grayson, Moses Jack.

No draft: Aleck Martiu.

No draft: Commry Deer, Benjamin Snell.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *June 16, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following named papers, to wit: Affidavit of Mayt Bear Paw, &c., for pension; application of Albert Barnes for his brother Alexander's back pay; 29 applications of soldiers for bounty; 27 applications of widows for bounty; 15 applications of widows for bounty, whose husbands have died since muster-out, to wit: * Edward Starr, (D,) A, 3; Thomas Hawkius, E, 1st; Jack Thomson, A, 2; * Lewis Woodford, (D,) B, 2; Ne-hur-rak-kol-fix-se-ko, I, 1st; Da-de-sta-ske, F, 2; Adam Double Head, K, 3; William Rock, G, 2; Jefferson Vaun, G, 2; Chis-ki-li-ki, C, 1; * Phillip Daniel, (D,) K, 3; * Walker, (D,) H, 3; * Thomas Stand, (D) A, 3; Edward Allbones, H, 2; Johnson Young Bird, A, 3; Dirt Seller, Company G, 3, called for his draft to-day. I cannot find it. The applications marked with * and D you took the drafts and discharges yourself.

List of drafts sent: Thomas Hawkins, Jack Thomson, De-da-sta-ske, Ne-hur-rak-kal-fix-se-ko, William Rock, Adam Double-head or D. Adam, Jefferson Vaun, Chis-ki-li-ki, Edward Allbones, Johnson Young Bird.

The following list of drafts is for powers of widows whose husbands died since muster-out. Said powers you took with you: Teacher, G, 3; Tulsy-har-che, I, 1; Joseph K. Perryman, I, 1; James Grayson, G, 1; George Tickeater, B, 3; Moss Jack, G, 2; Gall Catcher, D, 3; Ben Snell, H, 3; Cla-loc-a-ho-la, G, 1; Reuben Childress, I, 1. I have no discharges to fit any of these drafts.

Respectfully,

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *June 18, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: Can you tell me anything about the claim of Tul-y-tus-ta-neggee? James, Company E, Third Regiment. I brought his claim with me. I had it corrected and returned. Bear Brown is guardian. I will send your letters of guardianship as soon as I can. Mr. Barnes was inquiring to-day about his horse-claim. Please send all the particulars. The horse was taken from Andrew Nave by order of General Blunt. The certificate of pressure was given to Albert Barnes, and he gave it to you.

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, *June 21, 1869.*

DR. ALEX.: We arrived home safe Saturday. I lost two days at Smith, two more at Little Rock, and spent three days at Cincinnati. I found all right here. I saw Brown to-day, and he appears very well. I think he will go out with Cuthbertson. C. will be ready to go out by the 1st of July, taking two of his children. He would have been removed. I have piles of papers to send you, but it is hot weather and I have no clerk. I will get them off soon. I received yours of June 10 to-day, and will answer soon. I filed your bond to-day all right. I paid \$1 tax. I did not collect the \$15 you loaned Ross. You can get it. Say to Susie, Brown will soon be at home. He is very anxious to go. I think to-morrow he will come home, but he will not go until Cuth-

bertson goes. They will go to Sedalia and purchase two mules and a wagon, and go down by the road. I think you may look for them about 15th of July.

I have not opened half of my letters, and I have a bushel. So be patient.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

N. B.—If there is no post-office at Macky Salt Works, get up a petition for one and send it to me. Get signers down there. Do not let Ross, &c., know it. Recommend Cuthbertson for postmaster.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *June 29, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following papers, viz: Power of attorney from James Huddleston, power of attorney, &c., from Susan Robertson, claim of Deborah Six Killer, widow of Cucklet Six Killer, Company L, Third Regiment, for pension; claim of Lucinda Scarcewater, widow of Alexander Scarcewater, Company A, Third Regiment, for pension; Kellah, Company A, First Indian; William Kisar, Company C, Second Kentucky Volunteers; Wat-k-koh-fix-se-ko, Company A, First Indian, son; Fusha-jo, Company B, First Indian, mother; Ho-meh, Company H, First Indian, father; Alik, Company I, First Indian, mother; Jo-la-fix-eko, Company I, First Indian, widow; William Bird Chopper, Company D, Second Indian, father; Che-chu-nah-tah, Company E, Second Indian; Johnson Springston, Company H, Second Indian, mother; Jack Foreman, Company B, Third Indian, widow; Old John, Company D, Third Indian, mother; Bull Frog, Company D, Third Indian; Jackson Rock, Company L, Third Indian; Cah-no-no, Company B, Second Indian, guardian; Hickory, Company A, Third Indian, guardian; Cheo-he-sa-tah, Company C, Second Indian, guardian; Silas Pigeon, Company B, Third Indian, widow; Whaler, Company D, Second Indian; Large; James Shanhead, Company A, Third Indian; Henry Buffington; Ridge; Jack Watt; Oo-wah-ha-sa-hi, Company B, Second Indian; Squirrel; Judge Butler, Company C, Third Indian; John Deerhead; John Big Side, Company D, Third Indian; Kan-at-ha-jo-van; Alex. Downing; 8 discharge papers; Black Haw; George Smith, Company G, Third Indian; Hinman B. Hoyt, Company H, Third Indian; John Smoke, Company I, Third Indian; John Legg, Company K, Third Indian; Galleh, Company H, First Indian; Eagle, Company B, Second Indian; Ground Hog, Company F, Second Indian, widow; Reed Vaunna, Company G, Second Indian; James Looking On, Company H, Second Indian, guardian.

List of drafts sent: Harry Buffington, Galleh, Joe Coming Deer, William Thornton, Silas Pigeon, Ground Hog, Eagle.

I sent you a power for Coming Deer, and no draft. You will find a draft in the envelope for Joe Coming Deer, Company H, Second Regiment; he is marked paid on my books. I have also sent you the draft of William Thornton. I will send you the power as soon as I get it perfected. I cannot find the drafts for Large and Kan-at-ha-jo. The drafts for Jack Watt and John Deerhead you took with you. I hope the guardian papers will pass muster; if not, return them with instructions. Ross has shown the cloven-foot.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *June 30, 1869.*

DR. ALEX.: Brown and Robert start to-night. In all cases that you have made out, and in all hereafter made, duplicate receipts have to be made and sent to me. Only fill in the fee, \$15, and my name; I will see about the other blanks. Brown and Cuth. will advise with you. Hasten them up. Simon Brown can aid you in getting the claimants. I will answer some matters you write about on to-morrow.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *June 30, 1869.*

ALEX. CLAPPERTON:

Pay Robert Cuthbertson five hundred dollars and ch—

J. W. WRIGHT.

324 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,

To FORT GIBSON POST-OFFICE.

1869.

July 1. To box-rent \$19, third quarter.....	\$0 50
Postage on papers.....	30
Total	<u>80</u>

Received payment.
Paid J. Cunningham.

JULY 6, 1869.

Alex. Clapperton.....	\$310 00
F. H. Nash.....	8,905 65
W. P. Ross.....	15 00
J. W. Wright.....	500 00
B. K. Hayne.....	85 00
Dennis Morrill.....	92 00
Kate Crawler.....	22 35
Silas Thorn.....	85 00
Nul-ki-puk-ke.....	85 00
Total.....	<u>10,100 00</u>

\$310.

DEAR JUDGE: Of the above amount, I expended \$94 coming out here; the balance I will account for at some future time. I received from Nash thirty-seven powers of attorney—\$85, amounts to \$3,145, leaving a balance in your favor with Mr. Nash of \$5,760.65. The \$500 charged to yourself, you received from me at Gibson, and the balance you have receipts for.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, July 6, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I send you a statement of money received and how expended:

\$10,100 received.

EXPENDED.

Alex. Clapperton.....	\$310 00
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Total.....	<u>10,100 00</u>

Of the above amount, \$310, I expended \$94 on my way out here. The balance I will account for at some future time. I received from F. J. Nash thirty-seven powers, at \$85, which amounted to \$5,760.65. The \$500 charged to yourself you received from me at Gibson, and the balance you have received, credit and receipts.

Respectfully,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

MACKAY'S SALT-LICK, CHEROKEE NATION,
July 9, 1869.

To the POSTMASTER GENERAL, *Washington, D. C. :*

DEAR SIR: We, the undersigned, living in and at the vicinity of the salt-works, on the Illinois River, feel the want of a post-office sadly. We have no post-office nearer than Fort Gibson, which is twenty miles distant. The salt-works are immediately on the traveled road to and from Forts Smith and Gibson, and the mail-rider would not have to go out of the way ten steps, and would only be detained on the road long enough to deliver and receive mail.

We therefore earnestly request that a post-office be established at what is known as Mackay's Salt-Lick, and recommend that Robert Cuthbertson, late a soldier in the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers, be appointed postmaster.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *July 9, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I return you two powers, one for Carls Che-hur-uuc-ko, Company E, 1st, corrected; the other for Pin-ne-martler, C, 1st. I cannot see what is wrong with it. Send me word about Polk Adair's case, Company G, 2d. Has it been rejected? William Thompson, Company G, 2d, gave his pension and bounty claim to Major Bowels. He wishes to know if they have been allowed. Young Wolf, Company H, 2d, called for his bounty to-day. It appears to have been paid. Number of receipt, 428.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, *July 9, 1869.*

SIR: I herewith inclose application of Mary Green for payment of pension. I also inclose oath of pensioner. This claim is, as you will observe, for arrears of pension due her while the widow of John Washington, deceased, late private Company E, Fifty-seventh United States Colored Troops, from May 22, 1866, to June 29, 1868. This application was made to Mr. J. B. Jones, former agent, who returned it, stating that he had resigned. In reply to an application for transfer, we received from Pension-Office the inclosed circular.

Please remit to care of

Yours, respectfully,

SEARLE & SCOTT.

Mr. A. CLAPPERTON, P. A.,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *July 14, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: Your son and Robert arrived here all safe. Mr. Nash has talked the salt matter over about Brown. He offered Brown the sole charge of the store at the salt-works, but he refused to go, and there the matter rests. Brown is well, and behaving well, but looks dull and desponding.

I send you three arrears of pay and bounty certificates you left here by mistake, namely: Wilson Poor, Fourteenth Kansas; Shan Cat Huncat, E, Sixteenth Kansas; Buckhart, M, Fourteenth Kansas. I will attend to the new work as fast as possible.

Yours, very truly,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *July 15, 1869.*

SIRS: You will surrender to this office the pension certificate No. 122632, of Mary Green.

Yours, respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON,
Pension-Agent.

Messrs. SEARLE & SCOTT,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

SIR: Inclosed please find pension certificate, as above required.

Very respectfully,

SEARLE & SCOTT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, P. A.,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

JULY 21, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find additional power of attorney of Calvin Frazier for bounty.

Please send draft to us. Also send Frazier's discharge to us.

Yours, truly,

THURSTON & CATES.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Fort Gibson.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, *July 21, 1869.*

DEAR FRIEND CLAPPERTON: I write to say that in letters of guardianship the judge has given to Frog Six Killer he has made a mistake in the name. This is the case of Anna Rail, widow of Jackson Fencer. Her pension certificate is duplicated. I called your attention to it. Six Killer is a good man, and there is no doubt but the letters are intended for the estate of Anna Rail.

In the case of Sarah Going Wolf, Six Killer says that Aaron Going Wolf slipped in by fraud, and drew her money, at the former payment. Sarah is the widow of Johnson Going Wolf. She is remarried, but that does not affect her bounty.

Very truly, yours,

JOHN B. JONES.

P. S.—If you have the names of the children of Anna Rail and Jackson Fencer, give them to Six Killer as on your book, so that he can get new letters with the names all right. I am acquainted with the family, and know that Jackson Fencer was generally known simply as Jackson. I am not surprised at the judge's mistake.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *July 24, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to forward you a package of powers, &c., by mail, and eight drafts of soldiers who have died since muster-out: Pa-pi-la-lo-fu-na, K, First Indian Home Guards; Johnson Lee, K, Third Indian Home Guards; Ema-najo, D, First Indian Home Guards; Ned Cramp, L, Fourteenth Kansas; Sattakee Schoutehee, C, Third Indian Home Guards; Ah-li-sti, (see old book,) G, Second; Beaver Silk, (no heirs,) A, Third Indian Home Guards; Richard Dick, (no heirs,) E, Second Indian Home Guards; all of which I hope will arrive safe, and meet with your approval. I saw Mr. Davis, the Indian agent, the other day; he is making himself very officious about the ——— Oo-po-thlo-ya-ho-la claims. He has written to Mr. Cox, the Secretary of Interior, about them; some of the claimants, Gal-catcher and others, have told him that you forged the powers, and he has taken the matter up. Mr. Nash should have paid those drafts himself; he is afraid of the merchants here talking about him. Give my respects to Mrs. Cuthbertson, and all inquiring friends, and accept of the same yourself. I paid one of the Op-o-tho-ley-a-ho-la claims, "Tassel Nales," and I gave the fee to Nash. I have just received a letter from Robert Cuthbertson, he wants his old lady to come out right away—he says you will fix a day for her to leave. I wrote you a few days what I would like you to do. Get the \$100 and interest from the Savings Bank, give her that, and whatever more she required. I will settle that with you. Would you let me know about Mrs. Thompson's claim; she needs the money badly. Mr. Jones has turned over the books and papers belonging to the Pension-Office; but he is long-winded about turning over the funds.

Send me the name of Ah-li-sti's widow, as I have omitted to enter it on my book. Brown, Susy, and the baby are well.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., July 25, 1870.

SIR: In transmitting to you the inclosed law I deem it not improper to call your attention to the efforts made during the last session of Congress to substitute some other mode of paying pensions for the present system.

This law is the result of this agitation, but is experimental rather than final. Upon its successful operation and popular success depends its continuance. May I invite your earnest efforts to make it successful? Its design is to place the uttermost farthing of the pension in the hands of the pensioner without price, in the most expeditious and safest manner and most economical to the Government.

The next two payments will test it.

Respectfully,

H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner.

A. CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

WASHINGTON, July 30.

MY DEAR SIR: I wish you to send me a list of drafts you now have on hand that the parties have not called for.

2. In registered letters, all receipts you have taken since my return.

I applied for the post-office for Woodward; he can be appointed if a petition is sent for that purpose to me.

You need not feel uneasy about Blunt, the Kansas thieves; I will keep them all right. My family are all well, and I will soon get to work in good earnest, and hope to send you soon many new cases of pensions to pay.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

Copy of letter received from J. W. W. :

August 1869.

ALEX.: In all cases now pending and all hereafter filed the duplicate receipts have to be filed. Have Kiser of the Kentucky Volunteers sign duplicates and send them; also all the cases I herewith send.

Mrs. Thomson's case is allowed and the draft will be issued in a few days.

J. W.

I have paid Mrs. Cuthbertson \$200; this, after crediting you \$100 dollars, leaves you in debt \$100.

J. W. W.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION,
August 4, 1869.

SIR: Herewith please find inclosed my check for \$19,753.80, on the assistant treasurer of the United States, in Saint Louis, Missouri, that being the amount still remaining to my credit, as pension-agent, in the hands of the said assistant treasurer.

You will please sign the proper receipts for this amount and send them to me. Triplicate receipts are required. You will also please send me your signature that I may certify to it, and send it to the assistant treasurer of the United States in Saint Louis.

I have been quite sick of late, and am not well now.

Respectfully,

JOHN B. JONES.
Late Pension-Agent.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON,
Pension-Agent, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

August 7, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Calvin Frazier wishes us to say to you that he has heard nothing from the power of attorney which he sent you to draw money on bounty. He dislikes to have to incur the expense of a trip to Gibson for so small an amount.

Yours, truly,

THURSTON & CATES.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.

WASHINGTON, August 9, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: Yours is received. I am surprised that Nash refused to receive the Opokualo drafts. What would Lipe or Ross do, if they had got them? The great trouble with Nash is, he is afraid of the name of Ross; that the mighty influence of that family scares him out of his natural good sense. The agent wrote here to the Commissioner, and he will get instructions. The fees have to be paid. As soon as he gets a letter, which will be in a few days, and the fees are then refused, send them back to me, in registered letters. If the Jim Mills one is returned, I will have it attached per Cunningham.

I wish Nash to pay \$85 additional to all those for whom I collected on your book, \$200. I send him a list to-day. I shall send him some to pay on old book.

I am all right with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and Secretary of Interior, and all I desire of Nash is to do as he has heretofore done. Old John Ross is dead, and he has no equal in the Ross family.

I sent to Nash powers of attorney for Duin Ross, Tom Gal-catcher and others to sign. If they will not do it, let him say so to me, and I will commence a suit here and soon get it settled.

I hope you have got the money of Mr. Jones before this time. Do your duty according to law. Pay no one except the claimant. When day of payment comes, get Robert to come up and stay with you a week and aid you.

Mrs. Cuthbertson and children will go by Memphis and river to-morrow night. The goods go to-day. She could never stand the stage. I have given her money and letters. On her arrival at Fort Smith I wrote to Mr. Lemigan to get a team if necessary, and send her to Mackky salt-works. Write me confidentially. How is Brown? He has never written a word. My family are all well.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

August 9, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Since having recommended Mr. Woodward for the position of postmaster at this place I have come into the possession of such information that I am desirous of recalling the same immediately. Please give it your immediate attention. Mr. Cunningham has expressed a desire for re-appointment, and has been recommended by all the officers of the post, besides by large numbers of the citizens through the Indian agent.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, August 10, 1869.

MY DEAR SIR: I started Mrs. Cuthbertson to-day by Memphis and Little Rock. She is as well off at Little Rock, if she has no boat, as she would be at Kansas City; but I learn boats are running to Fort Smith. I hope she will get along well. I gave her money and letters, and I have no doubt that if she meets detention she will have friends. Send me all the receipts. All is going on right here. If Mr. Jones has not paid over the money, write to him, and say to him to fix a day; he will do it; and if it is not done, write to the Department.

I wish you would get Brown to write to his mother, and you write me how he is doing. Say to Nash I would like to hear from him. I gave Mrs. Cuthbertson a letter to Mr. ——— at Fort Smith.

I received a letter from Cuthbertson to-day; I think we will make it pay. I will send a list to Nash to pay in a few days. I wrote him about the \$200 more. See that the list is right. I think I omitted Mack Ocla-cle in Company K of First Regiment. See if I did; and if so, pay him. They were paid one bounty. * * Fast as you execute papers forward them. Have Brown or Susie to write, if he will not.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT,

WASHINGTON, *August 11, 1869.*

DEAR SANDY: We were rejoiced to-day to receive a letter from Brown; we will write him to-morrow. The draft you sent me is genuine; there is two words near alike. I will write Rankin. I send you some papers to execute. You soon will want drafts to pay out. In all cases there must be duplicate receipts, and this applies to all cases now pending. All made out by you send; you won't write.

Mrs. Cuthbertson is now on the Mississippi, going to you. All well and all going on well. Have Brown and Nash to write.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *August 12, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to forward the receipts you sent for, with a list of the same. Thirteen receipts I received from Nash; he has charged you with them fourteen drafts. You will find among the drafts one for Blue Car-low-nor-hus-ky, and power of attorney. This is a Lipe draft—\$50 for Ross and \$35 to Lipe. Eight powers corrected, and the list of drafts on hand at this date. I paid Mary McDaniel's O-poth-ley-a-hola claim, \$778.90. Fees, \$77.89. I gave them to Florian H. Nash. William P. Ross told the agent that all the O-poth-ley-a-hola claims were executed in his presence; that the parties did give you power to collect them, and that his name appeared on all the papers as a witness.

List of receipts sent to Judge Wright.

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| 1. Co-no-ha-goh, A, First. | 45. Elijah Miller, E, First. |
| 2. No-kor-ho-peh-seh, A, First. | 46. No-cas-ha-jo, E, First. |
| 3. Ya-hie-ma-seh, A, First. | 47. Tom, E, First. |
| 4. Gok-got-ha-goh, A, First. | 48. Nin-ne-chup-pi-ha-jo, E, First. |
| 5. Fi-he-mit-lat, A, First. | 49. Jo-was-tau-ye, E, First. |
| 6. Ok-gon-ho-pa-geh, A, First. | 50. Co-ha-co-chee, E, First. |
| 7. Kay-ga-fix-e-koh, A, First. | 51. Spa-he-cha, E, First. |
| 8. Arch-a-ho-la, A, First. | 52. Daniel, E, First. |
| 9. Ta-me-ga-chi, A, First. | 53. Es-mi-lee, E, First. |
| 10. Me-it-sah, A, First. | 54. Char-ta-fix-se-ko, E, First. |
| 11. Jo-fix-se-ko, A, First. | 55. Talsey, E, First. |
| 12. Wat-ke-kah, A, First. | 56. So-ha-jo-chu, 1st, F, First. |
| 13. Kay-ger-me-koh, A, First. | 57. John Halsey, F, First. |
| 14. Sa-the-fa-ha-goh, A, First. | 58. Po-se-ah-ho-lu, F, First. |
| 15. Westley, B, First. | 59. So-ha-jo-chu, 2d, F, First. |
| 16. Ah-ha-lok-fix-e-ko, B, First. | 60. Fosh-much-e-ho-la, G, First. |
| 17. Sam Bradley, B, First. | 61. Te-lar, G, First. |
| 18. Co-as-sot-fix-e-ko, B, First. | 62. John-ne-ha, G, First. |
| 19. Ar-shun-ha-jo, C, First. | 63. Ko-no-ha-jo, G, First. |
| 20. Joseph Sugar, C, First. | 64. Wax-se-ha-jo, G, First. |
| 21. Lar-bith-che, C, First. | 65. Tum-ne-mat-lo-chu, G, First. |
| 22. Cum-seh, C, First. | 66. Fix-se-nuk-chee, G, First. |
| 23. Ho-tul-ga-in-ha-luc-co, C, First. | 67. Frank, G, First. |
| 24. Ok-to-gah-che-mik-ko, C, First. | 68. Wat-see, G, First. |
| 25. E-chu-pil-kee, C, First. | 69. Kut-so-fix-se-ko, 1st, G, First. |
| 26. Jacob, C, First. | 70. Hellis-ha-jo, G, First. |
| 27. Barnwell David, C, First. | 71. Ok-John-e-mar-tter, G, First. |
| 28. Jefferson, 2d, C, First. | 72. Mik-e-mat-la, G, First. |
| 29. Silas, C, First. | 73. Kut-e-ma-la, G, First. |
| 30. George Safely, C, First. | 74. Let-te-fix-se-ko, G, First. |
| 31. Simon Wolf, C, First. | 75. Ah-ha-luc-fix-se-ko, G, First. |
| 32. Charley West, C, First. | 76. Ko-or-set-fix-se-co, G, First. |
| 33. Os-sa-hen-ne-ha, C, First. | 77. E-mat-la-Gup-ko, G, First. |
| 34. Joseah Watson, C, First. | 78. Ah-ha-luc-ca-po-la, G, First. |
| 35. Pa-no-se-mar-sah, C, Third. | 79. No-kus-fix-se-ko, 1st, G, First. |
| 36. Chu-fix-sik-koh, C, First. | 80. Lo-chee-fix-se-co, G, First. |
| 37. Spa-hi-gah, C, First. | 81. Ko-ok-ko-ge, G, First. |
| 38. Lo-so-fix-se-ko, C, First. | 82. Tush-ha-jo-ge, G, First. |
| 39. Sim Basset, C, First. | 83. To-bee, G, First. |
| 40. Peter Benner, C, First. | 84. Chis-or-wi-kee, G, First. |
| 41. Ah-hos-tam-kee, E, First. | 85. Jo-la-fix-se-ko, 2d, G, First. |
| 42. Tom-me-ya-ho-la, E, First. | 86. Ote-ko-c-ho-la, 1st, G, First. |
| 43. Soh-poh-nee, E, First. | 87. Sim-a-la-chee, G, First. |
| 44. David Burney, E, First. | 88. Toh-ah-de-ah-ho-la, G, First. |

89. Up-pen-ne, G, First.
90. Jo-me-ko, G, First.
91. Ya-ko-la-chu, G, First.
92. Ab-luc-fox-te-ko, G, First.
93. Thlo-kus-ha-jo, G, First.
94. Sa-ta-ya-hol-la, H, First.
95. Quash McLissh, H, First.
96. Sim-na-keigh-ta, H, First.
97. Shuck-chil-hoe, H, First.
98. Ah-ge-a-holla, H, First.
99. Co-we-ha-joh, H, First.
100. No-co-se-mar-lah, H, First.
101. Tal-has-se-ha-jo, H, First.
102. Go-e-la-ha-joh, H, First.
103. Lar-meh, I, First.
104. Tal-no-tus-fix-se-ko, I, First.
105. John Perryman, I, First.
106. Stick-of-jo-me, I, First.
107. O-che-har-cho, I, First.
108. Me-law-ec, I, First.
109. Watty, I, First.
110. Daniel Grayson, I, First.
111. Tulsey-ya-ho-la, I, First.
112. Tir-dar-kee, I, First.
113. Se-pah, I, First.
114. Sun-o-kee-che, I, First.
115. Salom Lewis, I, First.
116. Ho-tul-ku-ya-so-la, I, First.
117. Henry Grason, I, First.
118. Marshall Marsha, K, First.
119. So-fah-la, K, First.
120. Ju-ta-wa-thla-na, K, First.
121. Ca-pe-co-na, K, First.
122. Pa-cha-na, K, First.
123. Co-co-we, K, First.
124. Con-pe-thla-na, K, First.
125. Tah-na-thla, K, First.
126. Ya-tah-on-na, K, First.
127. Co-toe-ah, K, First.
128. Cah-cah-sem-fah, K, First.
129. Heu-teu-na, K, First.
130. Jon-ne-she-ah, K, First.
131. Co-tu-nay, K, First.
132. Sof-fe-na, K, First.
133. Shar-fah, K, First.
134. Cat-tah-ka-na, K, First.
135. Timothy Barnett, 1st, K, First.
136. Timothy Barnett, 2d, K, First.
137. Peter Porter, K, First.
138. Shar-na-kee, K, First.
139. Charles Brown, K, First.
140. Che-ne-pe-che, K, First.
141. James Peck, A, Second.
142. James Mills, A, Second.
143. Stop Scandy, A, Second.
144. Charley.
145. William Mills, A, Second.
146. Thompson Jessy, A, Second.
147. Kab-skee-no-he, A, Second.
148. Robin Dirt Pot, A, Second.
149. Path Killer, A, Second.
150. John Wa-tus-a-ta, A, Second.
151. Lewis McNair, A, Second.
152. Dave Oste, B, Second.
153. Ste-we, B, Second.
154. We-le-se-ne, B, Second.
155. Danele Wah-Yah, B, Second.
156. Charles Catchee, C, Second.
157. Dick Gah-ga-we, C, Second.
158. Little John, C, Second.
159. Chinobe McCoy, C, Second.
160. Joseph Crittenden, C, Second.
161. Runner, C, Second.
162. Lacey, C, Second.
163. Dick Crittenden, C, Second.
164. Soo-wa-kee, C, Second.
165. Oak Ball, C, Second.
166. Tah-la-sob, C, Second.
167. Coffee, C, Second.
168. Andrew Cordy, C, Second.
169. Jesse Sanders, C, Second.
170. Squa-da-la-chu, C, Second.
171. Anstin Simblin, C, Second.
172. Charles Seabolt, C, Second.
173. Same, C, Second.
174. Moses Wool, C, Second.
175. Cab-no-noh-ski, C, Second.
176. Root, C, Second.
177. William Osgarsenote, C, Second.
178. Arch Christie, C, Second.
179. William Christie, C, Second.
180. Writer, C, Second.
181. Cha-na-nu-ski, G, Second.
182. Lacy, G, Second.
183. James, G, Second.
184. John Downing, G, Second.
185. Jackson Muskrat, G, Second.
186. Johnson Silversmith, G, Second.
187. James Muskrat, H, Second.
188. Mixed Water, H, Second.
189. John Snell, H, Second.
190. Camp Doras, H, Second.
191. Mouse Tincup, H, Second.
192. Nelson Wright, H, Second.
193. Sleep Ganafie, H, Second.
194. George Wate, H, Second.
195. Walker Prince, H, Second.
196. Daniel Muskrat, H, Second.
197. Moses Guess, H, Second.
198. John Wadegos, H, Second.
199. James Wright, H, Second.
200. Chester, I, Second.
201. Thomas Potts, I, Second.
202. Catcher Colatitse, I, Second.
203. Lacy Gahlaunoheske, I, Second.
204. Bat Colster, I, Second.
205. Leach Ridge, I, Second.
206. Welene E. George, I, Second.
207. David Bullfrog, I, Second.
208. James Tincup, H, Second.
209. Aaron Turner, I, Second.
210. Adam Stop, I, Second.
211. Tyer Mouse, I, Second.
212. David Bark, I, Second.
213. Nicholas Holaster, I, Second.
214. Watt Russell, I, Second.
215. Wat Christie, K, Second.
216. Wat-nerder-wer, K, Second.
217. Jerry Jones, K, Second.
218. David Davis, K, Second.
219. Davis Olarsoder, K, Second.
220. Johnson Golaquah, K, Second.
221. Lacy, K, Second.
222. Ska-quah, K, Second.
223. Bird Jones, K, Second.
224. De-gar-che-no-ster, K, Second.
225. De-sar-wo-le-dar, K, Second.
226. Ar-du-chu-che, K, Second.
227. Arch Vann, A, Third.
228. Long Aaron, A, Third.

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| <p>229. John Peter, A, Third.
 230. French, A, Third.
 231. Stool, A, Third.
 232. Gay Thorn, A, Third.
 233. James Glass, A, Third.
 234. Samuel Silk, A, Third.
 235. Little Deer, A, Third.
 236. George Silk, A, Third.
 237. Grape Soup, B, Third.
 238. Tah-nuck-lees-kee, B, Third.
 239. Buck Bushyhead.
 240. Johnson Dick.
 241. George.
 242. Alec Getup, C, Third.
 243. Bill Bird.
 244. Talalah Pan, D, Third.
 245. Watson Saunders.
 246. Spring Frog Sawnee, E, Third.
 247. Jackson, E, Third.
 248. Bohny Humming.
 249. Jess Long.
 250. Daniel.
 251. Bone Eater.
 252. Checkillie.
 253. Charles Silk.
 254. Panther Glass.
 255. Arch Bigfoot.
 256.
 257. Joseph F. Glass.
 258. Jack Marshall.
 259. Rabbit.
 260. Richard Round.
 261. Oo-squa-le-te-tha.
 262. Archilla Foster.
 263. Ceasar.
 264. Oo-yoh-tah-ca.
 265. Joseph Proctor, G, Third.
 266. Johnson Bowlin.
 267. Chicken Chustie.
 268. Despiser.
 269. Waterdown.
 270. Levi Walkingstick.
 271. Big Bullet.</p> | <p>272. Spring Frog.
 273. Pass.
 274. Soldier Tolan.
 275. John Rogers.
 276. Jackson Christie.
 277. Runabout Six, H, Third.
 278. James Six, H, Third.
 279. Broom.
 280. Wiley Field.
 281. Mulberry Tucker.
 282. Eli Tucker.
 283. Boney Raven.
 284. Charles Thomson.
 285. Charles Sholder.
 286. Lequah Tanner.
 287. Runabout Proctor.
 288. Black Fox Snell.
 289. Arch Beamer.
 290. Saturday Vann.
 291. Bark.
 292. Joe Turtle.
 293. Bark Nugin, I, Third.
 294. William Tucker.
 295. Michail Hilderbrand.
 296. Daniel Red Bird.
 297. Charley Poor Bean, K, Third.
 298. Chicken Roost.
 299. Low Talker.
 300. Jackson Killer.
 301. Jackson Brewer.
 302. Tos-ke-ka-shooter.
 303. Feather Louter.
 304. Alex. Lec.
 305. Rabbit Buncher.
 306. Jackson England, L, Third.
 307. Otter Scraper.
 308. Aaron Crittenden.
 309. Nelson Foreman.
 310. Larkin Firekiller.
 311. James Downing, L, Third.
 312. Jim Johnson.
 313. Walkabout Henry
 Total, 312.</p> |
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List of bounties paid by Nash ; receipts sent.

1. Old, I, Third ; Ocho-wa, mother.
2. Moses Brown, B, Second ; Anna Brown.
3. Pa-he-hay-joh, A, First ; Ok-cot-ha-jo, father.
4. Wat-k-ko-fox-se-ko, A, First ; Robert, son.
5. Ge-m-p-p-yah, A, First ; Yah-ye-hol-la-hargo, brother.
6. Little Alexander. C, First ; Jonah, sister.
7. Awe-do-lo-kill, C, Second ; Auley.
8. Sammeh, G, First ; Lizzie, mother.
9. Isaac Perryman, I, First ; Pompey Perryman, brother.
10. Ah-ha-lu-kif-fo-se-koh, A, First ; Car-cher-mic-ko, father.
 Ye-cho-lic-chur, G, First ; Kapa, mother.
 Lit-tif-ha-jo, G, First ; Pittie, widow.
 Allan Lynch, E, Seventy-ninth Kansas Volunteers.

List of drafts sent to J. W. W., August 12.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blne Carlow-noo-has-ky. 2. Shoe Boots. 3. Alex. Love. 4. Fisking Hawk. 5. Tom Cousins. 6. Humming Bird. 7. David Frisley. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Et-cat-ha-jo. 9. Willet Chosley. 10. Tas-ko-nah. 11. Jno. Adams. 12. Scatter. 13. Oh-la-neer. 14. Reader. |
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List of drafts on hand August 10, 1869.

1. Big Belly.
2. Co-ro-fix-e-ko.
3. Co-as-sot-fix-e-ko.
4. Co-chus-fix-e-ko.
5. Charley Choat.
6. Armstrong.
7. A-tas-na-yoh.
8. Ah-luk-has-cho.
9. Wilson Cutsey.
10. Ah-to-yo-hi.
11. Sam Beaverstick.
12. Jumper Blackburn.
13. Billett.
14. Go Back.
15. Mot-a-legg Barnett.
16. Tom Bull.
17. Isaac Bull Frog.
18. Young Beaver.
19. Crying Bear.
20. David Blackburn.
21. Jones Big.
22. Che-yarp-hah.
23. William Catcher.
24. Samuel Croplaw.
25. Carts-che Nast-la-bogu.
26. Ju Copper.
27. Che-qui-yer.
28. Henry Christer.
29. Henry Clay.
30. James Creek.
31. Cha-sa-la-ta.
32. Em-ha-fix-e-ko.
33. John Dyer.
34. Isaac Dick.
35. Robert Downing.
36. Drunkard.
37. Jno Derah daskir.
38. De-co-we-ne.
39. Em-ne-fix-e-co.
40. E-lar-we.
41. Bull Frog.
42. Fro-ke-oa-che-najo.
43. Runabout Fodder.
44. Isaac Fisher.
45. Fish.
46. Fik-se-ki-ha-jo.
47. Fus-se-ki-ya-ha-jo.
48. Jo-fix-se-ko.
49. Jon-neh.
50. Hal-lat-pe-ne-ha-nek-ko.
51. John Hio-stibe.
52. Ho-tub-ke-ho-leh.
53. Gau-wah-chu-yoo-lar.
54. Wilson Gierity.
55. John Grace.
56. Gutter.
57. Jesse Glass.
58. Go-e-ker-ha-go.
59. Gu-lah-stah.
60. Gon-la-go-qna-na.
61. Henderson Grayson.
62. George.
63. Jackson Housebag.
64. He-sah-lah.
65. Ho-lar-tab.
66. David Horn.
67. Hele-shots-gat.
68. Diver Grasshopper.
69. Thomas Horn.
70. Throwing Hair.
71. John Heuson.
72. Harry.
73. I-ma-me.
74. Jo-cah-san-go-pah.
75. Jac Key.
76. Cold-weather Jack.
77. John-neh.
78. John Lewis.
79. Marshall Kelly.
80. Kay-ga-he-mot-teh.
81. En-cat-keh.
82. Alex. Sweet-killer.
83. Water Killer.
84. Keep-pa-che-na-to.
85. Rob-me-ha-jo.
86. Kun-sor-ter.
87. Kas-sah.
88. Jim Kah.
89. Lief.
90. Lee Mok-tu-ho-la.
91. Law-tie.
92. Manshe.
93. Mak-ko-gas-kalo.
94. John McIntosh.
95. Kun-ca-te Manch.
96. Little Hair Big Mush.
97. Rocky Mountain.
98. Mouse.
99. David McGuinn.
100. William Merrill.
101. Jacob Perryman.
102. Pin-no-che.
103. Os-su-ha-jo.
104. No-kus-fix-si-ko, Third.
105. Ne-gar-ever.
106. O-gat-ska-norde.
107. Ole-skai-ni-kar-ne-ter.
108. Oc-te-ah-due.
109. Oo-la-na-ste-ski.
110. Oo-nar-clo-lar.
111. Ok-san-fix-se-ko.
112. Ote-ko-e-ho-la, Second.
113. Paper made August 10, 1869.
114. Passa.
115. Pig.
116. Pen-ha-jo.
117. Tieski Putchett.
118. Henry Paris.
119. Charles Punkin.
120. Towl-li-ja.
121. Tot-ko-bi-kee.
122. Tul-nu-ne-ha-hal-sok-ho.
123. Jack Rabbit.
124. Looney Ratlinjourn.
125. Sol-ya-che-ki.
126. Sun-ke.
127. Thomas Soap.
128. Sen-le-ti-ki.
129. Steel.
130. Samson, First.
131. Sam-se-wa-to.
132. Seneca Squirrel.
133. Jesse Smoke.
134. No-no-chee.
135. Smoke.
136. Digging Swimmer.

137. Swallow Standing.
 138. Wat-sti.
 139. Sha-qu-ana.
 140. Ned Oshe Scawle.
 141. John Swimmer.
 142. Joseph Sanders.
 143. Johnson Sanders.
 144. Louis Spoon.
 145. So-whey-ley.
 146. Span-ne-ma-la.
 147. Too-nah-e.
 148. Te-ya-ste-ski.
 149. David Tucker.
 150. Fus-huch-chee.
 151. Hammer Thrower.
 152. Tom-ma-ha-joh, Second.

153. Te-see-yuh-gah.
 154. Too-qua-tah.
 155. Ya-lah-kan.
 156. Yat-ochu-stoke.
 157. Ya-la-co-quau-na.
 158. James Vann.
 159. Young Wolf.
 160. William Watts.
 161. Steam Walker.
 162. Jesse Wick.
 163. William.
 164. Wot-Ka.
 165. Small Wood.
 166. Wolf.
 167. Oquaniah Wileney.
 168. John Wright.

Powers returned corrected.

1. E-mast-lo-cher, Company C, First Regiment.
 2. Qui-kas-fix-e-co, Company C, First Regiment.
 3. Oak-che-e-mart-ler, Company C, First Regiment.
 4. Archibald Sanders, Company L, Third Regiment.
 5. Tim-mak-te, Company C, First Regiment.
 6. Rufus West, Company E, Second Regiment.
 7. James West, Company E, Second Regiment.
 8. Co wet a ha go, Company C, First Regiment.
- Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *August 14, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following papers, which I hope will meet with your approval:

Fa-ha-jo, 2, Company A, First Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 No-las-se-ma-rah, Company A, First Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Es-tepp-be, Company A, First Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Nik-cli-gah, Company G, First Regiment Indian Home Guards.
 Ema-ha-jo, D, First, Mistully, widow.
 Ko-no-fix-e-ko, E, First, Betsey, widow.
 Tom Cousins, I, First, Jack Cousins, guardian.
 Johnson Muskrat, I, Second, Betsey Muskrat, daughter.
 Alexander Love, I, Second, Ary Love, widow.
 Reader, I, Second, Tah-na, widow.
 Scatter, A, Third, Amy Scatter, widow.
 Humming Bird, A, Third, Henry Hood, guardian.
 David Frisley, C, Third, Sela, mother.
 Sunday, C, Third, Co-da-gar-wch, widow.
 Fishing Hauke, F, Third, Anne, widow.
 Stephen Mose, K, Third, Polly Mose, widow.

A. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, *August 17, 1869.*

SIR: Upon examining the envelopes containiug my returns for the months of October, November, and December, 1868, I find no abstract of payments, and in that for September, 1868, I find only a part of copy that has been returned for not being alphabetically arranged. Please examine your papers, and see if you have not got the abstracts for those months. I think I sent you some, but I do not see why I should have left four abstracts. Please look thoroughly. And get my brother to look his safe and desk, &c. I am in a fix about making out my semi-annual report. The amount is on those abstracts. I have receipts for money, account-current, &c., but the abstracts have been abstracted.

Please also send me six or seven blanks for making out account-current.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

JOHN B. JONES.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, esq.,

Pension-Agent, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *August 18, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following papers, which I hope will meet with your approval:

1. Peter Proctor, F, Third.
2. Washington Clay, F, Third, mother's claim.
3. Henry Clay, F, Third, widow's claim.
4. John Swimmer, K, Third, widow's claim.
5. David McGuinn, G, First, widow's claim.
6. Pigeon, M, Third, widow's claim.
7. Aha-llk-if-fore-ka, A, First, father's claim.
8. Le-hi-lla-theh, A, First, widow's claim.
9. Man-not-tee, C, First, father's claim.
10. Jack, C, First, mother's claim.
11. E-mart-la-ha-jo, C, First, guardian's claim.
12. Pin-ne-martler, C, First, father's claim.
13. Long Sam, D, First, guardian's claim.
14. Let-tif-ha-zo, G, First, widow's claim.
15. Sam-meh, G, First, mother's claim.
16. Pelican, D, Second, guardian's claim.
17. She-paw, D, Second, widow's claim.
18. William Vickers, E, Second, widow's claim.
19. E. George, F, Second, widow's claim.
20. Oo-sar-lar-ner-hec, F, Second, widow's claim.
21. Charles Fleetwood, H, Second, widow's claim.
22. Blue, B, Third, sou's and others' claim.
23. Raft Jay Bird, C, Third, widow's claim.
24. Joseph Hopper, G, Third, mother's claim.
25. Nicholas Hair, I, Third, widow's claim.
26. Worm, I, Third, father's claim.
27. David Otterfield, K, Third, mother's claim.

Drafts sent.

1. Throwing Hair.
2. John Swimmer.

3. Henry Clay.
4. David McGuinn.

1. Jim Mills. O-po-thle-ya-ho-la, draft for \$440, No. 634 Interior warrant, and 560 Treasury of the United States.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *August 19, 1869.*

DEAR SANDY: I send you herewith some cases to rectify. I have filed about one hundred cases. I am not well, but am much better. I will send Nash some cases to pay very soon. I am glad to have your good report of Brown, and hope he will merit it.

In all pension-cases where your September payments will be the first they have received, there is due me from \$10 to \$15 in each case, and Brown can collect it. In cases previously paid I have no fee. You pay all to the applicants. Do not have anything to do with traders. Send on all receipts and claims at least once a week. I suppose Mrs. C. is with you by this time. Nothing new; all well.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

P. S.—All now is on Smith. Do your duty, and you need not fear Blunt.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
August 19, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I received yours of the 9th, and was glad to hear that you and your family were well. I was pleased that you sent Mrs. Cuthbertson by the river. She is not strong and could not stand the journey by land. James Cuthbertson came to Gibson the very day I received your letter informing me that Mrs. C. would leave Washington on the 10th. I hurried him away to the Lick with a letter to his father, informing him of the fact that his wife left Washington on the 10th, and that she would be at Fort Smith soon. Brown, I am sorry to say, is drinking. I have never seen him

very much intoxicated, but every day he is tipping. I cannot see Tom Gallcatcher, but will the first time he comes to Gibson. D. H. Ross said, when I presented the power for his signature, that the parties would be in town soon. He did not refuse to sign the paper, but he did not sign it for all that. I sent you Jim Mills's draft, as requested. Now for a few inquiries: Pigeon, Company H, Third Regiment, says he never received his first bounty. Nicholas B. Sanders, Company E, Second Regiment, wants to know about his case. Have you any more for Juniper Duck, Company B, Third Regiment? Jack Bell, Company K, Third Regiment, was discharged on account of a wound received in action; never received his discharge; he wants to know if his case is good. Henry Clay, Company B, First Regiment, sent me information about this claim. Joddah, Company G, First Regiment, and Joe Kah, First Regiment, called for their drafts; where are they? Te-cum-ska-ska, Company L, Fourteenth Kansas, wants to know something of his case. Wilson John di-yah, Company H, Second Regiment; Ann, the widow, says she received the first bounty; cannot find his name. Mose Otterlifter, Company K, Third Regiment—is this a good case? In the case of Jesse Arnold, Company I, Third Regiment, would you inform me what relation Jean Lessey was to deceased? G. W. Wilson, late a hospital-steward, First Regiment California Cavalry, wishes to know how his case stands. Thomas Sanders, Company M, Third Regiment, Eli Sanders's father—what additional evidence is required to complete his claim for first bounty and back pay? William B. Thornton, Company L, Third Regiment; Mary Ann Thornton, widow, inquires about the back pay.

Does the February 21, 1868, law apply to all widows, or only to those whose husbands have died since muster-out? Can you tell me anything about Wiley Carter's case—Company C, First Kansas Colored Regiment?

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, August 20, 1869.

DEAR SIR: The list of drafts on hand is received. I paid when there some drafts which we could not find. I paid them on your list. Send them to me in a registered letter—to wit, Sunke, Big Billy, So-whey-ley, and Fus-se-ki-pa-go.

You write often but do not answer my questions. In the Opothela matter return a draft as soon as they refuse to take them and I will attack them here. Win. P. Ross got the power of attorney. Do this promptly and at once by registered letter. Notify them of their drafts, and if one word of objection is made say nothing more, but quietly return them here.

I have written for all the claims and receipts to be forwarded, but can get none. Send all you get, and send by each mail all that are completed, and complete all you can. All is well.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, August 25, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: I have received them fifty letters from you to Mrs. Cutlibertson. I open to see there was no contents and destroyed them. I hope she is with you before this time. I am very busy filing claims. Everything here is right. Have patience with your women and obey the law strictly. In cases where my fees have not been collected let Brown get \$10 and no more. The eyes of all the scoundrels in Kansas are on you. Do right and we are all right. Pay the mother of Ground Hog, of Company F, Second Regiment, the money and have her sign the name of Ground Hog.

Do the same with Ko-no-fix-e-ko, of Company E, of First Regiment. I received the receipts and fourteen checks.

I will send Nash a letter to pay to-morrow. All things here look well.

Have Brown write.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
August 27, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have honor to send you the Addle evidence papers, Forms 63, all executed in due form. I hope they will meet with your approval.

James Shavehead, Company A, Third Regiment, and Alex. Downing, Company D,

Third Regiment, I have retained on account of the death of the widows. I made out papers for the children some time ago and sent them to you; also Forms 63 for the same. John Nits is guardian for James Shavehead's children, and Elisha Cockrau is guardian for those of Alex. Dowuing.

I have also retained the Fornis 63 for A-lok-ya-ho-la, Company C, First Regiment; Co-sa-fix-e-co, Company C, First Regiment; Yu-ha-e-mar-rests-cet, Company D, First Regiment; Wild Cat, Company E, First Regiment; Ko-ot-see, Company F, First Regiment; Ned Wicked, Company C, Second Regiment; Water-Hunter, Company B, Third Regiment; Squirrel Lowery, Company F, Third Regiment; Charles Timberleg, Company F, Third Regiment; Ave Vaun, Company F, Third Regiment; Johnson Shade, Company G, Third Regiment; George Dowuing, Company I, Third Regiment; Scunto Dry Head, Company K, Third Regiment; Deer in the Water, Company K, Third Regiment; Ellis Harlin, Company K, Third Regiment; Ca-sa-la-na, Company M, Third Regiment; Steppin Passon, Company M, Third Regiment; Sam Hicks, Company M, Third Regiment.

The foregoing have all been made out and sent to you some time ago; if you have not received them please let me know, and I will make it out again and send them immediately.

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

P. S.—Brown, Susy, and the baby are well. Mrs. C. has arrived at the Salt-Works all safe and well. I have not seen her yet. I am going down to-morrow, Saturday. Will stay till Monday.

A. C.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
August 27, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following papers, which I hope will meet with your approval:

James, Company E, Third Regiment, Bear Brown, guardian.
Joseph Ostilto, Company A, Third Regiment, Nancy Ostilto, widow.
David Canew, Company F, Third Regiment, Cutter Yonce, widow.
Crawler, Company E, Third Regiment, Katy Crawler, daughter.
Fire-back, Company G, Third Regiment, Lucy Fire-back, daughter.
Studd, Company C, Second Regiment, Nancy, daughter.
Oo-cah-sit, Company G, Second Regiment, Gulllooky, mother.
Guy Water, Company B, Third Regiment, Money Taylor, father.
Affidavit of Hicks Crawler—he is one the deserters—and power of Ah-tu-yot-hi, Kate Buckshin, mother, with draft and discharge.

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, August 27, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: I received the draft of Blue-car-laid-noo-his-ky and collected it. You can pay Mr. Lepe \$35, his share of it. I wrote you to pay the widow of Ro-no-fix-e-ko, [paid,] of Company E, First Regiment, and of Ground Hog, of Company F, Second Regiment. Take receipts and send me. Where a widow claims one of the A a, you will take proof she is the widow. Retain the proof, pay her, and take receipt and forward it to me.

I found also the application of the mother of Reed Van, [paid,] Company G, Second Regiment, one of the A a; you can pay her and take receipt, and forward it. I got some receipts of widows for dead soldiers of Ross; if I file them to get new drafts they will be sent to claimants and I will lose them. I wish you would send me blank receipts in the name of soldiers. I think my original power is sufficient to indorse them, and I will do so; but say nothing, and as soon as you send them I will get the money.

They are as follows:

Jackson Marten, M, 3d Regiment.
Oo-lay-wat-tu, B, 2d Regiment.
Ben Blackfoot, M, 3d Regiment.
Young Squirrel, G, 3d Regiment.
Jack Watt, D, 3d Regiment.
Grass, B, 3d Regiment.
Little Hawk, G, 3d Regiment.
Samuel Squirrel, I, 2d Regiment.
Jno. Dearhead, G, 3d Regiment.

Duck Draper, K, 3d Regiment.
John Cloud, C, 3d Regiment.
Hatchet Fisher, M, 3d Regiment.
James Tobacco, I, 2d Regiment.
Runabout Puff, B, 3d Regiment.
Bark Prince, C, 2d Regiment.
Arch Spears, B, 2d Regiment.
Jessey, M, 3d Regiment.

I hold the receipt of the widow in each case, but I fear it will not pass, and if I file them in Second Auditor I may lose them; so forward me seventeen receipts. Write no name on them but yours, as witness.

I have filed two cases—Peanok, of Company C, First, and Sunday, of Company C, Third Regiment—both in Second Auditor's Office, and I fear we will lose them. I shall file no more of the cases Ross passed to me, but will hold just as they are. I have mislaid the list of drafts you sent me. Have you a draft for Jackson Housburg, or Walter Henter, or Samuel Hine? If you have, send them in registered letter, as they are a part of those passed by Ross to me, and I have not got them. I have a good clerk; am in good health and work hard. I have all the cases filed and will soon begin to grind them out. Do all you can to keep Brown in a proper course. Counsel and advise if he gets wrong; go home with him and stay until you can get him right. I will write to Nash to-morrow and direct certain payments to be made.

If Brown collects fees in pension-cases, tell him pay Nash what he does not need. Write often. Send all claims and receipts once a week.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

The \$500 that Ross paid you was for Saint Louis creditors, or for me, or for both.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

August 29, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 20th instant just received. I am surprised that you have not received those receipts. I sent them in a registered letter on the 12th instant. I hope you have received them long ago. I also sent you, on the 18th instant, another package, containing twenty-seven powers and four drafts, one for Throwing Hair, John Swimmer, Henry Clay, and David McQuinn; also Jim Mills; Opothleyu-ho-lu draft and five Opothleya-hi-la receipts, and six Form 63; also two packages on the 27th; one of them contained a power for Ah-tah-yok-hi, Kate Buckskin, mother, with draft and discharge. I hope you received the draft for Cart-chi-hart-le-boyer, Fastu, mother, with the power and discharge. I send you all the powers as soon as possible. I have none on hand at the present time but a few that you sent with Mr. Cuthbertson for correction. I will attend to your instructions to the letter about the Opothleya-hola claims. The draft for Juuke, &c., I will send you as soon as I return from the Salt Works. This Sunday night, and I cannot get to Mr. Nash's safe, or you would receive them with this letter.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, August 30, '69.

Dr. RETETH & NASH:

I received yours, in which each of you state that Brown has been tippling, but not drunk. I am glad of the information. Do all you can to sober him. Try and see who furnish him with liquor, and cause their arrest. I fear the butcher is the principal, and one of Nash's clerks boasted of the amount he had furnished Brown. Let them know, if I can get the proof, I will go to Van Buren myself and prosecute them, and land them in the penitentiary. Say to all that the cattle and his household furniture is Susee; it shall not and will pay no + except to Mr. Nash for him. Mr. Nash can furnish all that is necessary for his family. I have a long business letter I send to-day. Things here are all right. I wish to get the P. A. signed I sent for D. H. Ross and others to sign. There is a widow to sign one with Ross-y. Ross will sign it and write a note to the woman to do it. You can have Mr. Boudere or some other officer to go and get her to sign it, and the same with Gal Catcher, and send them to me. I wish to get it closed up. I write about money them to-day.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, August 30, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: I am glad Brown is with you in the office; he can be useful, and I will pay him if he stays with you and *does right*. Pigeon, Company H, of First Regiment, received his first bounty. Rec. No. 733. I have got nothing for Jumper Duck, B, Third Regiment; cannot find I have any claim.

Icee K. Bell, Company K, discharged, and got no discharge. You can take his affidavit setting out all the facts, and two disinterested witnesses, and send them on.

Henry Clay, Company B, First Regiment. I have no such man in that company. I have several in other companies—Joe Cluh and Joe Kah. I have no such drafts. You most likely paid them out to some man of similar name. I have a draft left for them, but not exactly in that name.

Te-cum-ska-ska, Company L, Fourteenth Kansas. No such man on my book. There is Tas-cum-se-ca, Company M, Fourteenth Kenn., and draft sent July 25, A. D. 1868, to Mr. Nelson John de yah. Said to get first bounty by widow. Anne-I Ku-nothing. She has the name wrong. Muse Otterlifter, Company K, Third Regiment; no such man. It is Duned Jesse Arnold, Company I, Third Regiment. Claimant is widow. G. W. Wilson has Steward claim for long time. I will inquire. Thomas Sanders's claim, I think, will come out right soon.

William B. Thornton, Company L, Third Regiment. The back pay was paid to Cook, of Indian affairs, \$81.19 cents, and by him paid Davis, late agent. I have no doubt the money was stolen. However, lay the case before the agent, and he can write to the office here. Inquire of Guleger about it. The law of February 21, 1868, I think, applies to all widows. I know nothing Wiley Carter, Company C, First Kansas Cavalry.

I hope you and Brown will get along well. We are all well, and nothing new.

I have filed all the new cases for A. B. on hand. Get up the balance, and send them on.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

N. B.—If Dan Ross will sign that Apotheala, P. A., and give a letter to the Indian woman to sign them here, Dan Hick Baudenot or some officer to go after her to sign it. Get Galcatcher to sign the P. A., or, if he refuses, return it to me; but go at him easy, and get it if possible.

J. W. W.

WASHINGTON, *September 3, 1869.*

DEAR SANDY: I have many things to say to you, but have little time. I go to Worcester, Massachusetts, with Pratt to school, and shall be gone a few days. I will then write at full length. All is well here. Old Blunt is played out, and I am No. 1. Keep cool; say nothing; have patience with the women. In the Eli Gauder's case have a new application made, and have the mother join, or, if she is dead, state time and place of death. Also, that said soldier had no wife or child, and two witnesses.

I have sent you a lot of blanks from Second Auditor's office. Do not use one form for another claimant. Such as widows' blanks for father; it will not do.

I hope Brown will ——— you; he can do it well.

We are all well, and all things are right.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *September 6, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have sent you, as directed, five drafts, viz, Lunke, Jackson Housebug, Sowhey ley, Tussekigahajo, and Big Billy; also, Opothleyahola receipt Franklin Gritts for \$384.42. Mr. Nash has given you credit for \$38.44, your fee. Also, thirteen receipts, to wit: Kun-sar-tee, I, First; Oc-te-ah-dree, I, First; Ah tasha goh, A, First; Chee-sa-le-ta, D, Second; Wilson Artsey, C, Third; Louis Spoon, F, Second; George Grayson, D, First; Oa-la-na-stiski, G, Second; York McGilbra, D, First. Two bounties, Tow-li-gi, C, First; Co ar sart fixe ko, C, First; Kos sah, I, First; John Dyer, D, First; also, seventeen blank receipts as requested. I have not a draft for Water Hunter or Sam Hicks. I will pay the A's as directed. I am glad you have a good clerk. What about Moodie? The \$500 I received from Ross I gave him a receipt on account. I will see him to-morrow and let you know how he wishes it disposed of.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *September 11, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I send you some receipts and drafts which I hope will arrive safe, viz, receipts of Mary Musgrove, mother of Lewis Downing, Company M, Third Regiment; Sally ———, widow of Nomar, Company C, First Regiment. Mr. Nash has charged you with \$366.39, the amount which they represent; also receipts of Tisleh, Company

H, First Regiment, \$85; Reed Vann, Company G, Second Regiment, \$85; Johu-neh, Company D, First Regiment, 85; Po-no-che. \$85; Tul-wa-ne-ha rok, \$85; Jon-neh, \$85; Hal-lat-pe-ne-la-ruk-ko, Company H, First Regiment, \$85.

Mr. Nash has given you credit for the fees, \$15 in each case, except Reed Vann's, which is an *A a*. Harry, Company F, Second Regiment, owed his whole amount to Ross & Co. I took his receipt, and have sent it and the draft to you. I mentioned this in my last letter.

List of drafts sent: Havny, Ima-mne, Rob Downing, Co-so-fix-e-ko, Small Wood, Henderson Grayson, Lee-mok-tee-ho-la, Passa, Pen-haji, Cold Weather Jack, William Merrill, Oo-nar-cla-lar, Swallow Standig, John Wright, Isaac Dick, John McClutosh, Lawtee, Hammer Thrower, Jesse Glass, Isaac Fisher no heirs. I also send you three additional evidence papers to complete the claim of Robert Grayson, Company D, First Regiment; Johnson Terripiu, Company K, Third Regiment; Jack Woodward, Company E, Second Regiment.

I have a good many applications for widows, &c., for bounty nearly ready; they only require the clerk's signature. Brown has done very well this week. I hope it will last. The pensions come in very slow. I have paid out this week \$2,145.87 to invalids and widows.

I have just received a letter from Robert; he is better. James has the fever, the others are well. Brown, Susy, and the baby are in good health.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, September 13, 1869.

DEAR SIR: On my return from Canada I found several cases from you, and I have been busy all day filing them. The voucher No. 63, for John L. Shannon, will not do, as Barnes signed it as attorney. Let him sign it John L. Shannon, no more. Return it to me and it will be right. Sign duplicates. I hope many cases will be out and paid this month.

We are well. I hope you will get along well with your pensions. Bluut and McKee are played out; but they will do all they can against you and me. So be kind and careful.

Say to Brown, if him and Susee will not write soon we will send out and take the baby from them. Susee promised it to me. Say to Nash to-morrow I will send money to St. Louis for him. Say to Cuthbertson, I will write him to-morrow. Kiss the baby for me.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, September 13, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: I have received the applications of the mother of Reed Vann, [paid,] Company G, Second Regiment, and of Washington Clay, of Company F, Third Regiment; also of widow of Che-ma-que, [paid,] Company D, Third Regiment, these are *A a*; have Mr. Nash pay them, and take receipts in soldiers' name. I directed him heretofore to pay some of these. See that they are not paid twice, and send receipts. There is but one bounty in each case; pay \$85. Make out the inclosed on proper blanks; if you have none, hold them, and write to me and I will send them. I think you must have plenty. A minor child is the only one entitled to bounty. So the daughter is of age she cannot get it. All children must get it by guardian; and in all cases of guardian hereafter have Bondiut certify the letter of guardianship is genuine, and the handwriting that of the judge.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, September 14, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: I send you herewith the draft of Mrs. Thompson and a certificate of amount I had to pay to an assistant. You will return that amount out of the draft at all events, and may retain for me 8 per cent. more, or 33 per cent. of the whole sum; but if she complains only charge the 25 per cent. I have to pay. Old Willy is allowed \$90, and I will have his draft in a few days. Nash can trade for \$60. All things is going on well here; very busy. I applied for post-office at Mackeys' Salt Works, and will get it.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

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FORT GIBSON, ARKANSAS, *September 16, 1869.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your check No. 13, dated Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, September 9, 1869, on assistant treasurer United States, Saint Louis, Missouri, for \$201.87, payable to Mary Green or order. I herewith inclose, as desired, 40 cents, your fees.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

her
MARY + GREEN.
mark.

Attest: T. G. SCOTT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *September 17, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: Inclosed find a few more applications, which I hope will meet with your approval. Mr. Nash is going to get the office. I am taken down, and will be minus an office; now the pension agency is a small matter compared with your business. I can pay all the pensions in my own room at Mr. Benges, or at any other place where I may board, but I require an office for making out claims, and I am not inclined to pay a dollar for that purpose and do all the work besides. An office must be furnished me for your work; likewise fuel.

Very respectfully,

A. C.

Hon. Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
September 17, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the receipts of the week, viz:

Tulsa-ya-ho-la, Company A, First Regiment, In-char-we, sister; Doctor, Company G, Third Regiment, Nelly Doctor, widow; Lucy Simmones, Company H, Second Regiment, Nanny.

Mr. Nash has charged you with \$176 77, the amount paid by him. Also, Armstrong, Company A, First Regiment; Edmund Butler, Company I, First Regiment; William Catcher, Company C, Second Regiment; Ole-skar-ne-kar-ner, Company K, Second Regiment; Ne-gar-we, Company K, Second Regiment.

Brown has not been able to do anything this week. Susy and the baby are well.

I will send you the applications as I get them perfected. I wish Brown would help me with the pension applications. Send on Forms 63 as fast as possible. I have paid out to pensioners \$3,877 33; they come in slow; give my respects to all the members of your family.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
September 18, 1869.

GENTS: Inclosed find check for \$55 to Calvin Fraser; make him sign the receipt I have sent, as neither the power of attorney nor receipt that you have sent me agrees with my book. I have paid, according to your instructions, \$30 to Spencer Stevens, acknowledging the receipt of check, and send the receipt as requested.

Very respectfully,

ALEX'R CLAPPERTON.

Messrs. THURSTON & CATES,
Humboldt, Allen County, Kansas.

WASHINGTON, *September 18, 1869.*

DEAR SANDY: I sent you some of No. 63 yesterday; do not make any over again after once done. Where a woman marries you can pay the pension to the day she marries. Where she dies before drawing the pension, having numerous children, do not pay, but make out claim, setting out the facts; death of mother, name, age, &c., of children, appointment of guardian, and send it to me with letters of guardianship and the old certificate; I will then get order to pay.

In all cases possible answer the objections to cases now pending. I have employed

Morgan to assist me, and he will write to you. Blunt can do me or you no harm; but through Simon and Nero find out what they are about. Look after Colouel Dunn.

I hope Robert is got well; I have stroug faith that he will make it wiu. We are hard at work on your complete call-book, and when you get it you will know exactly what to do. I think we will get it done this week.

We are all well. Say to Brown to write; I hear from you, Nash, and Ross that he is well and doing well.

Keep straight along; there is to be great changes in your country soon, and we will profit by them.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *September 19, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I understand that General Blunt and others will endeavor to get the Creek national council to say or do something about me at its next session.

I can hardly think they could be such fools. I have nothing to do with the council, and they nothing to do with me. I was employed by the soldiers, and alone accountable to them, and if the council will do anything they will find that it is a game two can play at, and if they come out second best they can only blame themselves. I will auswer the soldier or the United States agent any question they ask, and pay all coming to any one of them; but to Blunt or his agent I will do nothing.

The interference of Colonel Dunn prevented me collecting \$20,000 for Creek children, which is now lost. I sent about a month since to Mr. Nash a list of all coming to any one in the First Regiment, and he will pay it to the claimants if applied for, but to no one else—neither Blunt, Dunn, or any other person. I paid Colouel Dunn \$20,000 to pay the Creeks. How it was paid I do not know. He returned me the receipts. If not paid, and evidence is sent to me, I will have it paid. I am ready, willing, and able to pay the last cent due an Indian; but if the council or any man attacks me and stands by Blount, I will attack them, and do all I can. I hope you will see that there is no cause for trouble. If it had not been for me no bounty would have been had, and you know it.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *September 19, 1869.*

DEAR SANDY: I send you herewith a letter you can read to Simon Brown, Nero, and Perryman, and other Creeks. I have no doubt Blount and his friends will try and get them to do something against me. Find out who are the council, and how many of them were rebels in the war. I am all right here, and Blunt and his crew are used up. All they can do is to injure me. If I was dead it could not profit them. I sent Nash list of the last cent I owe the Indians, and wish them all paid by the 1st of December. I will then give Blunt the devil. How is J. W. Duun? You had better get Simon Brown to get some of the Indians Dunn paid to make affidavit of how they were paid. I paid him \$20,000 in cash, and I was told he denied it, and paid them in goods. Get all the evidence you can *secretly*. Your agency is not played out, and will not be. The rule only applies to agents here and attorney. I send all claims to the Indian Office, and we get along very well. Do your duty according to law, and all will be right.

As to the questions in the Pension Office, you had better write for information. I will ask now, and answer to-morrow. We are making out a complete claim-book for you, and will send it in a few days. You will then know what cases are yet to make out. Read this letter to Brown, Nero, and others, and let them take it. If the council joins Blunt I will give them the devil here. Kiss the babe for me.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

I have received the registered letter.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, *September 21, 1869.*

SIR: I write to inform you that I overpaid Jeuny, widow of Cla-cla-ya-ho-la, private, Company E, First Regiment Indian Home Guards. I made out her application for arrears, and she has a new certificate. If my memory serves me right, you take no account of this in your returns. I think the mistake was discovered before the papers were started, and that no mistake appears on them; but I could not get my money back. Still, you might examine. The woman, however, will remember that she owes

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me. Please render Simou Brown whatever facilities he may require for collecting this.
The amount is \$52.53.

Very truly, yours,

JOHN B. JONES,
Late Pension-Agent.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Pension-Agent, Fort Gibson.

WASHINGTON, *September 23, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: We have Form No. 63 in the following cases, but have no application in either of them. I wish you would make out and forward the necessary application in each case; hereafter, in making out applications or signing blank No. 63, have them come together, unless specially ordered otherwise. The following is the list for which we want new applications, to wit:

Dick Matier, Company F, Third Regiment,
Tom Su-wa-ke, Company C, Third Regiment.
Jim Tobacco Pouch, Company C, Third Regiment.
Jack Foreman, Company B, Third Regiment.
Samuel Henry, Company D, Third Regiment.
Lifter, Company D, Third Regiment.
Charles Bearpaw, Company A, Third Regiment.
Ridge, Company A, Third Regiment.
John Legg, Company K, Third Regiment.
Eater Elijah, Company G, Second Regiment.
Ned Cummings, Company L, Third Regiment.
Judge Butler, Company C, Third Regiment.
Fire Back, Company G, Third Regiment.
Osa Dragger, Company L, Third Regiment.
Poor Boy, Company L, Third Regiment.
Da-de-sta-ski, Company F, Second Regiment.
James Beavertail, Company M, Third Regiment.
Eli Long, Company L, Third Regiment.
George Hicks, Company K, Third Regiment.
Doctor, Company G, Third Regiment.

We have No. 63; in the following cases have no application; in each of these a new guardian is appointed. You have to send a certificate of the judge making the appointment of the new guardian, and testifying that the old guardian is dead or removed, to wit:

Sent guardian papers: Hicory, Company A, Third Regiment; Johnson Lee, Company K, Third Regiment.

Sent guardian papers: George Weaver, Company C, Third Regiment.

In the case of James Shavehead, Company A, Third Regiment, first bounty was drawn by the widow; have No. 63 signed by guardian; papers have been sent. We must have letters of guardianship, and proof of the death of the widow. In the case of Kah-yer-skin, Company D, Third Regiment, his father drew the bounty—63 is now signed by mother. She must make an application, alleging the death of the father, setting out the time of his death.

[Not signed by any one.]

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *September 25, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you three receipts for bounty which I paid, to wit:

Su-wa-chee, Company K, Second, \$85; Ko-no-fox-e-ko, E, First, \$85; Chur-mur-que, D, Third, \$85. Also fifteen receipts for bounty, &c., paid by Nash:
Tom Corn Silk, F, Second; Peggy Corn Silk, \$37.67.
Sam Hicks, M, Third; Rachel Hicks, \$42.19.
Jack Hawkins, G, First; Lizzie, \$29.27.
Moses Swinger, I, Third; Auna Swinger, \$46.07.
Ben Saunders, G, Third; Nancy Saunders, \$24.99.
Big Feather Tyler, F, Third; Ona Big Feather, \$186.43.
Pig Mike, H, Third; Darkey, \$19.89.
Te-ha-bla-theh, A, First; Le-wah-hok-te, \$49.53.
Samuel Walking Stick, I, Third; Betsy Walking Stick, \$29.16.
Eli Long, L, Third; Nakey Long, \$44.20.
Wm. English, F, First; Simon Brown, \$156.44.
A-hun-chee, F, Second; Osi Saunders, \$42.58.
Worm, I, Third; Thomas Wilson, \$47.26.

To-se-ka-ya-ha-goh, H, First; Emarthla, \$79.24.

Ne-or-ha-goh; Ken-soh, \$55.84.

Also two drafts, John Henson and Jno. Derahdaskie.

The applications are made out, and only require the signature of the judge. I have many others in the same fix. Mrs. Thomson called yesterday for her draft; she demurs at paying more than 10 per centum for collection. Mr. Baldwin called at the office this morning; he is full of business, but he does not know how to do it; I suppose Robert Johnston has something to do in the matter. I have been very busy paying pensions. Brown is better; he has had chills and fever.

Susey and her fat boy are in good health. Send me some forms 63 immediately.

D. H. Ross has returned. I will attend to the Opothleyahola paper on Monday. Tom Gallcatcher refused to sign his paper. I have just received a letter from Robert; they are all sick.

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, September 27, 1869.

DEAR SIR: In the case Kan-at-ka-go, H, of the First Regiment, I cannot find the draft; have you got it? I wish you to send me a new application of the guardian of the child of Tom Cousins; you must set out in the application an affidavit that Cousins's wife had abandoned the support of her family. In the case of Long Sam, Company D, of the First, objections answered. The first bounty was drawn by his father, having proved that there was no child; it is now claimed by the guardian of a child; how is this?

In the case of Ka-yer-skin-he, Company D, Third Regiment, we have Form No. 63, signed by his mother Anne; we want an application; the first bounty was drawn by his father; what has become of him? In the following cases we have Form No. 63, but have no applications; please make applications and forward them, to wit:

Johnson Terrapiu, Company C, Third Regiment.

John Legg, Company K, Third Regiment.

Henry Buffington, Company D, Third Regiment.

Doctor —, Company G, Third Regiment.

George Hicks, Company K, Third Regiment.

Eli Long, Company L, Third Regiment.

James Beavertail, Company M, Third Regiment.

Osa Dragger, Company L, Third Regiment.

Ned Looking-out, Company L, Third Regiment.

Ned Cummings, Company L, Third Regiment.

Judge Butler, Company C, Third Regiment.

Additional bounty is only paid to wife, minor child, father, or mother; there is no use in making claims for children who are of age. I wish an application in the case of Charles Bearpaw, A, of the Third Regiment, and Ridge, A, of the Third, and Samuel Henry, D, of the Third, Lifter, D, of the Third, Jim Tobacco Pouch, C, of the Third, Tom Suwakee, C, Third, Johnson Lee, K, of the Third; and in case letters of guardianship, James Shavehead, an application by guardian setting out death or abandonment by widow; and letters of guardianship, Jack Foreman, B, of the Third, application wanting; also for Dick Matier. In all these cases we have Forms No. 63. I will send you to-morrow by mail a complete case-book, which is alone for your eye and for no other one. It is to enable you to make out claims.

Where the first bounty was refused because no law for guardians, or where J. W. D. was guardian, if no bounty is collected, make out papers for August; it carries both bounties. In other cases, where J. W. D. has been paid, get new guardian and letters of guardianship, and file for the addition. The cases in the First and Second Regiments I will send you to-morrow. All is right here; I have now filed above three hundred cases since I came home. I return you a paper now; I do not know why it was sent; if it is an application, it is not good.

Nothing new, and all well. Have Brown to write.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, September 28, 1869.

DEAR SIR: We sent you on yesterday a complete record-book, and a letter containing objections in the Third Regiment. We now send others, to wit, Tel-no-chns-mic-co, guardian of No-kas-fix-e-koh. Send an application for the first bounty; also, letters of

guardianship from same Creek judge, under the seal of the court, and do so in all cases, where on the complete record-book, it is marked, "No law for the appointment of guardians." In the above case we have Form "No. 63."

In the case of Molly, guardian of Pan-hats-yo, No. 2, E, of the First Regiment, we have Form No. 63, and letters of guardianship; a new application is wanting; set out time and place of the mother's death; also the reason why Sampson Grayson, who drew the first bounty as guardian, does not now draw it. We sent before to you for new applications the following cases, which if you had not sent, you will send as soon as possible: West Beamer, Company A, Second Regiment; Johnson Muskrat, Company I, Second Regiment; Studd, Company C, Second Regiment.

Of the above cases we have Form No. 63. You have sent me a mother's application Form 63, for Oo-cah-sit, G, of the Second. I can fix no such soldier on the rolls, where did you get the case? We have Form 63 in the foregoing cases, and applications are wanting.

Poor Boy, Company L, of the Third Regiment; Da-de-sta-ske, of the Second Regiment; Young Wolf, K, of the Second Regiment; Charles Willett, Company K, of the Second Regiment; Jack Woodward, of the Second Regiment; George Starr, Company K, of the Second Regiment.

In the case of Lewis Bowers, sergeant major of the Second Regiment, is again suspended for his discharge. I never had it. If he can make a claim as lost discharge, make it out and forward it. In the case of Easter Elijah, G, of the Second Regiment, William Thornton, E, of the Second Regiment, we have Form 63; but want applications in each case. In the following cases we have applications, but want Form 63, to wit:

William Rock, Company G, Second Regiment; Willie Charly, Company K, Second Regiment; Jack Thompson, Company A, Second Regiment; Will Daniel, Company B, Second Regiment; Lewis Wofford, Company B, Second Regiment.

The above furnishes all the cases we have had on hand where the cases are imperfect. By studying the complete record-book I sent yesterday, you can tell what cases to make out; that book is not to pay by or to govern in anything except to enable you to make out names, and is for *your eye* alone. In the amount paid is my fees, and it is not to govern in pay. Mr. Nash will make payments. All well and all right. I paid postage on the book as required here by the postmaster. Do not let them charge you any more; say to Brown and Susee to write.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *September 29, 1869.*

SIR: In your letter of the 18th instant, was a receipt of "William Catcher," Company C, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. We have a previous receipt of "Bill Katcher," Company C, Third Regiment, attested by R. T. Hanks, and Alex. Clapperton, No. 552, in full for additional bounty due him. How has this occurred?

Respectfully,

J. W. WRIGHT,
By N. HAYDEN.

Mr. ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, *September 29, 1869.*

DEAR SANDY: Yours of September 18 is received and contents rec—. As to the \$300 to Mackey, Nash has the contract and will file my part of it. I think the amount I was to pay McKey was to be expended on the works by Robert, or if expended by McKey before Robert's arrival, was to be paid to whom due; but see the contract, and Mr. Nash will execute it for me to the letter.

You say Brown is sick, which I suppose means drunk. Say to him that if he does not stop it he will be again crazy by the 1st of December—kill himself for his family or go to the asylum for life. If he likes the bottle better than his boy, I cannot help it. Tell Susee to scalp any one that furnishes him liquor, and I will protect her. I have done all I can for Brown, and if he will do as he has done I cannot help it. Give him no money and no credit, except for the necessaries of his wife and child. Everything is going on well. Your forms are generally correct. In Form A 20 you state the time and place of soldiers' death correctly. State that the said ———— "died as above stated;" this is unnecessary to be repeated; the first is sufficient; the second above is only surplusage. In the affidavit of witness add to the averment of knowledge by "residing in the same neighborhood for ten or five years." Your forms generally are very good. With each application at the same time send Form 63. I will send you some more blanks soon. Do all you can to reform Brown.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

I find No. 63 Form, but no application. Send it.

WASHINGTON, *September 30, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I wrote you on yesterday for several applications, among which was Reed Vaun, G, of the Second. This you need not make out, as it is an *a a* case and you will have it paid.

I return you an application of the mother of Teacher. This you will cause to be made out on a proper blank and return to me. I received Form No. 63, in the case of Joseph Butler, Company C, of the Third, on yesterday. I can find no application. You must send me one. I sent you the complete record-book—for your eye alone; but I wish to say to you that almost all of the back pay in the Third Regiment I paid to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and if any one claims back pay as not paid take it down and write to me about it. I desire to make the office pay the money. There is nothing new. I have all the cases now on hand filed, and shall now hurry them through.

Drafts will be sent to you—\$25 for each claimant and my fees paid here. I wish you would sober Brown. Tie him to his bed if you can do nothing else. Say to him Humphry Tabur, of Logan, died in a drunken spree, and if he will drink, a grave or the asylum for life will be his lot. Love to Susee and the boy, and say to Brown to reform.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

TALLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, *September 30, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I see by a note from Mr. Sanders that you have difficulty because there is no certificate payable to Stephen David, guardian. I take the liberty of saying that such a certificate is not necessary, but the judge or clerk must certify that Stephen David is guardian, at each payment. You will find on the blanks a form for it. I think it is on the blank for Aug. Ward. I paid him twice, and the papers passed all right, and I heard no complaint.

Very truly, &c.,

JOHN B. JONES.

Mr. ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *September 30, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you some additional evidence. I have not seen Baudinot to sign the powers. This is court week. He may be here on Saturday. Tom Bear, E, First, has traded all his bounty with Ross. I will get him to sign a receipt and send it to you. It is an *aa*. I received your two letters dated September 19. I read them to Simon Brown. I will do all I can to get the affidavits you call for. I am very sorry to grieve you in any of my letters, but I am bound to let you know everything that takes place here. You express a hope that I will see that there is no cause for trouble. On my part there is none. I get along first-rate with the claimants, and also with the pensioners. I have a good word for them all. Brown has not got rid of his chills yet. I kissed your fat Bob for you—he is getting handsomer every day. Give my respects to all inquiring friends, and accept of the same yourself.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *October 1, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 24th September just received, in which you state that you have Forms 63 for the following cases, and no applications:

Dick Martin, F, Third.

Tom Su-wa-ke, C, Third.

Jim Tobacco Pouch, C, Third.

Jack Foreman, B, Third. Application sent June 29.

Samuel Henry, D, Third.

Lifter, D, Third.

Charles Bear Paw, A, Third.

Ridge, A, Third. Application sent June 29.

George Starr, K, Second.

Henry Buffington, D, Third. Application sent June 29.

John Legg, K, Third. Application sent June 29.

Ned Cummings, L, Third.

Reed Vann, G, Second. Paid. *aa*.

Studd, C, Second. This is a daughter claim.

Johnston Muskrat, I, Second. I have here for correction.

West Beamer, A, Second.

Judge Butler, C, Third. Application sent June 29.

Fire Back, G, Third. Daughter nineteen years old.

Chis-ki-li-ki, C, First. Application sent June 16.

Osa Drayer, L, Third.

Poor Boy L, Third.

Da-de-sta-ski, F, Second. Application sent June 16.

James Beaver Tail.

Eli Long.

Joseph Perryman, I, First; have here for correction.

George Hicks, K, Third.

Doctor, G, Third.

William Thornton, E, Second. Application sent July 9.

Stephen Thornton, L, Third. Application &c., sent.

You also state that you have No. 63 in the following cases, but have no application :

Hickory, A, Third. Martin, guardian. Application sent June 29.

Johnson Lee, K, Third. Alex. Lee, guardian. Application sent July 24.

George Weaver, C, Third. Stephen David, guardian.

James Shavehead. John Nits, guardian.

Papers have been made out in this case, stating when widow died, and letters of guardianship sent. The application was sent on the 29th June. Applications and guardian papers have been sent in all the above cases, and they are either filed or misplaced. I made out Form 63 for a number of cases, and sent them. Your letter arrived too late, but I have to state that applications have been sent for every Form 63 you have on hand, or that you may receive. I keep a record.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

(Registered 10th October, 1869.)

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *October 1, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following receipts, paid by F. H. Nash. They amount to \$1,817.54:

So-kot-ha-go, F, First, Ok-te-co-cho-ko-ne.....	\$20 38
Ko-nip-ha-goh, A, First.....	85 00
Charles Fleetwood, H, Second, Lucinda Fleetwood.....	103 50
Asike, B, Second, Warlisey.....	105 92
Stephen Olsto, D, Leaves on the Tree.....	32 83
Co-ke-thla-na, K, First, Sa-con-wee.....	81 97
Ko-har-ter, K, First, Sar-te.....	86 24
Ah-co-sen-na, K, First, Sa-co-pa-na.....	40 41
Con-pah-pah-na, K, First, Con-we.....	81 94
He-la-en-ta, K, First, Susie.....	49 72
Crawler, D, Second, Betsey Crawler.....	49 21
Mah-lis-meh, A, First, Sally.....	37 33
Rabbit, D, Third, Ann-tah-quoh.....	36 95
Che-pah-che, K, First, Tah-gee.....	135 37
Oh-le, K, First, Cha-gee.....	126 43
Co-char, K, First, Ah-co-wee.....	44 70
Pas-mer-mer, K, First, Ah-la-quash-kana.....	90 14
Ka-sae-co-tana, K, First, Wahle-thla.....	87 82
Isaac, K, First, Ann Browu.....	100 35
Car-ca-pa-na, K, First, John Sheah.....	64 03
Big Tom, K, First, He-sa-la.....	70 44
Ta-sa-we, K, First, Sak-qua-na.....	23 00
Pa-con-thla, K, First, Ja-co-an.....	51 00
Sponna, K, First, Pok of last Sponna.....	154 00
James Johnson, K, First, Pa-con-thla.....	5 00
Ta-con-thla, K, First, Charley Brown.....	

Also two receipts, one for Tom-ma-ha-jo, No. 2; I gave him his draft, and Mr. Nash gave you credit for \$15, your fee, and one for Calvin Fraser. Mr. Nash paid Spencer Stevens \$30, and gave me a check for \$55, which I sent to Thurston & Cates, Humboldt, Kansas. He also paid Lisse the \$35 due him by Blue Carlow-has, C, Third. I send you eight drafts, viz: Yu-la-co-quan-na, Yu-la-kan, He-sah-lah, Sha-quana, Jo-

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cah-san-go-pah, De-co-we-ne, Too-na-he, and Runabout Todd. The above drafts are for men who have died since muster-out. The applications will follow in a few days. Send me on some more Forms 63.

Very respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

OCTOBER 2, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Your favor inclosing draft for \$55 for Calvin Frazier received. We herewith inclose receipt for full amount. He wishes you to send his discharge if you have it. If not, let him know where it is.

Yours, truly,

THURSTON & CATES.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Fort Gibson.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
October 4, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you a few more applications, which I hope will arrive safe.

He-sa-lah, Company K, First Regiment, no discharge; George Beamer, Company I, Second Regiment, no discharge; Yah-lah-kan, Company K, First Regiment; John Henson, Company I, Third Regiment. Drafts for the above have all been sent. Hog-Shooter, Company H, Second Regiment; Char-co-ke-we, Company K, First Regiment; Ke-ler-ver, Company K, First Regiment; Lump Kee, Company K, First Regiment; Joseph K. Perryman, I, First Regiment, returned corrected.

I have a package made up with receipts and drafts, but cannot send it until the postmaster gets register blanks. List of drafts inclosed in said package: Yu-lac-quanna, Too-na-he, Yu-lah-kan, Jo-cah-sango-pub, He-sah-lag, De-co-we-ne, Sha-quanna, Runabout Fooder.

I have been very busy for the last two days; I have paid out \$9,000 in pensions so far. I hope that you are all in good health. I cannot get Brown to write. Susey and the baby are well.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *October 4, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have received Form 63, for John L. Shannon, which makes his case O. K. I have received Form 63, for Tyler Bigfeather, F, of the Third; Judge Glass, F, of the Second; John M. Riley, E, of the Second; in each of these three last cases I want an application.

I sent you to-day a lot of different kinds of blanks for additional bounty, &c. Your letters were received in the case of Albert Barnes; he must send me certified copies of guardianship. As to the case of Nickey Bear Brown, guardian, the case has been pending for two years. I will make inquiry at the auditor's office to-morrow, and let you know. As to the case of Isaac Hawk, Company K, of the Second Regiment, you say "he died within a week after he was mustered out;" this is not true. On the 25th of May, 1865, "the soldiers were sent home, to return and get their discharges on the 31st of May." Hawk died before the 31st of May, yet the officers entered him on the roll as present, and discharged on the 31st of May. I made an application for the widow, Nah-yu-see, January, 1866, for bounty, &c. She is clearly entitled to bounty and pension. I wish you to get all the proofs you can as to the time of his death. Set out in the affidavit that he went home, as stated above, and died, and was buried before 31st day of May, and was not there present as stated on the roll. Get five or six affidavits to this effect. With this evidence I am certain to get the money; use all diligence to get evidence.

In the case of Delaware Six Killer it was rejected, as his name was not on the rolls. If Mr. Jones will have Captain Scraper return his roll, I can procure the money in this case. You ask about Lewis Scraper; what company was he in? You ask about Captain Scraper, of Company H, of the Second; it was claimed by a sister, a widow; the sister denied that the widow or the child to be Scraper's child; I have \$220 coming to them. If you and Nash can justly settle who it is coming to, you can pay it, but do not do it without the concurrence of both of you. Dirt-Seller's draft I have not got; I

left it with you. David Davis, Company K, of the Second, did get his first bonnty ; I have his receipt, No. 1531. I cannot find the name of Osa Sanders ; I canuot find it on my book, as in Company G, of Third. See if he is not in some other company. I find upon further examination that I never did pay him any bounty, only some back pay ; he was a deserter.

Let Nash collect the pension-fees in cases, \$10, where they have not heretofore been collected. They are due me in all cases on the first payment of peusion. As to your other inquiries on pensions, I will answer them in a day or two.

In all cases where it is possible send the application and all papers connected in the same package. Make out the pension-cases as rapidly as possible.

Yours, &c.,

J. W. WRIGHT.

N. B.—If you cannot find the draft of Dirt-Seller, you will have to take his power of attorney to assign the draft and pay him the money.

WASHINGTON, *October 6, 1869.*

DEAR SANDY: I found that on the 17th of September, the Post-Office Department had sent to Fort Gibson for certain questions to answer. I called and answered them yesterday, and Robert's bond is sent out to execute. Have it doue and returned, and we will soon have him a postmaster. All is quiet on the Potomac, and nothing new. Say to Mr. Cunningham, to make out his account and append to it an affidavit, that the same is just, due and unpaid, and I will place it in the hands of an attorney for collection, but 10 per cent. will not pay in Washington. I will not charge him auything. Love to all friends.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

October 7, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have received the complete list-book ; it will be a great assistance to me. I have been busy to-day making up the return for September, vouchers, abstracts, &c. I have made out monthly accounts current from April to September, inclusive. You return a paper, and say that it is no use ; I will keep it. You desired me to pay Lucy Vann, mother of Reed Vann, and take proof ; that was the proof you returned. About the draft of Kan-at-ha-jo, I have not got it ; if you will refer to my letter, dated June 29, you will see that I sent you the applicatiions of Kau-at-ha-jo and Large, and made a remark at the end of their names, no draft. I feel sorry that so many applications I have made out and sent have not reached you ; I will make them out again. Mr. Nash is building me an office next to the drug-store. Willie Nash is on his way to Saint Louis. Brown received a letter from you to-day. I have talked to him like a father ; he is always penitent, but there it ends. You directed me to pay Ground-Hog's widow, F, Second ; this is a draft ; I sent it to you on the 29th June. I will pay her when she comes in. I will send Robert his letter per first opportunity. If you will take the trouble to look over the letters I have sent you, you will see that a great many applications you call for have been sent. Give my respects to all the members of your family, and accept of the same yourself.

By doing so, you will much oblige your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

October 10, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I received your letters last night. In reply to them I have to state that in your letter of the 29th September, you say that you received a receipt for William Catcher, Company C, Third Regiment ; it ought to have been Company—Second Regiment. I received the complete record-book, and there was no extra postage. About the applications of guardians, I would like to kuow if it is necessary to state when the wife died, "when the soldier died in the service." I am of the opinion that that fact is stated in the original application. You say that draft for \$85 for the widows, &c., will be sent soon ; that is good news, for most of them are needy. I sent my first abstract, vonchers, and account current to Washington yesterday. I hope they will be found correct, and approved. About the other matter you speak of, I will attend to

them as the people come in. I am really sorry that so many applications have not reached their destination; I can assure you I made them all out once; if some of the papers that you call for are on file, and if I make out new papers, what will be the consequence if they do not agree—the people here do not know anything about dates. I have to fix the date myself in most cases; I refer to the applications of widows, &c., whose husbands have died since muster-out. Mr. Cuthbertson is getting on nicely at the Lick; his family are all well once more. Susy and the baby are well. I told her what to do with the rum-sellers that sold whisky to her husband. I am sorry for Brown; he is his own enemy. Give my respects to Mr. Fox, and all inquiring friends, and accept of the same yourself.

Respectfully,

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

• WASHINGTON, *October 15, 1869.*

DEAR ALEX.: Yours were received, with contents. Where Nash can collect my pension fees without Brown knowing it, let it be done. I suppose the \$50 he got of Mary Puler will go for drunk. If he gets extravagant Nash must hold him in check. I went to Post-Office Department to-day, and got I. Cunisham made postmaster. Stamps, &c. are sent forward. I have Form 63 in about forty cases, and no applications. In the case of Sumpkee, K, First Regiment, the original bounty is not paid. Send me an original application for bounty and back pay. The case is a good one.

Your complete case-book will aid you; consult it in all cases. All is quiet here and all well. Tell Brown to write; his mother is anxious to hear from him. I hope Robert has got well and has got his post-office. Send the papers I requested in my long letter. I have sent you blanks, and will send you more if you desire it. Kiss the boy for me.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *October 17, 1869.*

DEAR ALEX.: As to that Captain Baldwin he acts wrong; order him from your office; have a witness about to testify to his remarks and conduct. I will file charges against him before the Secretary of War.

Get Dan Ross to sign that power of attorney, or refuse to do it and let me know, and if he signs it return it here. It is the Opotheola matter.

I paid that fee for Mrs. Thompson; it was none too much. Would not collect it for the whole amount, and if not paid return the draft to me.

I did not charge her a cent. All is quiet here. I sent you yesterday a lot of No. 63. I want applications in some cases, and in others 63. My family are all well. The Second Auditor promises me to get out cases next week. I will write at length tomorrow. Say to Nash and Brown to write. When Baldwin's affidavits get here I will attend to them.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION,

October 25, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Arrears of pension to widows, for which I have applied, accrued under provisions of the act of July 27, 1868.

The form of application I have used is marked M, on page 36 of the instructions and forms to be observed in applying for Army and Navy pensions, which you have.

The law is found on pages 13 to 27 of the same pamphlet, together with the laws which that act modifies and directions with regard to them. After examining these I used my own head, and have succeeded in the cases of Jenny, widow of Cla-la-yo-ho-la, and Betsy Fielding. Remember to send the surrendered certificates in each case.

Will you please to send me a few franks for vouchers to the Third Auditor, signed. I will also be obliged if you see whether Mr. Nash has the certificate of Nancy Riley. If he has not, he can perhaps get it of her; it was surrendered. I will also be obliged if you will send me all the surrendered certificates which gave to you. The Third Auditor is sending for them, and from what he says I know he will send for them all. I want those franks to answer the Third Auditor, and to send back vouchers corrected

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and certificate. Did I leave any more papers in your office? There are some I cannot find. Do up all you have to send, and leave with Jones & Elliot to send up by hand.

Very truly, yours,

JOHN B. JONES.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Pension Agent, Fort Gibson.

WASHINGTON, *October 26, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: We have found the following cases and have them correct. You need not therefore trouble yourself any further about them, to wit: George Star, Young Wolf, K, Second Regiment; Charles Bearpaw, A, Second; Jack Foreman, B, Third; Judge Butler, C, Third; Tom Sawake, Jim Tobacco Pouch, C, Third; Samuel Henry. Lifter, D, Third; Dick Martin, F, Third; Doctor, G, Third; John Smoker, I, Third; George Hicks, K, Third; Poor Boy, Eli Long, L, Third; James Shaverhead, A, Third; Henry Buffington, D, Third; John Legg, K, Third; James Dirt Seller, C, Second; Big Tom, F, Second; John Steadhim, C, First; Cot-trochee, B, Charles Clinton, K, First; Pa-hase-ha-jo, A, First; Co-as-co-chee, A, First; Lister, A, First; Ka sac-so-ta-na, K, First; Fah-yak-ne-ho-lah, A, First; Mah-lles-sseh, A, First; Komeh, H, First; Fas-la-goh, A, First. I regret having put you to any trouble about them; such things sometimes occur in cases where we try to be the most careful.

I am, respectfully,

JNO. W. WRIGHT.

P. S.—Say to Nash I will write him to-morrow, and do all he desires.

J. W. W.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
October 26, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have been down at Salt Lick for a few days, but returned to Gibson last Sunday. The Cuthbertsons are all sick. Albert has signed the papers, and Nash and myself have gone on the bond for \$500. The salary is \$12 per annum. I received your letters of the 4th, 15th, and 17th all in a heap. I am pleased with your answer to my inquiries. Nash and I will be careful about Captain Scrapper's money. Dirt Seller's draft you say you left with me; I do not say that you did not, but it seems very strange to me that I have not got it, if you left it with me. I told J. Cunningham to make out his account and append an affidavit to it. I paid the pension of Kut-te-cloyse, widow of Going to Mill, and Mr. Nash collected the fee, \$10; that is the first fee that has been collected. The \$50 that Brown received from Mary Palmer I believe all went for whisky; it is no use in trying to cloak Brown; he will drink. You ask me to send you the papers that you requested in your long letter. I will attend to all the cases as they come in, and send you on the papers immediately. Mr. Ross has signed the Apothlee-yu-ho-la papers. I have not got the woman's signature yet, but will get it fixed as soon as I can. Thomas Gallcatcher has not been in Gibson, so I cannot get signature. I have received all the blanks that you sent me. I am very sorry that so many applications have not reached you, as I never sent you a form unless an application was sent before, or with it. When Mrs. Thomson comes in I will send her the draft again; if she refuses I will do as you requested.

I am glad your family are well. I wish the Second Auditor would hurry up. I will send you a registered letter with this containing applications, forms, and receipts.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
October 27, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following named applications and receipts to wit:

1. Jasseb, Company I, First Regiment.
2. Watt Spade, Company K, Third Regiment, Tom Spade, guardian.
3. Otter Lifter, Company B, Third Regiment, Nane Otter Lifter, widow.
4. Co-ke-thla-na, Company K, First Regiment, Sa-con-we, father.
5. Lacy Simmons, Company H, Second Regiment, Naling Simmons, widow.

1. John Deraldaskie, Company I, Second Regiment, Wah-lee-sa, widow.
2. Yu-la-co-quau-na, Company K, First Regiment, Thla-kee, mother.
3. Sha-qua-na, Company K, First Regiment, Cat-tu-uay, widow.
4. Passa, Company K, First Regiment, Co-so-ha-na, widow.
5. Jo-cah-san-gu-pa, Company K, First Regiment, Lucy Grass, widow.
6. Too-na-he, Company G, Second Regiment, Katy Too-na-he, widow.

Drafts have been sent for the above six applications. I cannot find the discharge of Passa ———.

Receipts paid by A. C——— :

Calvin Fraser, Company E, First Regiment, corrected receipt; Jo-fox-se-ko, Company G, First Regiment; Gaw-wlia-chu-yoo-lar, Company B, Second Regiment; Tom Bear, Company E, First Regiment, *a a*, retained money for Ross; Sannuel Jones, Company E, First Regiment; Chiesa, Company C, First Regiment; Cho-cus-fox-e-ke, Company C, First Regiment; Sol-ya-chi-ki, Company B, First Regiment; William Watts, Company C, Second Regiment; Fick-se-ka-ha-jo, Company H, First Regiment; Tot-ko-bi-he, Company C, First Regiment.

Receipts paid by F. H. Nash :

James West, Company E, Second Regiment, Nancy West, mother.....	\$55 20
Kelver, Company K, First Regiment, Ko-ko-thlo-na, widow.....	89 00
Wax-se-ha-jo, Company F, First Regiment, Ma-que-a-que.....	108 40
Justice Sidney, Company E, Third Regiment, Betsey Justice, widow.....	35 50
Daniel Downing, Company I, Second Regiment, Liddy Downing, sister.....	87 66
Robert Add, Company F, First Regiment.....	85 00
Ah-ha-luk-ko-se, —, Louisa, sister.....	162 80
Jack Osage, Company I, Third Regiment, Arley Osage, mother.....	85 00
Odar-ne-yerder, Company K, Second Regiment, John Ko-lar-we.....	35 95
Crawler, Company E, Third Regiment, Katy Crawler.....	32 02
Joseph Oneka, Company I, Second Regiment, Johnson Jochucketal.....	49 57
Mike Waters, Company A, Third Regiment, Jimmy Waters.....	44 92
William Muskrat, Company K, Third Regiment, Ah-gnom-na, widow.....	161 47
Suu-me-po-na-yeh, Company H, First Regiment, Fow-we-chee.....	125 40
She-paw, Company D, Second Regiment, Cul-loo-che, widow.....	87 00
Squirrel Stew, Company C, Second Regiment, Peggy Wilson, guardian.....	12 94
Lacy Wilson, Company D, Second Regiment, Peggy Wilson, widow.....	47 26
O-yo-dea, Company K, Second Regiment, Oo-sti-o.....	31 66
George English, Company F, First Regiment, Simon Brown, guardian.....	156 05
Fus-si-ki-ya, Company F, First Regiment, Li-li-kee, daughter.....	108 20
Scunte Dryhead, Company K, Third Regiment, Lucinda Scunta.....	97 90
H-ha-ya-ho-la, Company G, First Regiment, Amy, sister.....	98 86
Washington Raincrow, Company D, Second Regiment, Rachel Raincrow... ..	21 91
Pigeon, Company M, Third Regiment, Froni Pigeon, widow.....	44 36
Tah-yat-ta-na, Company K, First Regiment, John Buck.....	39 85
Artus-se-mar-ler, Company E, First Regiment, Pinarto.....	87 95
Fos-co-chuck-ko-nee, Company H, First Regiment, Wahle Daug.....	49 60
Allek Keh, Company H, First Regiment, Eliza, sister.....	56 62
Kap-pe-mik-ko, Company H, First Regiment, Lo-as-ky.....	121 34
Sit-te-ha-goh, Company H, First Regiment, Mit-sit-ho-yet.....	36 34
Som-ni-yeh, Company H, First Regiment, Spo-co-ha-jo, brother.....	34 09
Go-back, Company G, Second Regiment, Chut-so-lar-tee, guardian.....	111 59
Peter Agamah, Company A, Second Regiment.....	85 00
Henry Vann, Company F, Second Regiment, Susan Vann, widow.....	54 28
Runabout, Company D, Second Regiment, Chee-coo-wee.....	115 56
Total	2,656 25

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
October 28, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you six applications for bounty, viz :

- Runabout, Company D, Second Regiment, Chee-coo-wee, mother.
 Henry Vann, Company F, Second Regiment, Susan Vann, widow.
 O-yo-dla, Company K, Second Regiment, Oo-sti-yo, widow.
 Mike Waters, Company A, Third Regiment, Jenny Wolf, widow.
 William Muskrat, Company K, Third Regiment, Ah-guom-sa, widow.
 Toutisky Shakinbush, Company K, Third Regiment, Sarah Oo-we-dilka, mother.

352 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

I hope you received the registered letter containiug applications and receipts all safe, (October 27, 1869.) Brown says he will write in the morning. He is well; so is Susy and the baby. He is getting to be a fine, sprightly boy. Robert has not sent his bond, &c., to me yet.

I remain, dear judge, your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

October 30, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you applications, receipts, and drafts pertaining to your business, which I hope will arrive safe, to wit:

Chis-ki-li-ki, Company C, First Regiment, corrected James Beavertail, as desired.

Head Terrapin, Company A, Third Regiment, Susannah Peacheater, guardian.

Crawling Humming-bird, Company I, Second Regiment, Lydia Humming-bird, guardian.

Mouse, Company C, Third Regiment, Jincy Mouse, mother.

Joseph Sanders, Company I, Third Regiment, Elizabeth Sanders, mother.

Drafts sent:

Mouse, Joseph Sanders.

Receipts sent:

Atais-hom-mop-pi, Company H, First Regiment, No-co-se-math-la.....	\$101 59
Ge-loh-ka-ha-jah, Company H, First Regiment, He ah.....	80 58
Go-lol-lap-fix-e-co, Company H, First Regiment, Co-tow-se.....	81 58
Fal-lat-teh, Company H, First Regiment, Co-tou-te.....	53 50
Key Dougherty, Company F, Second Regiment, Jenne Dougherty.....	123 37
William Cade, Company C, Third Regiment, Arlsy.....	76 50

Dan Ross has signed the Opothleyahola claim of Ka-yah-ha. I will send it as soon as completed.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

November 2, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I inclose herewith five applications for additional bounty, viz: Ah-net-sa, Company G, Third Regiment, Oo-cha-lute, guardian; Key Dougherty, Company F, Second Regiment, Jenny Dougherty, widow; William Cade, Company E, Third Regiment, Ailcy, guardian; Johnson Going Wolf, Company L, Third Regiment, Sarah Going Wolf, widow; Johnson Terrapin, Company K, Third Regiment, Wakee, widow. The last-mentioned is one of the cases which you have, Form 63, and application.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

November 8, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Herewith find inclosed the power of attorney of D. H. Ross and Ka-yah-ha's administrators. I am sorry that it was not in my power to send it soouer. We have now a new judge and clerk for this district, Jacob Bushyhead and Albert Bames. I will get along better now, as Albert resides in Gibson. It would be a great convenience to me, if you would send me blank forms of letters of guardianship, as the Creek judges cannot write; they do not understand their business. I have sent copies by Simon Brown repeatedly to the Creek Nation, and what letters he brings are not fit to be sent to Washington; if you could send them soon, it would facilitate the Creek business wonderfully. Mr. Willie wants the papers you promised to send him. Anu Wilson, widow of Jon-di-yah Wilson, Company H, Second Regiment, says she drew the first bounty; cannot find the name in the complete list. Chuter-goo, Company F, Second Regiment—dead claim; is it rejected or suspended?

Thomas Starr, Company A, Third Regiment; Starr Dew-in-the-water, Company A, Third Regiment; John Dixon, Company M, Third Regiment; Char-co-con-ta-ua, Company K, First Regiment; Co-Chaa, Company K, First Regiment—dead claims; are they rejected or suspended? Captain Jonnah, Company K, First Regiment; is there any money due this man? Cah-tah-ka-no, Company K, First Regiment, says that he

has not received his first bounty. Henry Pumphrey, Company H, Thirteenth Kansas Regiment, have you his discharge; is this claim filed? Thomas, Company F, First Regiment, said to be a good soldier; cannot find him on the complete list; he died at Fort Gibson of small-pox; if you have the company rolls, please look at them, and let me know what to do in this case. Blue Bat, Company H, Third Regiment, Susan Bat, widow. What is the reason this case is suspended? She has been granted a pension. James W. Dunn, ex-Creek agent, left this place last Saturday for Indiana; he has either burned or lost the pension certificates belonging to the Creek orphans, of which he was guardian. The poor children are destitute, and I cannot pay their pensions on that account. Would you see the Commissioner of Pensions on that subject, and let him know what sort of a man Mr. Dunn is? He also left \$170 with Atkinson at the Creek agency, belonging to one of the Creek pensioners, an orphan for whom he was guardian. I would like to know the reason he did not leave it with me. I would think the pension-agent was the proper person to give it to; he has had a whole year to find out the child, and failed. Mr. Atkinson will give an account of it with a hook. Brown and his family are well. Since the Indians have found out that the brothers and sisters receive no more bounty, the sisters who have been the former claimants get transformed into widows immediately, and there are no lack of witnesses as proof, and sons and daughters who have already sworn that he or she was the only surviving child, when they find out that they cannot draw any more bounty, speedily find out that they have younger brothers and sisters who are eligible, if they should borrow them for the occasion. Truly this is a great nation.

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
November 11, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I herewith send you a few applications, which I hope will arrive safe; please acknowledge the receipt of them, viz: Williams, private, Company E, Third Regiment; also draft discharge, and Form 63.

Sunke, private, Company G, Second Regiment, and Form 63. This man died on or about the 10th day of May, 1868. In your letter of the 20th August, you say that you paid Sunke when you was here, and requested me send the draft to you, which I did.

Old John, private, Company D, Third Regiment, corrected. Bull Frog, private, Company D, Third Regiment, corrected. Lewis Bowers, sergeant major, Second Regiment. I hope this will pass muster this time. William Walker, private, Company E, Second Regiment, and Form 63. Heavy Back, private, Company H, Third Regiment, and Form 63. Ash Hopper, private, Company F, Second Regiment.

Respectfully,

HON. J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, November 11, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have examined the case, Con-sur-fix-se-co, Company C, First Regiment; it is marked paid. Receipt No. 1,292, but I cannot find receipt. If Mr. Nash thinks it is not paid, let him pay it. The receipt may be marked in the wrong company or regiment.

You sent me an application of Jumper Mills, guardian of James Looking; this is A. A., and we have two bounties. Have Nash pay it *leisurely*, so that the child may get some of it.

Ah-net-sa, Company G, Third Regiment. See complete regiment—not settled the original case for letters of guardianship—send letters.

Rah-bit, Company D, Third Regiment, is claimed by mother; original claim by widow. Mother now swears he never had a wife; however, he may have had a wife and she died. A new application is wanted, and all facts stated.

Wiley, guardian of Tommy, Company K, First Regiment. See complete list. Letters of guardianship wanted; same in Pen-hats-go, No. 2, Company E, First Regiment. Letters of guardianship wanted; same in No-kas-fix-se-hoh, Company E; same of Lumpkee, Company K, First Regiment.

Long Sam, Company D, First Regiment; first bounty paid father; he proved no wife or child. How is it?

Teacher, Third Regiment, new application by mother, Que-ka-me; have Form No. 63. William Thornton, want application. Amos Thornton, father; we have No. 63,

Eaton Elijah, Company G, Second Regiment, a live soldier; we want application; we have No. 63.

On the other side is a full statement of all our wants in this office. The list is intended to take the place of all letters heretofore sent. As to application and Form No. 63, all well and all right. Just received yours of October 30.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

NOVEMBER 11, 1869.

We have Form 63 in the following cases, but no applications, to wit: Joseph Butler, C, Third; Cully Bug, K, Third; West Beamer, A, Second. In all other cases we have applications; in the above cases we have none, and desire them. In the following cases we have applications; but want Form 63, to wit: Moses Swinger, I, Third; Jackson Rook, L, Third; Black Bird, A, Third; George Smith, G, Third; John Big Side, D, Third; Jesse Lastley, E, Third; Ta-con-thla, K, First; James Harrison, E, First; Wax-se-ha-jo, F, First; Fun-is-che-chee, 6, First; Et-cat-ha-jo, D, First; Co-inon-che, D, First; So-fix-se-ko, F, First; Tot-ka-ha-se, F, First; Ne-co-se-ah-ho-la, F, First; So-kal-ha-go, F, First; Ah-bi-ak-ha-zo, F, First; Her Kee, E, First; Wan Keh, E, First; Farmer, D, First; Eu-cah-kee, D, First; Her Nuch, D, First; Ak-teyah-ge-hah-go, H, First; Cou-pah-pah-na, K, First; Tom-corn-silk, F, Second; Dry Water, G, Second; Wa-ya-gro-loo-ne, B, Second; William Bird Chopper, D, Second; Crawler Dick, D, Second; Going-to-Mill, D, Second; Cho-chu-uah-tah, E, Second; Daniel Ross, G, Second; Water Robertson, E, Second; Lacy Wilson, D, Second; Wett, I, Second; Ga-mu-ga, I, Second; Stephen Oo-lsto, D, Second; Samuel, D, Second; O-lerno-ti ski, K, Second.

Send all of these as soon as possible.

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, November 11, 1869.

DEAR ALEX: On yesterday Mr. Parker sent for me to make some inquiries about you. Mr. Baldwin, of the general agency, wrote him that I had only paid Wax-e-har-go, widow, \$160. I found, on examination, that the payment made was right, and so satisfied the Commissioner. All here is right.

He charged that the widow came one hundred miles to get her pension, and could not do it as you were gone to the salt-works; that she could not get it; that you often ordered Indians from your office, and said you did not care a damn for them, as Judge Wright paid you \$2,000 a year, and that was all you cared for; and this could be proved by J. C. Cunningham and Mr. Jones. Now, keep this to yourself. I will get a copy [I will get a copy] of the letter and send you and them; have Cunningham either admit or deny it. If he denies it, I will have Baldwin tried for lying, by the military. In the mean time be patient; say nothing, but watch. I care not what they say; they can do no harm. Hold Cunningham and Jones at proper distance, but do not let them know what you know. Send me a list of drafts you have got; also that power of attorney of Dan Ross. Get the Indian woman to sign if you can; pay her \$50; but if she will not sign, send without it, and I will sue. I will do nothing with Cunningham's matters here until I hear from you. All well and nothing new. Say to Brown to write.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
November 13, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I send you a list of names or claims for additional bounty, where the soldier died in the service, that have been made out and forwarded:

Company A, First Regiment: A-ha-ilk-if-fore-ka, Ah-ha-loe-a-ho-la, Co-ac-co-che, Fas-lu-goh, Fah-yak-ne-ho-lah, Sister Mah-lles-ssep, Pa-hase-ha-go, Pa-hé-pay-yet-o, Te-he-lla-theh.

Company B: Cot-tro-chee, Fus-ha-jo; sister was last claimant.

Company C: Co-wet-a-ha-go, Book, Co-sur-fix-se-co, Emart-la-ha-go, Jack, Pin-ue-mart-ler, John Steadhim, Tim-is-che-chee, Thussic-ea-ha-jo, Mannotte, Alok-yu-ho-la.

Company D: Bob Grayson, C. Kat-cof-fa-la-rat-o, Co-mou-che-o, Farmer, Heu-nuch-o, Hok-ke-les-hop-ha-he-rah, Ko-net-ha-joc, Long Sam, Me-hist-ces, Keh-ha-coh, Ya-ha-e-mar-rests-ceh.

Company E: An-har-lue-gar, No-cos-fox-se-koh, Her-kir-alias, Hay-heyo, James Harrison, Harry McIntosh, Wild-Cat, Ar-tus-se-ma-lar.

Company F: So-fox-se-co-o, Ah-bi-ak-ha-zo-o, Jackson Conrad, So-kat-ha-yo-o, Tot-ka-ha-se-o, Wax-se-ha-jo-o, No-co-se-a-ho-la-o, Ko-ot-see.

Company G, First: Jack Hawkins C, Sit-tif-ha-zo, Ho-cus-ya-ho-la, Och-ees-ha-zo, Sammel.

Company H, First: Kan-tella-hah-zoh, Semme-po-wa-ze, Ak-ta-ya ge-ha-yok-o, Gelok-ka-ha-yoh, Go-ful-lup-fox-eco, Ko-neh, Ne-or-ha-yoh, Ku-peh-ye-he-goh, Ho-meh.

Company I, First: Os-sot-hat-shut-go, Ah-pe, Kar-fox-se-ko, Alik-o-Col-leh, Isaac, Jo-la-fox-se-ko, John Walker c.

Company K, First: Isaac, Jack Barnett, Timmy, He-le-in-ta, Car-cah-pa-na, Sponna, Ah-peh-her-ner, Ke-ler-ver, Ka-sac-co-tu-na, Co-ke-thla-na, Sumpke, Charles Clinton, Con-pah-pah-na-o, Tah-con-thla, James Johnson c, Char-co-ke-we, De-co-chos-na.

Company A, Second: West Beamer c, Swimmer.

Company B, Second: Asike, Cah-no-uo-o, Moses Brown, Oo-wah-ha-sa-hi-o, Wah-yah-gro-loo-neo.

Company C, Second: Starr Squirrel, Jim Beuge, David Miller, Chco-he-sa-tab, James Height, Ned Wicked, James Dirt Seller.

Company D, Second: Lucy Wilson o, Going to Mill o, William Bird Chopper o, Stephen Colsto o, Dick Crawler o, Whaler o, Crawler o, Washington Raincrow, Samuel o, Run-about, Pelican, She-paw.

Company E, Second: Water Robertson o, James West, William Walker, Jack Woodward, Richard McCullar, John M. Riley, George Fieska, William Vickerny, John Foster, Ross Adair, War Eagle, Che-chu-nah-tah o.

Company F, Second: Johnson, Oo-sar-lar-ner-hee, A-hum-chee, Ash Hopper, E. George, Key Dougherty, Tucah Dougherty, Henry Vann, Tom Corn Silk o, Judge Glass, Eli Lowrie, Big Tom.

Company G, Second: Dry Water, John Young, Chicken, Go Back, Ca-na-wa-sa-ski, Daniel Ross o, Oo-cah-sit.

Company H, Second: Wilson Silver Smith, Clay Wash, Hog Shooter, Charles Fleetwood, Johnson Spunyston, Lucy Simmons.

Company I, Second: Ga-na-ga o, Thirsty Tiger, Crawling Humming Bird, Wett o, John Dick o.

Company K, Second: O-yo-ala, Oler-no-ti-ski o, Go-ne-cher-squale, George Starr, Young Wolf, Young Duck.

Company A, Third: Ridge, Mike Waters, Joseph Ostilo, Trotting Wolf, Samuel Baldridge, Black Bird, Lowly Middle Striker, Hammer Every Sort, Head Terrapin, James Shavehead, Charles Bearpaw, Sammel Killernith, Red Ellis.

Company B, Third: John Bear, Flute Ive Reese, Lying Water, Jack Foreman, Otter Lifter, Water Hunter, Crying Bear.

Company C, Third: George Adams, Judge Butler, Tom Hammer, Johnson Olaheater, Raft Jay, Bird, William Lacy, Nick Leach, Owansoty o, Walter San, Young Puppy, Rail Jackson, Tom Su-wake, Jim Tobacco Pouch, Joseph Butler, George Weaver.

Company D, Third: Thomas Hammond, Big Talker, George Hog c, Black Haw, Sent off, "Bull Frog, c," John Bigside o, Alexander Downing, Dull Downing, Samuel Henry, Ka-yer-skin-ite, c, Lifter, (Old John, c, sent off,) Sid-a-wa-jo, William Sour John, Dick Tucker, c, Washington Black Haw, Rabbit Dirteater.

Company E, Third: Sidney Justice, Jesse Lastly o, Josiah Steeler, John Walker, Cade Williams, Jesse Davis, Peter Emery, Charles Harjo, Jumper James, June Warner, Mis-ta-la, Johu Sickey, C.

Company F, Third: Dunker Walkingstick, Ave Vann, Israel Sitcowne, George Rooster, Tyler Big Feather, Charles Timberly, Dick Matrir, David Canew, Ellis Nathaniel, c, Hoop-in-see-cah-we, Squirrel Lowery, Wa-hen-che, Wa-las-key.

Company G, Third: William or Little Grimmit, Ivesby Christy, Ah-net-sa, Water Bottom, Catcher Running, Doctor Joseph Hopper, John Six Killer, Benjamin Sanders, George Smith o, Johnson Shade.

Company H, Third: George Hilder Brand, Heavy Back, Wolf Downing, Johnson Gusky, Hinnau B. Hoyt, Pig Mike, Wassody Stop.

Company I, Third: George Downing, Nicholas Hair, Edward Bolin, Nick Crittenden o, Jumper Dry, Joseph Goosby, c, Henson Grubb, Henry Morgan, Osage Jackson o, Old o, Samuel Poor Boy, James Proctor, c, Joseph Price, John Smoke, Moses Swinger, Samuel Walkingstick, Worm.

Company K, Third: Cole Culey, George Peacheater, Ellis Harling, David Consene, Buffalo Walkabout, Bunches Hammer, Watt Cockrum, George Hicks, Lowly Killer, Ave Liver, John Legg, William Muskrat, Watt Spade, David Otterlifter, Scunti Dry-head, Fouisky Shukenbush, Thrower Chickasaw, Deer-in-the-water.

Company L, Third: Acorn, Poor Boy, Ned Cumming, Osa Drayer, Eli Long, Ned Look-my-out, Rock Jackson, o, Archibald Sanders, Oppossum Six Killer, William B. Thornton, Stephen Thornton, Andrew Woodall, Johnson Gomywolf.

Company M, Third: Catching Sunday, James Beavertail, William Mitchell, Jack Barrow, Dave Conserve, Ca-sa-la-na, Jim Criston, e, Lewis Downing, Jim Fields, Sam Hicks, (Ross has traded this claim,) John Pike, Stephen Passon, Pigeon.

List of claims for additional bounty where the soldier died since muster-out.

- Alick Martin, M, Third.
 Oak-chi-e-fix-e-ko, C, First.
 Cla-loc-a-ho-la, G, First.
 Oak-chi-e-martler, C, First.
 Talsy-har-cho, I, First.
 Que-kas-fix-e, C, First.
 Tim-mahote.
 Emart-lo-chee.
 Peter Colius, I, First.
 Rufus West, E, Second.
 Petter Proctor, F, Third.
 Isaac Squirrel, G, Third.
 Lo-ah-lo, F, First.
 John Adam, E, First.
 John Ross, L, Third.
 Charles Walker, I, Third.
 John Pathkiller, A, Third.
 Thomas Cristie, G, Third.
 Teacher, G, Third.
 Joseph K. Perryman, I, First.
 Tas-koh-nah, D, First.
 Eu-coh-keh, D, First.
 Reuben Childress, I, First.
 George Sick-eater, B, Third.
 William Thornton, E, Second.
 Alik Rood, H, Third.
 Darley Muskrat, H, Third.
 o Et-cat-ha-jo, D, First.
 o Jesse Christu, G, Third.
 o Daniel Philipp, K, Third.
 o Daniel Will, B, Second.
 o Thomas Stand, A, Third.
 o James Grayson, G, First.
 Johnson Terrepin, K, Third.
 o Moses Jack, G, Second.
 Benjamin Foster, E, Second.
 Corning Deer, C, Third.
 Benjamin Snell, H, Third.
 o Lewis Wooford, B, Second.
 o Jessey, M, Third.
 o Edward Starr, A, Third.
 Thomas Hawkins, E, First.
 o Jack Thompson, A, Second.
 o Ne-hnr-rak-kol-fixstko, I, First.
 Da-de-sta-ski, F, Second.
 Adam Doublehead, K, Third.
 Gall Catcher, D, Third.
 Charley Willet, K, Second.
 Chis-ki-li-ki, C, First.
 o Walker, H, Third.
 o Thomas Stand, A, Third.
 o Edward Albony, H, Second.
 o Johnson Young Bird, A, Third.
 o Eagle, B, Second.
 o Jack Watt, D, Third.
 o Silas Pigeon, B, Third.
 Kau-at-ha-jo, H, First.
 Grund Hog, F, Second.
 o John Deerhead, G, Third.
 o Galleh, H, First.
 Henry Buffington, D, Third.
 Squirrel, F, Third, 1345.
 Paid 1332.
 Large, D, Third.
- o James Looking, H, Second.
 Suwa-ke, Young Bird, B, Third.
 Ned Cramp, L, Fourteenth Kansas.
 o William Rock, G, Second.
 Jefferson Vaun, G, Second.
 Humming Bird, A, Third.
 Sunday, C, Third.
 Tom Cousins, I, First.
 Fishing Hawk, F, Third.
 Alex Love.
 Scatter, A, Third.
 Ko-no-fix-e-ko, E, First.
 Ohlaner, F, Third.
 David McQuinn, G, First.
 John Swimmer, K, Third.
 Johnson Muskrat, J, Third.
 Washington Clay, F, Second.
 Henry Clay, F, Third.
 Chur-mur-que, D, Third, *paid*.
 Throwing Hair, G, Third.
 Carts-che-hart-la-boyer, C, First.
 Ah-tu-yah-hi, B, Second.
 Small Wood, G, Second.
 Robert Downing, I, Second.
 Stephen Mose, K, Third.
 Ema-ha-jo, D, First.
 Ya-pi-lah-w-fee-na, K, First.
 Soldier Holt, F, Second.
 Johnson Lee, K, Third.
 Lotta Kee Scontikee, C, Third.
 Ah-li-siti, G, Second.
 Reader, I, Second.
 David Frisley, C, Third.
 He-sa-lah, K, First.
 De-co-we-na, K, First.
 Sha-qua-na, K, First.
 Passa, K, First.
 Jo-cah-san-gah-pa, K, First.
 Foo-na-he, G, Second.
 Mouse, C, Third.
 Joseph Sanders, I, Third.
 Sunkee, G, Second.
 Williams, E, Third.
 Crying Bear, D, Third.
 Co-so-fix-e-ko, C, First.
 Thomas Cockrum, F, Third.
 Cold Weather Jack, D.
 Elijah Waters, F, Third.
 George Beamer, I, Second.
 John Derahdaskie, I, Second.
 John Henson, I, Third.
 Yu-la-co-quan-na, K.
 Yah-lah-kan, K.
 Kernie Six-killer, L, Third.
 Benjamin Chicken, I, Second.
 Latte-ha-goh, A, First.
 Pen-ha-jo, A, First.
 Co-nep-pe-ma-la, A, First.
 Tic-ta-na-tu, A, First.
 Ya-ho-la-ha-joh, A, First.
 Gon-ne-blasth, A, First.
 Tic-ta-na-tce, A, First.
 Jack Canoe, F, Third.
 Fay-yah-hollah, A, First.

Applications of discharged soldiers.

William Kaw-kaw-we, I, Second.	Tes-ke-ha-ka, A, First.
Davis Ju-wer-lu-key, H, Third.	Alex. Wolf, K, Third.
Mat-teh, A, First.	Ah-ho-lla-ffix-a-koh, A, First.
Sampson, A, First.	Jack-e-la-co-che, A, First.
Tom Eater Mose, K, Third.	Pen-ne-fox-e-ko, A, First.
Ar-mar-cher-ner, K, Second.	Ne-ha-yu-ho-la, A, First.
Pen-ne-mar-rah, A, First.	Ka-pit-cha-ha-jo, A, First.
French McRemore, K, Third.	Samuel Bush, F, Third.
Mul-ke-pu-kee, B, First.	Osu-yu-ho-la, A, First.
Wax-se-har-jo-chee, B, First.	Wak-se-ho-la-tu, A, First.
Thomas Butter, D, Second.	John Raincrow, D, Second.
Michael O'Connor, I, First Regiment United States Army.	Tom-ma-ya-ho-la, H, First.
Daniel Ga-loo-yah, B, Second.	Fa-ha-jo, 2nd, A, First.
Killah, A, First.	Nik-eli-gha, G, First.
William Kisar, C, Second Regiment Infantry.	No-la-se-ma-rah, A, First.
Oseola P. Daniel, I, Third.	Es-tipp-be, A, First.
John W. Perryman, I, First.	John Meggs, E, Third.
Elijah Eater, G, Second.	John L. Shannon, E, Third.
David Sizemon, I, First.	Jassch, I, First.
Fru-ke-ya-ho-leh, A, First.	Shawnee, A, First.
Ta-ma-keh, First.	John R. Goard, I, Third.
Ko-marke-ko-geh, A, First.	Johnee, B, First.
Mek-ko-fox-e-co, H, First.	William Thompson, G, Second.
	Lewis Bowers, G, Second.

o Application sent to Washington, but not Form.

c Application here for correction, and the others without any mark are applications and Forms 63. All forwarded.

Next week I will send you a list of the drafts on hand. Mrs. Thompson has just been in, and I paid her her check, \$412.13, and the fees, \$103.03. Mr. Nash has credited you with them. I send you three, Form 63, one for Black Bird, Farmer, and Coming Deer; the applications have been sent.

Tah-co-to-me, Company K, First, says he has not received his first bounty. Co-chaa, Prince Feather, Char-co-con-tu-na, C, First; Ful-y-tus-ta-ney-gee, I, First; Haffer-Povor-ma-car-law-ski, C, Third.

Are the above cases rejected or suspended? William Walker, E, Third, Sarah Walker, mother, is there any back pay due her?

List of claims unpaid on the 16th of November, 1869.

PD	Gon-we-pux-ha-keh.....	A	1	AA	Matty.....	E	1
D	Kay-ga-he-mot-tip.....	A	1	D	Ho-lar-tak.....	E	1
D	Eneha-fix-e-ko.....	C	1	D	Span-me-na-la.....	E	1
D	Wat-ka.....	C	1	D	Sin-le-ti-ki.....	F	1
D	Charley Choat.....	D	1	D	Chi-zarp-kah.....	F	1
D	Os-sa-ha-jo.....	D	1	D	Rocky Mountain.....	A	2
D	Tuke-ha-chi-la-jo.....	D	1	D	Ogemiah Mleny.....	A	2
D	Kun-kate-mar-reh.....	D	1		Te-su-yah-gah.....	A	2
D	John Lewis.....	D	1	AA	David McKenzie.....	A	2
D	Marshall Kelly.....	D	1	D	Little-hair Big-mush.....	C	2
	Joe-dah.....	G	1	D	George.....	C	2
Not deciphenable. — Copyist.	Joe-kah.....	G	1	AA	Huston.....	C	2
	No-kns-fix-se-ko, 3.....	G	1	D	Wilson Genity.....	C	2
	Ote-ko-ho-la, 2.....	G	1	D	Loo-quah-tah.....	D	2
	Hardy Stedham.....	G	1	D	Henry Paris.....	E	2
	Fish.....	H	1	D	Looney Rathmioaro.....	E	2
	Ne-ha-fix-e-co.....	H	1	D	Samuel Crosslaw.....	E	2
	Go-e-ker-hu-jo.....	H	1	D	Te-ya-ste-ske.....	F	2
	Hele-shots-gap.....	I	1	D	Gu-lah-stah.....	F	2
	John Grace.....	I	1	D	Young Beaver.....	G	2
	Jim Mek, \$50.....	I	1	D	Bull-Frog.....	G	2
	Gon-la-ya-quana.....	K	1	D	Pig.....	G	2
	Marshe.....	K	1	D	James Vann.....	G	2
Co-ka-sa.....	K	1	D	Jumper Blackberry.....	G	2	
					Henry Grimmut.....	G	2
D	Stean Walker.....	H	2	D	David Blackbird.....	R	
D	Degeuy Swimmer.....	H	2	D	Thomas Soap, \$50.....	L	
D	Jones Boy.....	H	2	D	Gutter.....	M	
D	Elar-wee.....	K	2	AA	Jeff Filla.....	G	
D	Sam-se-wa-te.....	K	2		Dirt Seller.....		
D	Oyah-ska-noon-di.....	K	2	D	Jacob Perryman.....	C	
D	James Creek.....	A	3	D	Wat-se.....	K	
D	Wolf.....	A	3				
D	Jesse Wich.....	B	3				
D	Smoker.....	B	3				
D	Jack Rabbit.....	B	3				
AA	Daniel Nico-jack.....	C	3				
D	Jus Smoke.....	D	3				
D	David Horn.....	D	3				
D	Charles Pumpkin.....	D	3	1	Mot-a-lequ Barnett.....	E	
AA	John Hight.....	D	3	2	Em-he-fix-e-co.....	B	
	Robert Franklin.....	E	3				
D	Johnson Sanders.....	F	3	3	Samson No. 1 +.....	H	
D	Samuel Beaverstick.....	F	3	4	Tieska Putchett +.....	G	
D	Water-Killer.....	G	3	5	Ok-sau-fix-se-ko +.....		
D	Steele.....	G	3	6	Mak-ko-gars-kalo +.....	not	on
PD	Judge Otter.....	G	3	7	Jim-kah +.....	I	
D	Hen Christie.....	G	3	8	Kup-pa-chi-ha-jo +.....		
D	Lief.....	H	3	9	Alex Sweet-killer +.....	F	
D	Diver Grasshopper.....	I	3	10	Grecah-keh-en-cah-kep +.....		
D	David Tucker.....	I	3	11	Young Wolf +.....	C	
	White Catcher.....	I	3	12	Jac-key +.....		
	Senica Squirrel.....	L	3	13	Thomas Horn +.....	C	
	Tom Bull +.....			14	Ho-tul-ke-hol-leh +.....		
	Billeh.....	B	1	15	Go Back +.....	C	
	Ah-lue-har-cho +.....			16	Ce-que-yer.....		

List of drafts on hand which are marked paid on my book, which I now use in paying Aas, and for which I have no draft.

Not deciphenable.

Not deciphenable.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, November 13, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have to trouble you at this time with a few facts that are staring me in the face, about the duplicity and low cunning of McKay and Phillips. McKay, from the first, has proved himself a rogue and thief, and any one thing that he has done, had he done it in the States, would have put him in the penitentiary. Phillips is the tool of McKay; they work together; things have come to a crisis; they are two good-for-nothing, scheming beggars. Now that the salt-works are doing a little, they feel that they are somebody, and I fear plotting the destruction, or rather a way to get rid of

my friend Robert, and, from the very first, I believe it was their intention to get the works started by some white man, and, when their purposes were completed, turn him off. Phillips last Saturday told Robert he did not know what he was there for. McKay knew, and so did he; came up to Gibson, and saw F. H. Nash, and asked him what Rob. was there for; Nash gave him no answer; then he told Nash that he would run the lick himself. Now, a week ago last Saturday, Robert came to Gibson for the purpose of settling this very point. He told Nash his difficulties, and proposed that he, "Nash," should buy the old kettles and take a lease of the Old Lick. He saw the point, and agreed with him in everything; he would buy the kettles and lease the Old Lick, but that was the end of the matter; he did nothing; if he had done so, the Indians would have been powerless, and we would have had them; but procrastination has given the scheming beggars the power, and I believe they will use it. You and Nash will be the losers, and Robert will have to seek a new field of labor. Nash does not take hold as he should; he ought to act at once in a matter of this kind; he can fix everything yet, if he only will; the kettles are bursting up one by one. Mr. Nash ought to buy the kettles at once, and then, having the lease of the Old Lick, then tell Phillips that he intended moving everything to the Old Lick. If he does not come to terms, Nash thinks a new agreement had better be made out, where your name will not appear, and engage Robert as manager; this would work better; the rest could or would be understood. Brown says that if the Lick was extended, that he would take an interest in it; he has been sober of late; you had better write Nash at once, and put him to work; he needs it.

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., November 14, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: Your welcome letter is received. In reply I would have written you long ere this, but I could not see Mrs. Clancey. I sent my boy, and she said she would not give the leg to me or Sandy, and said Mr. Cubtherson was the one left it there, and he could not get it without paying, as it was mortgaged for \$5. She was very ugly. So I do not intend to go any more after it. I understand Mr. Carlisle is living in the First ward, but I have not found out his address, being busy. I received a letter from my old friend Robert. Glad to hear from him. Sorry to hear of so much sickness in his family. I thought there was something wrong. I intend to write him soon. Dear friend Captain Shillingham's oldest daughter is married to a man from Georgetown. He is confined to his bed and is very low. John Campbell is on a big drunk; he is wandering about the streets begging for whisky. You are lucky to be where you are, and I am glad to hear of Cubtherson's prospect after a while. Read is still Read; he is as dirty as usual. Very much scared about losing his position. I have not much news to inform you at present. Some other time I will tell you more.

Yours, most respectfully,

JOHN B. McKEY.
360 Sixth Street.

A. CLAPPERTON, Esq.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, November 15, 1869.

DEAR SIR: The certificate of Chinayi—good money was probably delivered to her. I have no special recollection about its being delivered; but her original certificate was returned by order of the Commissioner, on account of some error, and another was sent in its place. I know of no reason why I should retain this second certificate. I had orders to retain those sixty I mentioned to you, and no other. Ah-ga-te-ya, Young Deer, widow of Young Deer, of Company K, Second Regiment, goes down to get her pension bounty, &c. Look out for her case, for there is another Young Deer in another regiment and company. The other one I paid. This one was not on my roll. Her claim, however, is good. Her husband was taken prisoner at Cabin Creek, at the great defeat of our forces in September, about the 20th day, 1864. Never has come to light. There is good proof that he was murdered by the rebels. If witnesses are wanted for his capture, they are here in abundance in ——— his captain.

Very truly, yours,

JOHN B. JONES.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.

P. S.—I want to inquire about the case of Ah-ti-cler-ter, widow of John Davis, or Jamin-dawise, Company K, Second Corps. She got her first bounty, but from some

cause her second bounty has not been paid. Her pension also is not forthcoming. What about it? Do you know? Please write and send by mail.

JOHN B. JONES.

WASHINGTON, November 15, 1869.

DEAR ROBERT: I am glad to hear from you. I have filed your bond, and you are made a postmaster. I hope you will make the salt pay—anything you and Nash may do. I think it best to get rid of McKey and Phillips. I prefer Brown to leave Gibson and go any other place. I would prefer him to be with you. I think, then, his mind would be employed, and he might forget drunk. The \$100 was refused; but I may get it yet. I am glad you are getting all well. You will have a chance in that country that will make you rich if you only have health. I will write to Brown to go with you. My best respects to your wife and children. All quiet here, and all well.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, November 17, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: Yours November 8 is before me. David Tucker, of Company I, Third, is here. Send me his draft. (Draft sent November 27, 1869.) Thos. Starr and others, about whom you inquire, have never been acted on by the office. I will write and inquire the cause.

In Company H, Second Regiment, there is two Wilsons, both dead; one called Silver Smith Wilson, the other Andrew; both claimed and paid, and no other Wilson. Am Wilson must have got the name wrong.

Cah-cah-ka-ua, Company K, First Regiment, was paid, and I have receipt duly attested. A widow gets a pension if her husband dies in the service; if, before his death, he deserted for one day, the bounty is lost. Such is the case of Blue Bat, of Company H, Third Regiment. I hope yet to get the rule reversed.

I inclose you a letter for Brown. I am very anxious he shall leave Gibson. Do try and have him do it. Make him answer this letter immediately.

Keep quiet; we are all right. I will write to Nash to-day and send you paper, &c., as you desire. Will send you some papers to-day.

Write often and tell the judge about Brown.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

November 18, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to send you the list of claims for additional bounty, where the soldier died in the service, died since muster-out, and discharged soldiers, that have been made out and forwarded. LX means application and Forms 63 forwarded; V, application only sent; also list of bounties unpaid to the 16th day of November. Those marked with D, I have got the drafts; and those that have no mark are minus drafts. I also send you the list of drafts remaining on hand. Some of them are marked paid on my book—nineteen drafts.

Form 63, for Black Bird, A, 3d; Coming Deer, C, 3d, farmer, D, 1st, and Lacy Wilson, D, 2d; application of Stephen Foreman, Company G, Seventy-ninth Regiment. Shall I send you Form 63 in this case? Diver Harris, Company F, 3d; Lawsee, widow Water-Bottom, G, 3d; Tianee, widow Yat-o-chee Stake, H, 1st; Mis-sch, widow, discharge and draft; and Crying Bear, D, 3d; Cah-le-loh-hi, mother, discharge and draft, and Thomas Sanders, M, 3d; Eli Sanders, father. Will send Form 63 for Eli Sanders in a few days. I also send you some receipts for Opothleyahola, drafts, &c.

Elizabeth Thomson.....	\$412 13, fees	\$103 03
James Tally.....	174 47, fees	17 49
Richard Duck.....	115 92, fees	11 57
Richard Duck.....	123 01, fees	12 33
Lacy Trampabout.....	237 75, fees	23 77
Jim Stu-ya-took.....	236 57, fees	23 65
Tom Gall Catcher.....	280 92, fees	28 09
John Po-ta-toe.....	215 87, fees	21 55

241 48

Mr. Nash has given you credit for the above.

Also four drafts, viz: 1. Yat-o-chee Stake; 2. Crying Bear; 3. John Hostebe, dead; no heirs; 4. Isaac Bullfrog, dead; no heirs. Also receipt paid by F. H. Nash: George Raven, Second Kansas Battery; Lemuel Paris, Fourteenth Kansas Volunteers.

Edward Dil Apple, H, 2d, Standing Water, father.....	\$97 00
George Starr, K, 2d, Katy Starr, widow.....	135 00
Wett, I, 2d, Susie, widow.....	45 00
Diver Harris, F, 3d, Lawsee, widow.....	124 00
Water Bottom, G, 3d, Tiance.....	73 04
Ka-shu-no-he, A, 2d, Ka-shu-no-he.....	85 00
Hal-lok-to-me-marrah, D, 1st, Ca-le-kee, widow.....	29 00
White Path Jug, F, 2d, Katy White Path Jug.....	50 00
Old John, D, 3d, Tiance.....	64 00
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[The cents in the line of figures are not decipherable.—*Copyist.*]

Also receipts paid by myself: Kol-me-ha-jo, I, 1st; Go-ke-peh, A, 1st; Fos-ha-ge-ha-jo, H, 1st; Ets-pa-fix-se-ko, I, 1st; Ned Oehes-cawle, C, 3d; William Woodall, D, 3d.

I hope you have received the power of attorney signed by Daniel H. Ross and Kah-yah-ha. I sent it from here on the 8th instant. Tom Gall Catcher will not sign the one that you sent to F. H. Nash for signature—or rather DeWitt Lipe will not let him. I could have got him to sign the paper if it had not been for him.

Tah-co-to-ue, Company K, First Regiment, and Chit-a-ha-go, B, 1st, say that they have not received their first bounty.

Tul-y-tus-ta-nej-gee, I, 1st, Car-law-skee, C, 3d, Lacy Bird, Yah-ko-hee, K, 1st, Chemat-la, F, 1st, Hat-le-mak-te, F, 1st, Stephen, I, 2d—dead claims. Have these cases been rejected or suspended?

G. W. Wilson, hospital-steward, owns the kettles at Mackay's Lick. His address is Skullyville, Choctaw Nation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Hon. Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, November 25, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I received letters from you, Nash, and Robert about the salt-works. To go out is impossible. I have the utmost confidence in all of your honesty, and can tell exactly what is the matter. Mr. Nash is able in all things about his business, only when he runs against a Ross. I have no doubt the Rosses are at the bottom of it. So, to cut a long story short, I have Mr. Nash alone to settle it, and if he make any arrangement where he is equal with me, I am content. If he can do nothing else, let him close it up, and charge the loss to the concern. As to Robert, let him stay, or go in Arkansas and stay until spring. Then there will be a new deal. As to Brown, I am glad to hear he is sober, and will do anything for him he deserves, if he only remains so.

There is charges made here that you make out pension-papers for me. I saw the Commissioner and informed him you had not made one; that during Brown's sickness you had made out book-pay, &c. You had had a right to do it. Cunningham is your enemy. Do not let him know you know it. Both you and Robert keep cool. Never get mad. All well here, and all right.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

N. B.—I think Nash had better get rid of Joshua Ross. But I leave this with Nash. Meet together and consult. There will be changes in all Indian matters this winter.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

November 27, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find application and Forms 63, for Dick Tucker, D, Third, returned corrected. I hope it will pass muster this time. Brown has been doing very well for the past three weeks. If he could not get whisky he would be a gem. Susy and the baby are enjoying excellent health. Baldwin is a blunt man, and so is Cunningham and Miles Jones.

I remain, dear Judge, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Hon. Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

November 27, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you nine receipts paid by F. H. Nash, and two paid by myself:

Store-Keeper, M, Third, Water-Killer, brother.....	\$21 91
William Mills, A, Second.....	85 00
Black Haw, D, Third, Sarah Black Haw.....	54 00
Johnson Springston, H, Second, Sarah Springston.....	67 54
Charles Dollar, F, Third, Lucy Dollar.....	140 77
James Proctor, I, Third, Cha-wa-nike.....	24 70
Ash Hopper, F, Second, Betsy Hopper.....	190 92
Ge-mar-de-he, K, Second, Agu.....	95 10
E-fa-ha-go, C, First, Ta-har-mar-se.....	25 70
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Loo-qua-tah.....	\$85 00
Grape Opothleahola claim.....	104 09

F. H. Nash has given you credit for \$15 on the bounty payment, and \$10.40 on the Opothleahola claim. I paid one pension this week—widow of Asike. This was the first payment. Mr. Nash gave you credit for \$10, your fee. I send, as desired, the draft of David Tucker.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

December 7, 1869.

DEAR SIR: I send you the application of Lizzie Woodward, widow of Jack, E, Second, as requested. You have Forms 63, also Form M, for Peggy Wilson, for arrears of pension. Her children are all over sixteen years of age. Also, answers to objections in the claim Jemima Poor Boy, widow of Samuel, I, Third. Also, two letters that I received from my friend Baldwin. The information that he speaks of never emanated from me. Also, the discharge of David Tucker, I, Third. I paid the bounty of Jumper Blackburn, G, Second, and retained the \$30 he owed Ross. Mr. Nash has given you credit for that amount and \$15, your fee. Solomon Foster, A, Seventy-ninth Regiment United States Colored Troops, wrote to the Second Auditor, June 10, 1869, about his claim, and received for reply: "The claim of Solomon Foster, A, Seventy-ninth United States Colored Troops, is on the desk of the auditing clerk, and will be disposed of as soon as possible." I also send you eleven bounty-receipts paid by F. H. Nash:

Samuel Colston, I, Third, Sally Price.....	\$51 94
Dry Hunter, H, Second, Peter Hunter, <i>et al.</i>	113 73
Red Bird, F, Second, Kut-tu-yar-ee.....	55 92
Jim Tobacco Pouch, C, Third, Charles Tobacco Pouch.....	135 00
Samuel Henry, D, Third, Betsey Henry.....	88 08
Jack Woodward, E, Second, Lizzie Woodward.....	21 91
Joseph Spears, I, Third, Stephen Spears.....	20 74
Dry Jumper, ———, Leddy.....	37 90
John Lee, K, Third, Squall Lee.....	23 52
Chu-co-ma-la, B, Second, Wah-yah-gro-loo-na.....	53 50

Also, two receipts paid by myself:

Jumper Blackburn.....	85 00
Moses Glory.....	*72 45

I am going to the Salt-Works for a week at Christmas. If any of my friends want to correspond with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, they are welcome. I do what is right, and no Indian finds fault. They never find fault; it is the outsiders. My predecessor, J. B. Jones, paid the pensioners in March and September, and three days in the other months. Now, with the exception of a few days at the Lick, since my appointment I have been at my office from 6 o'clock a. m. to 6 p. m every day. I send you Form 63, to complete the claim of Charlotte Doublehead. The application and the draft I sent from here on the 16th of June, 1869.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 7, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: I have received your lists. 1st. Of those that have died in the service that have been made and forwarded. We have not compared it with the books, but will do so soon, and let you know the result. 2d. List of applications for discharged soldiers for additional bounties, which, as in the other case, we have not compared, but will soon, and let you know the result.

Also, list of unpaid cases. Send me a list of drafts on hand; and state, in remarks, if paid, the number of receipt.

Do you know what has become of the drafts in the following cases, to wit:

Tom Bull, Company M, Third Regiment, (not paid.)

Thomas Cockrum, F, Third, (D.)

Coming Deer, C, Third, (P. S.)

Grape Soup, B, Third, (1233.)

Bird Jones, K, Second, (103.)

Small Wood, G, Second, (September 11.)

Ground Hog, F, Second, (D. S.)

Wilson Garity, C, Second, (have draft.)

Con-we, K, First, (October 10.)

He-la-lah, K, First.

Ya-pi-lah-co-fee-na, K, First, (July 23, 1869.)

Kan-et-ha-jo, H, First, (no draft.)

Mek-o-neep-pa, G, First, (no draft.)

Kat-ne-neat-la, G, First, (1060.)

Ko-swit-le-fix-e-ko, G, First, (937.)

So-uhy-ley, E, First, (September 6.)

En-cal-keh, D, First.

Oak-chi-fix-e-ko, C, First.

I do not understand your list; you send no list of drafts, but of unpaid claims and of draft-receipts. Send me a list of drafts on hand. I can then see if what I have and what you have will fill the bill. All things here are lovely. Bhunt and his thieves are no here, and I do not know if they will come. I hope Nash has settled the salt-concern, and all will go on right. Say to Nash to hurry payments, and just as it is economical to do. So try and get Brown to do what is right and to go to work at something, and to write often. I hope things will be settled so as to suit Robert; but he must keep his temper and have patience. A new Government will be formed this winter and old things will pass away. Your confirmation will be safe; I will see after it. My idea is that Gibson is to be a large city, the crossing of the roads, &c., and let Nash and Brown secure lots, some for you at \$10 to \$20 each, in the suburbs. I was glad to get the pencil papers from Brown. Have him make all out.

Yours,

JOHN W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *December 8, 1869.*

DEAR ROBERT: I directed the Saint Louis creditors of Ross to send you such claims as had not been paid them, and to me such as had been paid. I have no doubt you have got them. Many of them you have had been paid to Nash and others; but the money was not secured for the creditors. Those not collected, do the best you can. You sent me a case of Crying Bear, of Third Regiment, to file; they owe Ross \$70; you can pay the \$15, and I will turn draft over to Saint Louis creditors. If I file it they will never get it. I hope the salt-works are settled. Say to Nash either to settle it, so that Robert can go on and close it. Do all you can to get Brown to go at something. We are all well, and everything is doing well. I hope soon to get new cases from Second Auditor.

Send me a list of drafts on hand. I cannot get the hang of your list sent.

Respects to Brown, Nash, &c. Kiss the babe for me.

Yours,

JOHN W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *December 13, 1869.*

DEAR ALECK: I send you a letter I wish you to read and deliver to Brown. He must leave Gibson; it is the only hope; talk to Susie. I will not pay his drafts; for what did he draw it?

I have no objection to your owning all the oxen in the Indian country. I wish you did. I will send you, to-morrow, a list of cases that we have never received. I fear some drafts are lost. I will send you some more blanks.

Talk to Brown like a father. All is well here, and all is right.

Yours,

G. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, December 13, 1869.

SIR: We have examined the list of those persons for whom you say you made out and forwarded claims for those who died in the service. The following persons we have neither application or voucher No. 63; we want both, viz: Lester, A, 1; Pahose-ha-jo, A, 1; Cot-tro-che, B, 1; Man-net-tee, C, 1; Long Sam, C, 1; Peu-hats-yo, No. 2, E, 1; Ho-kus-ya-ho-la, G, 1; Jack Barnett, K, 1; Jim-my, K, 1; Car-ca-pa-na, K, 1; John Foster, E, 2; Young Dnek, K, 2; Jim Tobacco Pouch, C, 3; Lifter, D, 3; Cade Williams, E, 3; Peter Emery, E, 3; Nick Crittendon, I, 3.

In the following cases we have applications; we want Form No. 63, Nathaniel Ellis, F, Third Regiment. All things are going on smooth. By the last of the month the drafts will be forwarded to Indian agent to pay. My fees will be paid here. I will send you directions how to collect before drafts are paid.

I hope the salt-works will get settled so Rob can go to work, and that you will be able to keep Brown sober.

Write often, and have Brown write his mother.

Yours,

G. W. WRIGHT.

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON, Esq.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

December 14, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of Indian claims belonging to Orr & Lindsley, Saint Louis; also a copy of letters received from the same firm:

“ALEX. CLAPPERTON:

“DEAR SIR: Judge Wright, through Henry Bell & Son, requests us to send to you our bounty-claims yet unpaid. We think he did not mean for us to send the claims or vouchers, but a detailed full list, which we herewith inclose. Should this not be what is required, please advise us; and, at the same time, state object and ends to be attained by change of programme.

“Yours, &c.,

“ORR & LINDSLEY.”

In the copy of claims that I have sent you I have given you the numbers of receipts of the bounties that have been paid, &c. Those marked “D” you took the drafts from Gibson yourself; those marked “D. S.,” I sent the drafts to you. Sunkee, Company G, Second Regiment—in your letter of the 20th August you said that you paid Sunkee when you was here, and requested me to send you the draft, which I did. (See letter November 11.) Young Bear, G, Second Regiment, does not appear on my book. I have a Young Beaver unpaid. The list of claims is of no use to me of itself. If Orr & Lindsley would send me the vouchers, Mr. Nash could collect the money that Ross & Co. is now collecting, and we could likewise make a demand on Ross & Co. for what they have already collected, but have not turned over to me, as per agreement when you was in Gibson. In comparing my book with the list of payments made to the Saint Louis merchants, I think you have not received credit for all the moneys that you have sent them.

P. S.—Mr. Nash says that you have ordered him to pay Sunkee. I send you Orr & Lindsley’s list:

George Dunn, G, Second.....	\$30	619
Samuel Tomarwee, G, Second.....	20	620
George Ross, G, Second.....	70	624
David Dougherty, G, Second.....	30	D; no heirs.
Stephen Peacheater, G, Second.....	35	46
Mike, G, Second.....	30	617
Charles Rogers, G, Second.....	30	618
Osi, G, Second.....	45	616
Ah-ulli-bee-ski, G, Second.....	5	600
James Vann, G, Second.....	85	Not paid.
Jefferson Vann, G, Second.....	70	D. S.
Pig, G, Second.....	85	Not paid.
Jumper Black Burn, G, Second.....	20	1364
Young Bear, G, Second.....	60	Not on book.
Root, G, Second.....	30	1302
Sunkee, by widow Cullonaherky, G, Second.....	20	D. S.
Rachel, sister of Young Beaver, G, Second.....	50	Sister claimant.
Elijah Eaton, G, Second.....	15	Not collected.
John Bean, G, Second.....	40	No bounty.
Writer, G, Second.....	30	1099
William Christie, G, Second.....	15	1025

Harry Gummit, G, Second	\$45	Not paid.
Cah-noe-nov-lee-sky, G, Second	85	1301
Fox, G, Second	15	311
Elijah Waters, F, Third	20	D
Hoopin, father of Seconwe, F, Third	40	C. O. I. A.
Arch Bigfoot, F, Third	25	1118
Joseph Vann, F, Third	15	684
Squerell, ad., dead, F, Third	20	A. A.
Panther Glass, F, Third	25	1103
Thomas Cochrane, F, Third	30	D.
Henry Clay, by widow Conwayuke, F, Third	50	D. S.
Jack Canoe, F, Third	15	C. O. I. A.
Sam Beanstick, by widow Nancy, F, Third	20	D. S.
Joseph, F, Third	105	Not on my book.
Jack Marshall, F, Third	30	1263
Dan Waterlook, by gr. daughter Susan Worford, F, Third	20	Not collected.
Israel Sitkarone, by widow Tahigancee, F, Third	50	Not collected.
Peter Proctor, F, Third	30	Not collected.
Wheat Buldudge, F, Third	25	746
Oo-yok-tah-cob, F, Third	15	1180
William Adam, F, Third	85	No bounty.
Jesse Glass, by sons Rider and Willie, F, Third	60	D. S.
Bone Eater, F, Third	75	1007
Johnson Sanders, F, Third	85	Not paid.
Keith, F, Third	35	645
Richard Round, F, Third	30	1165
Blossom Rogers, F, Third	30	569
Sinking Water, E, Third	5	208
Ezekiel Natches, E, Third	10	214
Rosin, E, Third	30	634
William, by widow Lissy or Eliza, E, Third	30	D. S.
Jackson, E, Third	50	1247
Sjena, by Nake, E, Third	85	Sister.
Isaac Crapo, E, Third	30	653
John Smith, E, Third	40	795
Serug Bark, by Nancy, Gd'n	10	Not collected—Deerhunter, Gd'n.
Nicky, by widow Sally, E, Third	30	Not collected.
Charley Harjo, by widow Polly, E, Third	30	Not collected.
William Cade, by Aley, gl, E, Third	70	Not collected.
Jim Nick, by Bear Brown, guardian, E, Third	15	Not collected.
Mussels, E, Third	15	644
Low Cut, E, Third	30	657
Rob West, by Eliza Ross, guardian, I, Third	40	Brother.
Johnson Halfbreed, I, Third	15	No bounty.
Nick Hair, by Lucinda, I, Third	50	Not collected.
Edward Bowlin, by Cathun, I, Third	20	Not collected.
Joseph Rogers, I, Third	50	Sister; bad.
Joseph Price, by Sally, I, Third	40	Not collected.
Diver Grasshopper, I, Third	30	Not paid.
Richard Coon, by children, I, Third	45	D.
George Sanders, I, Third	60	638
Sam Colston, by Sally, guardian, I, Third	20	Not collected.
R. Rapier, by Elizabeth, sister, I, Third	50	Bad.
William Tucker, I, Third	60	1303
Samuel Worford, I, Third	20	580
Jos. Sanders, by widow Lecy, I, Third	40	D. S.
Jack Osage, by Arley, I, Third	45	Not collected.
Ned Tompson, I, Third	15	656
John Henson, by Lidy, widow, I, Third	} 100	D. S.
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Elijah, I, Third	5	10
Anderson Benge, I, Third	10	Paid by Nash to wilow.
Daniel Keener, I, Third	45	117
Daniel R. Gourd, I, Third	40	209
Levi Walkeystick, G, Third	20	1278
Long Charles, H, Third	20	579

Respectfully,

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, December 14, 1869.

DEAR SIR: We have examined your list of unpaid cases on the 16th of November, and find the following have been paid, to wit: You-we-pax-ha-kih, Rev. A. I., by receipt No. 939; Jim Mek, I, First, receipt 439; Co-ca-sa, K, First, receipt 930; Judge Otter, G, Third, receipt 126. These cases of course you will not pay again.

Respectfully,

JNO. W. WRIGHT,
By N. HAYDEN.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

WASHINGTON, December 15, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Please execute the following papers and return them, to wit: Alexander Hawkins, C, First; Sampson, A, First; Deer Head, K, First; Thomas Brown, K, First; Johnee, B, First.

In the case of Black Haw, D, Third, the receipt shows that fifty-four [and 07] dollars was paid when only forty-four [03] dollars was due, an overpayment of ten dollars.

Respectfully,

N. HAYDEN,
For J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
December 20, 1869.

DEAR SIR: In reply to yours of the 7th instant I have to inform you that I do not know what has become of the following drafts, to wit: Mik-o-nup-pa, G, First; Oak-che-e-fix-eko, C, First, and Kan-at-ha-jo, H, First; they have never been in my possession, or I would have been able to account for them.

I have the following-named drafts: Tom Bull, M, Third; En-coh-keh, D, First.

The draft of Thomas Cockrum, F, Third, you took from Fort Gibson yourself, and returned it to Mr. Nash. See letter September 29, 1869.

Coming Deer, C, Third, draft sent. See letter September 11, 1869. Ground Hog, F, Second. See letter June 29, 1869.

In your letter to me of August 27, you directed me to pay the widow of Ground Hog and take receipt. Conor, K, First; this is a Guligar draft, which you sent to Mr. Nash, and he paid it to Mr. Lanigan, Fort Smith.

He-sa-lab, K, First, draft sent October 10.

Tu-pi-lah-co-fee-na, K, First, draft sent July 24.

So-whey-ley, E, First, draft sent September 6.

Bird Jones, K, Second, paid 1037; Grape Soup, B, Third, paid 1238; Ka-ue-neat-la, G, First, paid 1060; Wilson Gerity, have draft; Ko-swit-le-fix-eko, G, First; paid 937.

I also send you a list of drafts on hand: James Creek, Steel, Fieski Pritchel, Henry Cristie, Sen-le-ti-ke, Ok-san-fix-se-ko, Samuel Crossland, Thomas Soap, Jacob Perryman, Cbe-yarp-hah, Loony Rathyeen, Mak-ko-gass-ka, Jones Big, Jack Rabbit, Jim Kat, David Blackbird, Ogat-ska-norde, Kup-pa-tra, Young Beaver, Rocky Mountain, Alex. Sweet Kille, Sam Beaverstick, Manshe, En-cah-keh, Charley Choat, Little Hair, Big Mush, Young Wolf, Te-see-yah-gah, Kun-ca-tu-manch, Jackey, Tro-wa-che-ha-jo, Water Killer, Ho-tul-ki-ho-le, Te-ya-ste-ske, Kag-ga-he-mot-teh, Ce que-yer, Span-ue-mala, Marshall Kelley, Tom Bull, Dgeny Swimmer, John Lewis, Billett, Smoker, Mot-algy, Barnett, Ah-luk-har, Jesse Smoke, Wa-sto, Go Back, Seneca Squirrel, Em-he-fix-eco, Ene-ha-fix-e, Sam-se-wa-te, Samsen No. 1., Diver Grasshopp, Hele-shots-yah, George, Goe-ker-ha, David Horn, Gon-la-go-quanuu, Gutter, Ho-lar-tah, Ger-lah-stah, John Grace, Wilson Gerity, Wolf, Wat-ka, Jesse Wick, Steam Walker, James Vaun, Oganiah Wilney, Henry Paris, Pig, Ote-koe-ho-la, Second, No-kns-fix-se-ko, Third, Os-sa-ha-jo, Charles Punkin, Fish, Bull Frog, Elar-wee, Drunkard—83 in all.

Respectfully,

ALEX CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, December 23, 1869.

DEAR SANDY: Yours of the 8th is received and its contents in registered letter. As to Baldwin give him no information that you can help. As to the claims he makes for the

persons named I never had one of them. As to the pensions he can only draw them as ordered by the Office here. You know your duty; do it, and you have nothing to fear. Your case has not come up in the Senate; it will be all right. That negro Robert Johnson, order him out of your office whenever he asks about other people's business. Say to him for me he is a scoundrel. All things here are going well. I hope you will have a good time at the Salt-Works. My family are all well. I do hope Brown will stay at the Salt-Works.

Have Brown write his mother.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
December 23, 1869.

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 13th instant just received along with a letter for Brown. I read the letter to him; he denies stoutly ever drawing a draft on you for \$125. He has not had any money that I know of for the last month; if he had drawn on you he certainly would have had some money. I think that some one has committed a forgery; would you trace it out at once; I sent you the list of drafts on hand on the 20th day of December.

I have been careful of the drafts left in my charge, if some have gone astray. The missing drafts never were in my possession. I have talked seriously to Brown about his drinking. All well.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
December 27, 1869.

DEAR SIR: In looking over the complete list-book I find the application of Anna Brown widow of Thomas Brown, K, First Regiment, and the application of Ah-la-quan-na, daughter of Deerhead, H, First Regiment, marked rejected. I have fixed the Forms 63 to the best of my knowledge and forward them; if I have blundered, return them with instructions. The other claims, Sampson, A, First; Alexander Hawkins, C, First, and Johnee, B, First, I cannot find. In the case of Black Haw, D, Third, the \$54.07 has been paid correctly. There is another Black Haw in the same company; the \$44.03 is still due. I send you two drafts, one for Eu cah-keh, Company D, First, and another for Samuel Beanstick, F, Three; also eight receipts paid by Mr. Nash:

James Roach, M, Third, George Roach, brother.....	\$95 50
James Looking, H, Second.....	85 00
James Height, C, Second, Mar-le-yooker.....	43 51
Dry Water, G, Second, Betsy Dry.....	50 00
Charles Timberleg, F, Third, Katy Timberleg.....	120 63
Me-lah, E, First, Son-flo-pu, brother.....	98 83
Clay Wash, H, Second, Caw-je-tese.....	107 94
Joe Wilson, A, Second, Jane Wilson.....	70 07

672 07

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

[Wright correspondence, 1870, chronologically arranged.]

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, January, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I arrived in Gibson last Wednesday. I would have had a very good time at the Lick if things had been prosperous with my friends; they are very unsettled. Robert is anxious to commence operations at the Old Lick, and Mr. Nash, as usual, procrastinates, and I do not know now when he intends to commence. I wrote you from the Lick, but have not received any reply. I am anxious to hear from you on that subject, not for my sake, but for the sake of my friends. I told Nash about the quantity of wood that was cut, and advised him to commence hauling it immediately to the Old Lick. The first move in that direction has yet to be made. I fully intended

to send you a registered _____, with the receipts of the past two weeks. I told Mr. Nash to have them ready for me to-day, but he has not been able to come to the store on account of his being sick. I will send them as soon as I can. I received a memorandum list of Indian warrants from Henry Bell & Son to the amount of \$5,758. I will send you a copy of it. I have not received the warrants; I expect them soon. Swan & Ogden sent their warrants to John B. Jones for collection. I advised him to give them to me: he has not done so yet. I wrote to Dr. Thompson, of Tablequal, before he died, for the hospital records, in order to facilitate the pension-claim business. I have this week received them from his widow, through the kindness of Dr. Reese.

Henry Bell asks advice about his buying out some of the parties who hold Ross warrants, and what he should give for them. I have not answered his letter, but I think he had better let them alone, and let every herring hang by its own head.

Respectfully,

ALEX'R CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, *January 2, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: By direction of Mrs. Mary Preston I write to request you to refuse payment on the voucher withheld by John C. Cunningham, and to state that she will prepare and forward new statement by either Major G. W. Candee, paymaster, United States Army, or his brother and clerk, Mr. Lewis Candee.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. P. SWIFT,
Justice of the Peace.

MR. ALEX. CLAPPERTON,
United States Pension-Agent, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

OFFICE OF ORR & LINDSLEY,
306 Main Street, Saint Louis, January 5, 1870.

DEAR SIR: We herewith hand you inclosed, by request of Judge John W. Wright, Washington City, sundry Indian orders to said John W. Wright, to pay sundry sums as specified in inclosed list, out of their bounty as soldiers; said orders being in favor of Ross, Gunter & Co. and W. P. Ross & Co., and now owned by us. We inclose a full detailed list and description of said orders, with receipt annexed, which you will please sign and return to us by first mail. Judge Wright has no doubt instructed you as to manner of collecting and what disposition to make of the funds. We solicit your kind attentions in the matter. Any assistance you can render us in doing up this long-deferred claim will be duly appreciated.

Yours truly,

ORR & LINDSLEY.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

SAINT LOUIS, *January 5, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: We shall send you by to-morrow's mail second bounty-warrants to the amount of \$5,758, which we have been instructed to send you, by Judge Wright, for collection.

We also send you a list of the warrants, showing each one separately. You will please collect the amounts as soon as possible, and remit the same to us. Should any of these warrants not be paid, you will please hold the same and return to us, as they belong to three different houses in the city, to whom we have to account for same. We will send the warrants by registered letter to you.

Very truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

MR. ALEX. CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson.

SAINT LOUIS, *January 7, 1869.*

DEAR SIR: As we wrote you yesterday, we to-day send you by registered letter second bounty-warrants to the amount of \$5,758, per inclosed list.

We wish them safe to hand. We can buy out some of the parties here who hold these warrants. Would you advise us to do so or not? Each man wants to sell his lot as it is. What do you think of the whole payment of the same? Would you advise us to purchase them, and if so, what would you advise us to give?

We wish you would find out if they have heard lately from Mulayer, and where is he at—if he has sold his cattle or not. Find this out confidentially for us and write us about it.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible and oblige,
Yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

MR. ALEX. CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson.

WASHINGTON, *January 11, 1870.*

DEAR ALEX.: Yours that you had drew for \$100 is received and will be paid. As to confirmation, I think there will be no doubt. I have told Pratt to look after it. All is lovely here. I get along well with the Department.

I have many little things to say to you, but have no time. Have the inclosed signed and returned. Have Brown write and always say how he is, and tell the truth. I think next week I will have out \$40,000 of drafts of widows. The drafts will be sent to Craig, the Indian agent; my fees paid here. How is Robert?

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 15, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I have just received your letter dated December 14, 1869, and I have put the numbers of the receipts to the names mentioned in said letter, which will stop a second payment of the same.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *January 17, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: I have been sick for a week, and just able to be about. McDonald, of Arkansas, tried to get Cox to withdraw your name, but he failed. It is now before the Senate, and I have seen Pratt, Morton, and others, and I hope it will go through. I will try and find out and answer all charges; but Mac is a rascal, and in the inside; Cameron is not here. As to the salt-works, I know not what to say until I see Nash. I am sorry they are in the fix they are; but I fear I will have to close out. If so, I hope Robert will rent a farm as convenient as possible, and bide his time. There will be a new government made this winter, and there will be splendid chances. I wish to go out this spring with Mrs. W. to see Brown, and will go in March if you can write to me that Brown is sober, has been for two weeks, and has promised so to remain until we go and while we stay.

Do all you can for Brown; get him to write to me. Kiss the babe for me. I can hardly doubt your confirmation, but white man uncertain.

But do not fear; the world is wide, and we can drive it.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

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FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 17, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following receipts, paid by F. H. Nash:

Red Sky-mck	M.	Third	Cah-ne.....	\$65 95
Walter Webber.....	M.	Third	Alsey Griffin.....	16 45
Ge-squa-gee.....	C.	Third	Josiah Gsanali.....	50 73
Poor Boy.....	L.	Third	Aly Poor.....	109 83
Ta-les-ky-shine.....	K.	Third	Elen Shine.....	12 93
Pheasant.....	I.	Third	Oo-lut-sha.....	31 32
Jack Catfish.....	C.	Third	Arch Keener.....	27 78
Ka-peh-ge-he-goh.....	H.	First	Ish-chim-bah.....	106 93
Ak-te-yah-ge-has-goh.....	H.	First	Som-me-ho-se.....	25 42
Dee-sa-der-ski.....	C.	Second	Lowny.....	106 13
Che-ha-sa-tah.....	C.	Second	Dick.....	106 87
Benjamin.....	D.	Second	Charles Chemique.....	100 71
Oo-wo-hus-sa-ki.....	B.	Second	Sally.....	28 15
Sop-hi ki.....	A.	First	Af-to-lo-ke.....	101 69
Clot-loe-ho-lah.....	A.	First	Ca-la-ner.....	84 00
Fas-fas-la-goh.....	A.	First	Sup-ho-ker.....	31 66
Ok-ta-ha-jo-chee.....	C.	First	.....	85 00
				1,091 64

Also one receipt paid by myself.

Wot-ka, C, First, \$85.

I received per registered letter to day the warrants from Orr and Lindsley. Henry Bell's warrants have not come to hand. I will send you a copy of the memorandum list that I received from H. Bell to-morrow. I hope you and your family are in good health.

Respectfully,

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, *January 18, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: Your nomination is reported on favorably, and all opposition withdrawn. Cameron and Pratt made McDouald hide himself. It will be confirmed in a day or two when reached. All is lovely. Fix out the inclosed and return them all. I hope to have drafts this week.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 19, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 11th just received. I have to return you my thanks for honoring my draft. I am pleased to hear that my confirmation is certain; also, that all things are prosperous with you in Washington. You tell me that you have a great deal to write me, but that you have not time. I hope the news will be good when I receive them. I have fixed the additional evidence paper, and returned it as you requested. It is a hard job for me to get Brown to write. He behaves himself pretty well, but he will drink. He is well; so is Susy and the baby. I am glad that you are going to get so much money for the widows; but I think I could have paid the widows myself as well as Craig. I always thought the pension-agent was the proper party to make the disbursement. Does the Auditor place more confidence in Craig than in me, or is it ordered so by Congress or the Commissioner of Indian Affairs? Mr. Craig is not here. H. S. Benge, an Indian, is the deputy agent. Craig will not be here before spring. I do not like that arrangement one bit. Can you tell me anything about Joseph Starr's bounty? He belongs to Company I, Eighty-third Regiment, Colored Troops.

Respectfully,

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 21, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I send you the application of Anna Christie, mother of Thomas Christie, Company G, Third Regiment, Cavalry; also the application of Clot-lo-has-gob, Company A, First, and Form 63. Brown and his family are well.

Respectfully,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 22, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I have just received a letter from Robert; he is awfully tired of Nash; he always promises, but does nothing; he will insist on keeping Josh Ross, when Josh has made himself obnoxious to Robert and Mrs. C. He is a traitor to all parties concerned. Nash will not believe anything that is said about Josh, because he is a Ross. Robert has lost seven months of his time out here. He may as well give up at once than wait on Nash commencing the old lick. You said, in one of your letters, that he had better go to Arkansas and wait till a new deal could be had. I have no more money that I can let him have; I have given up my little all for him and his family, and he has none; he cannot move hand or foot out of the place for the want of it. Nash & Co. has used him badly; he is going to write to you himself; true, he has always been treated politely, has never been refused credit; but what is the use of Nash always promising? his promises are vain; the agreement was that when the salt-works were in operation Robert was to have full charge. What has Nash done? He has allowed him to be abused, his family insulted, Josh Ross is put in full charge of the, and he is his medium in all things; Robert is no more noticed than he was not there. If I had money I would lift them out of this difficulty, but I have none. Nash is to blame for all this; Ross works for Phillips, and Nash tells Phillips never to mind Robert; this is the way things are managed; everything could have been remedied if Josh had done as he was told, but he disobeys all orders, and Nash approves. To illustrate: the rent of the kettles became due; Robert is absent in Gibson; before leaving he left word that no money was to be paid out till his return; Wilson calls for the rent of kettles, Josh pays part, and a due-bill on Nash for the balance, which was honored. Now, that is the place where Nash went wrong, first, in paying that account without being approved; in the second place, if Phillips had been sent for, and the terms of contract explained to him, he would have been brought to reason on the spot. He has not nor never had enough to pay for the rent of a skillet. The old rascal will not allow one stick of wood to Rob; he has had to lug it all on his back this winter; that is a fine position for the manager of the salt-works to be in. Now, if you have any respect for me, answer this and let me know what to do in the matter; I am truly sorry for Rob.; his position is a poor one; I am not pleading for myself; I can get along, but it is for my friends. I wrote you from the lick about the old lick; I said that about \$300 would start it, without the metal or wheel, and I believe we can remove the old wheel to the new works. I let Nash see your letter, in which you said that anything in which you and him would be equal you was willing to go at it. To end this matter, Robert has been long enough at the mercy of Nash; something must be done for him, and that immediately. The present salt-works, with the kettles they are working now, will never pay. I wish Robert to be put on a more sure foundation, and that can be.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 22, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: Yours of December 13 just received. It has been more than one month in getting here. In the following cases you inform me that you have applications, but have not the Forms 63, to wit:

Tim-is-che-chu, C, First.
 Ah-lok-ya-ho-la, C, First.
 So-fix-se-ko, F, First.
 Alick, I, First.
 James Johnson, K, First.
 Alex. Downing, D, Third.
 Nathaniel Ellis, F, Third.
 Joseph Goosby, I, Third.
 Bob Grayson.

Thuisicea-ha-jo, C, First.
 Ko-nip-ha-jo, D, First.
 Jack Hawkins, G, First.
 John Walker, I, First.
 George Hog, D, Third.
 John Sickey, E, Third.
 George Smith, G, Third.
 James Protor, I, Third.

I have sent you Forms 63 for the above-named claims, with the exception of Nathaniel Ellis, as all of the claimants are dead. There has been some alteration made in the claim of George Smith, G, Third, Jack Smith, guardian. The first claimant is dead, and now Sally Smith, the widow, makes out a claim for the second bounty. There is

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some mistake in the application. Would you see to it, and let me know. I have sent you Form 63, in the name of Sally Smith, widow. I also send you the application of Arley Harris, mother of Jusk-iy-ayec, F, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards, and the Form 63. Brown and his family are well. Captain Field, the Creek agent, is interfering with the bounty claims in the Creek Nation. Some of the soldiers for whom you have discharges, and whose claims have never been made out, were here yesterday and demanded their money, and when I informed them that they had never made out these claims for the additional bounty, they refused to have them made out. I afterwards learned from Simon Brown that they were so directed by the Creek agent, who promised to make out their claims on their return to the agency. He also paid their ferriage.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *January 23.*

DEAR SANDY: There is nothing new. I am very busy in Congress, getting matters fixed there about my houses. As soon as I get it done I will write you about many things. I hope to get done next week. I wish you to say to Nash I do not wish any claims paid by his clerks during his absence. This is not to stop you paying out the drafts. If Nash has gone to Saint Louis, give this direction to his clerk, and that the list I furnished Nash is not to be seen by any person whoever. You will be confirmed as soon as it is reached. I expect to see Nash either here or in Saint Louis. Do have Brown write to his mother, and write me the truth about him. All is well here.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

SAINT LOUIS, *January 27, 1870.*

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON, *Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation :*

Inclosed find second bounty-warrants, amounting to \$1,971, which we inclose to you in compliance with instructions of Judge Wright. Please let us know by return mail how many and which of these have been paid.

Yours, &c.,

WM. YOUNG & CO.,
Per HOFFEN.

We inclose these by our friend, Mr. Gulligan, who originally obtained them for us. Any information you can give him from time to time will be duly appreciated.

TAHLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 28, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: In reply to your inquiry, I will say that there is no salary for pension-agents except that mentioned in the blank for account current. That is 2 per cent. on disbursements, until it amounts to \$2,000 a year. Then it is reckoned at \$500 per quarter. When you disburse \$50,000 you will be entitled to \$500 extra.

Have you any knowledge of the surrendered certificate of Catharine Ellis? Ask Nash for it, and give it to my father. Arley Watt wishes to get her children's pension. Can you do anything for her? She is a good woman. Give her all her dues, if you can. Try to make her understand the difficulties, if any exist.

Very truly, yours,

JOHN B. JONES.

Mr. ALEX. CLAPPERTON,
Pension-Agent, Fort Gibson.

WASHINGTON, *January 28, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: You have been confirmed. Your bond will be forwarded. You will get Nash and others to sign it, and fill up the affidavits as to the amount, and forward it to me, and I will go on it for balance. Have them swear before a military officer.

I have a large handle of papers to send you, but I have been sick, and am so now, and not able to arrange them properly. I am now better, and hope to do it soon. I hope to have 300 cases in Auditor's office settled this week, and will write you as soon

as I get them. I will see Nash when he comes to Saint Louis. Either I will go there, or he will come here, and then we will decide about the salt-works. I wish we never had anything to do with it, but we will see. I shall make an application to have Robert made collector of internal revenue in the Indian country.

There is no doubt a Territory will be made, but of this say nothing.

Mrs. Wright and myself will go to see Brown and his family, as he can get you or Nash to say that he has been sober for a month.

I am much better to-day. My brother, M. Wright, is here. My family are all well. Write often.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 28, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I am happy to inform you that Mr. Nash has been down at the Salt Lick, and has made a new agreement with Mr. Phillips. He has him by the short-wool now. I hope all things will work well. I received your letter of the 17th, and was sorry to hear of your sickness. I hope you will soon regain your wonted health and strength. McDonald, of Arkansas, must belong to the Blunt clique, or he would not have opposed my confirmation. I confess I was rather uneasy until I opened your other letter, and it told me a different story. McDonald, Blunt & Co., had better all hide themselves. They are beat on all sides, and at their own game. The evidence required in the claim of Isaac, I, First; Pa-han-ha-jo, A, First, and Co-ac-co-ehn, A, First, I do not know how to get it. I have not the rolls, and the people themselves know nothing about such things. Brown was drunk to-day. I have talked to him till I am tired. He has promised me so often to taper off and be a sober man, I have no confidence in his promises. I thank you for the interest you have taken in regard to my confirmation. I hope it will all right. Susy and the baby are well. So is Rob. and Mrs. C., and all the children.

Respectfully,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *January 29, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the application and additional evidence-papers of Airley Watt, widow of Watt, Company D, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. Also, Form 63 for Alex. Hawkins, of Company C, First, and Sampson, Company A, First. I do not recollect of ever making out the claim of Alex. Hawkins. I have no record of it.

Sampson, Company A, First, Form 63, has already been made out and sent, but I send them again, as requested. All well.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Hon. JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *February 2, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send applications and Forms 63 for Thomas Starr, A, Third, and Coh-mi-chee, F, Second; these are for back pay and both bounties. I have not filled up the amount of your fees in Form 63, as I do not know what amount to put there. You can fill it up yourself. Also, application and Form 63 for Henry Brown, H, Third; the father was the last applicant, but he is now dead. I have set forth the time of his death in the application.

I am sorry to inform you that Susy has been, and is now, quite sick; the doctor says it is hemorrhage of the lungs. Brown has sent away for her mother. Brown and the baby are in excellent health. Robert and his family are well and prospering; things are looking up with them. I will write you when Mr. Nash leaves for Saint Louis, Missouri.

Very respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *February 5, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you application of Sally McKenzie, widow of Benjamin McKenzie, late of the Second Kansas Battery of Light Artillery, with the Form 63, discharge, and draft for \$100, No. 13238, on assistant treasurer of the United States, New York, issued by George W. Dyer, paymaster, United States Army; also the receipt of Standing Deer for \$177.43, both being Opothleyaleola claims, and the receipts of Crying Bear, Company D, Third Regiment, \$85; Tu-ke-ba-che-ha-jo, Company D, First Regiment, \$85. In your letter of December 8, 1869, you instruct me to pay the bounty of Crying Bear; I paid \$15 and retained \$70, as directed in your letter.

Receipts paid by F. H. Nash:

Goe-ka-ha-yoh, H, First, Mar-se-ho-ka.....	\$49 60
John Dav, G, Third, Wah-ne-noh.....	38 68
Tom Youngman, B, Third, Betsey Youngman.....	88 10
Go-as-cher-squal-le, K, Second, Tah-ne.....	38 68
Co-oc-co-che, A, First, No-co-le-har-jo.....	97 53
Memben, A, First, Ok-ga-ne-ya-tuluk.....	85 00
Homeah, H, First, Lo-no-lo.....	50 77
Iverly Christer, G, Third, Anna Christee.....	51 51
Ne-na-na-jo, G, First, No-co-sil-la.....	33 28
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Tousa, brother to Kah-mu-gi, Company D, Third Regiment, paid to Commissioner of Indian Affairs; this money has never been paid to claimant. I received your letter of the 28th instant, and was glad to read the news of my confirmation. I am sorry that you are not yet able to attend to business. I can only join with you in the hope of your speedy recovery. About the salt-works, I think Robert will make them pay; he has now full charge; Mr. Nash, when you see him, will read to you the new constitution. I have this day received from William Young Hay, St. Louis, three bounty-warrants; I have never received Henry Bell and sons' bounty-warrants.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *February 8, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: Last week I received a letter from Mr. Nash saying he would start next week to Saint Louis, and he would telegraph me to meet him there. I have arranged all my affairs to go; and, to-day, Sandy says he will not go before next month; and Nash does not say when he will go. My idea is that Nash ought to go as soon as possible. There will be \$30,000 to pay out very soon, and he ought to return before that is done. I could go to Saint Louis to-day, but I cannot say what I can do in a month. I must see Mr. Nash if he has to come here, but I will go and see him if possible.

I am glad the salt-works are going all right, and hope they will so continue. As to Brown, I do not know what to say; keep him sober as much as possible. Give him no credit, except for clothing and catables, and do the best you can.

Mrs. M. and myself expect to see Gibson this spring; but if we go, Mr. Nash will have to hurry to and from Saint Louis. All is quiet here. I have been so busy in Congress that I have neglected all other things. I will now get about them. All of us are well.

Say to Susee we were all glad to get her picture.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

SAINT LOUIS, *February 12, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: On the 8th of January we sent you by registered letter through our post-office here, for which we have their receipt. All the bounty-orders on the list we sent you some days previous, which you have received; and we have your letter, stating the list had come to hand, but the warrants had not.

The amount of the warrants sent are exactly as the list you have received and total amount is—

We have seen them at the post-office here several times; and they say they have sent tracers after this package, inclosing these warrants, but as yet they have not heard from them. It may be that the warrants are lost, or have been stolen out of the mail. We have the post-office receipt for them, and shall hold it.

Now, what we wish is, that you do not let us suffer in this matter on account of not having received the warrants. You have the list, and you will please hold what is coming on that list to us; and, if necessary, we will give any bond required to indemnify you in the loss thereof.

We shall also write Judge Wright by this mail, and ask him also to write you. Please let us have an answer by return mail.

Yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION *February 18, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the application and Forms 63 of Bieky, widow of Lian, Company I, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. I have no discharge for this claim; the draft you took with you from Gibson. Mr. Nash will leave for Saint Louis on Tuesday morning; he has now just returned from attending the funeral of Lewis Ross.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *February 22, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: I have been ready for two weeks to go to Saint Louis to meet Nash; but he has not notified me of his arrival, and as I have to be here the 1st of March, I cannot now go, and he must come here and see me. I fear something has befallen him. We expect the 1st of April, if all well, to go out and see Brown. Say to him to have his house in order, to have his garden fence repaired and made, and above all to keep sober. We were sorry to hear about Susy, and hope she has recovered. I have been sick, but am now well, and my family are well. I hear there is disturbance in the Indian country. I hope you and Brown will take no part. I have no doubt you will have a new government, and it will not depend on the whims of any one. Write often and state the facts about Brown; if he is drinking he will not go and see him, but if he keeps sober we will go early in April. I have the promise of two hundred cases to come out this week, and the balance very soon. I feel very anxious about Nash. Write often, and have Brown write.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
February 22, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the application of Sarah Tarapin, guardian of minor child of Sackingham, Company C, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards; also the forms.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *February 25, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: I have just heard Nash was in Saint Louis. I have been ready to go there and meet him for two weeks, but I cannot do it now; he must come here, and I have so directed him. I will have three hundred cases settled and the drafts issued before you receive this letter. I have been very anxious to hear from Brown and Susie. If Brown can be sober we will go and see you early in April. I send you some cases to rectify, which fix up as soon as you can and send them. I have been able here to fix up a large number, but these cases I cannot. As soon as I hear from Nash I will write at full length.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

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FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
February 27, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the following receipts, to wit:

James Deerhead, Company G, Third Regiment, Ke-you-che	\$42 58
War Eagle, Company E, Second Regiment, Sally Eagle	21 91
Long Sam, Company D, First Regiment, Ne-na-cloe-chip-co	93 50
Jo-was-to-ye-mar-leh, Company B, First Regiment, Chun-po-chee	107 96
Chit-ta-yah-co-holeh, Company B, First Regiment, Ge-se-ke	107 10

Also the application of Tooker Christer, guardian of minor child of Potatoc, Company A, Third Regiment. I will send you letters of guardianship in a few days. Mr. Nash will be in Saint Louis by this time. He left here last Tuesday morning. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter by return of mail. Mr. Eugin Wittenberger, of Saint Louis, has sent me some Indian warrants for collection. Henry Bell's warrants have not come to hand. Susy is getting better. Brown and the boy are well. Robert and his family are well and prospering. He is making salt fast.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

Letters of guardianship sent to J. W. Wright April 2, 1870.

WASHINGTON, February 28.

DEAR SANDY: I send you some papers to complete. I go to Cincinnati to-night to meet Nash. All is well. The cases are coming out right. I have just been notified the drafts for the widow of John Hewson, Company E, Third Regiment, and Ko-kothlouce, Company K, First Regiment, is issued to Commissioner of Indian Affairs. My fees paid here.

Monday.—We are glad to get yours and Brown's letter. You can draw at one day sight for \$100. Have Brown to write often; it does his mother so much good.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

MARCH, 1870.

In these cases the drafts for \$35 were issued to-day in the following cases:

Name of soldier.	Co.	Reg.	Name of soldier.	Co.	Reg.
Wolf Downing	H	3d.	Pig Mike	H	3d.
Edward Baroline	I	3d.	Joseph Powel	I	3d.
Warm	I	3d.	Sam Poor Boy	I	3d.
Johnnee	B	1st.	John R. Goard	I	3d.
Gal-ke-pu-ke	B	1st.	Henry Margan	I	3d.
Barrody Stop	H	3d.	Jumping Dog	I	3d.
Grange Downing	I	3d.	Nicholas Hair	I	3d.
Henry Bark	H	3d.	Gus Hilderbrand	H	3d.
Gruble Hewson	I	3d.	Johnson Guskey	H	3d.

DEAR SANDY: I send you the above list. Collect all you can for Saint Louis creditors of Ross. In the case of Johnnee there is \$185, two bounties, and I am only paid for one. I will get an order from Commissioner of Indian Affairs to collect for me \$15 to make it right. All is going on right. I hope to see you in a month, and I hope you and Nash and Robert can fix up the salt-works. If Brown will go there, and keep sober, I would take it. All well.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

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MARCH, 1870.

List of cases passed for additional bounty the 8th of March, and drafts for \$35 sent to Commissioner.

Name of soldier.	Co.	Reg.	Name of soldier.	Co.	Reg.
Squirrel Lowery.....	F	3d	William R. Thornton.....	L	3d
Van Consecue.....	K	3d	Opossum Six Killer.....	L	3d
Ple Long.....	L	3d	William Gruntle.....	G	3d
Whnson Snade.....	G	3d	Doctor.....	G	3d
Joseph Hopper.....	G	3d	Bug Saunders.....	G	3d
Bushy Christie.....	G	3d	Drunka Walkinstick.....	F	3d
John Six Killer.....	G	3d	Hooper Sicokwee.....	F	3d
Lamed Canew.....	H	3d	Israel Dieahwic.....	F	3d
Jack Matur.....	F	3d	George Ruster.....	F	3d
Wee-laskic.....	F	3d	Nuter Acorn.....	L	3d
Nus-te-la.....	E	3d	Poor Boy.....	L	3d
John Walker.....	E	3d	Sidney Justice.....	E	3d
Charles Hargo.....	E	3d	Jumper.....	E	3d
Fletcher Running.....	G	3d	James Warrior.....	E	3d
Ave Vann.....	F	3d	Joseph Stealer.....	E	3d
Wa-hard-chee.....	F	3d	Watt Cochran.....	K	3d
Lowly Keller.....	K	3d	Ave Lever.....	K	3d
Walk About Buffalo.....	K	3d	Sam Hicks.....	M	3d
Guly Coll.....	K	3d	George Hicks.....	K	3d
Ellis Harlin.....	K	3d	Deer-in-the-water.....	K	3d
Hammer Bunches.....	K	3d	Daned Otter-Lifter.....	K	3d
Gruntly Dog Head.....	K	3d	Chickisated Thrower.....	K	3d
William Muskrat.....	K	3d	Stephen Thornton.....	L	3d
Foreteky Shalmhurt.....	L	3d	Arch Sanders.....	L	3d
George Peacheater.....	K	3d	And Woodall.....	L	3d
John Pike.....	M	3d	Catching Sunday.....	M	3d
Mitchell Williams.....	M	3d	Stephen Posson.....	M	3d
Ca-sa-la-wa.....	M	3d	Jack Barrow.....	M	3d
James Fields.....	M	3d	Dave Carson.....	M	3d
Pigeon.....	M	3d	James Beavertail.....	M	3d

You can find claimant's number from Alex.'s book. Collect for Saint Louis men all you can. Deliver this list to Nash.

MARCH, 1870.

Cases returned since list drafts with Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

+ Nie Six Killer, Company L, Third Regiment.....	\$50
+ Six Wolf, K, Third.....	50
Shawnee, H, First.....	50
Nah-teh, H, First.....	50
La-ha-jo, 2d, A, First.....	50
John S. Shannon, com. serg., Third.....	50
Tone Eater Mose, K, Third.....	50
French McRemrose, K, Third.....	50
Osecola P. Daniel, G, Third.....	50
Jack Canoe, F, Third.....	50
Ha-way-ow-kah, D, Third.....	100
+ En-ne-llas-th, A, First.....	100
Sampson, A, First.....	100
Tilda, E, First.....	100

Entered April 1, 1870. Copy handed Nash April 1, 1870.

ALEX: Here is list. Please hand it to Nash. Get letters of guardianship, as I required, with papers, and return them with new claim.

All well and all right. We will start in two weeks.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
March 2, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the application of Patsey Lovitt, widow of Lovitt, late a private Company F, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. Also Form 63. I hope you have received the registered that I sent to you on the 5th of February. I sent you a copy of the letter yesterday. Send me word if you have received it. I am weary to see you again. I told John Brown what you said about the fence and the house. Susy is getting better slowly. John and the baby are well. I am in hopes that my new commission will be here very soon. Everything is quiet, and business is extremely dull. Give my respects to all inquiring friends.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
March 3, 1870.

SIR: On the 5th of February I registered a letter at the post-office in Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, to John W. Wright, Washington City, D. C., containing a draft drawn on you in favor of Benjamin McKenzie, for \$100, number of said draft being 13238, and signed by George W. Dyer, paymaster United States Army, Washington, D. C., which I suppose has been stolen from the mail. The postmaster has not heard anything from it since. You will please stop the payment of it,

And oblige yours, &c.,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
Pension-Agent.

ASSISTANT TREASURER UNITED STATES, *New York City.*

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
March 3, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed you will find the application of Eliza Bushyhead, mother of Jim Bushyhead, for additional bounty, Form 63, and discharge. Also the discharge of Michael O'Conner, corporal Company I, First United States Artillery. The application and Form 63 were sent some time ago.

Respectfully,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
March 5, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed you will find the application of Mas-se-ho-ko, guardian of the minor children of Gol-ka-ha-yoh, Company H, First Regiment Indian Home Guards, and Form 63.

Brown and his family are well. Hoping your family and yourself are in the same fix,

I remain, dear judge very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Hon. J. W. WRIGHT.

MARCH 7, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: Your bond is filed and approved. I send you a list of drafts issued so far, and will do it as fast as issued. This is for Nash's use. You and him collect the amount due Saint Louis creditors. The drafts will go to Indian-agent. I made no objection, and you make none. Those you have on hand pay out as heretofore, when the claimant comes. I hope Nash and you will arrange it to go in the salt-works. The census will be taken in the Indian country, and I will try and have Brown and Root appointed to take it.

Write often. All quiet on the Potomac.

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
March 10, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I send you herewith the application, and Form 63, of Jim-much-cheel. This is a deserter claim.

I hope my commission will come soon. I wish it was here. You will have seen Mr. Nash by this time. Brown and boy are well. Susy is getting better. Mrs. Cuthbertson is very sick. Look out for Baldwin. I am weary to see you very much. Give my respects to all inquiring friends.

I remain, dear judge, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

HON. J. W. WRIGHT.

CHIEF COMMISSARY'S OFFICE,
DISTRICT INDIAN TERRITORY,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Territory, March 11, 1868.

DEAR SIR: I take this opportunity to inform you that the contract of John A. Ross to furnish the subsistence department with mess-pork has been approved by the chief commissary of the Department of the Missouri, for two hundred and seventy-five barrels, the delivery of which may commence as early as desirable.

I communicate this information to you from the fact that yourself and Mr. Wright are among the bondsmen, with which latter gentleman you will be kind enough to confer. I also inclose a copy of the contract referred to above.

I am, sir, &c.,

A. S. KIMBALL.

Captain and Assistant Quartermaster,
Chief Commissary, Subsistence, District Indian Territory.

WM. P. ROSS, Esq.,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Territory.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
New York, March 19, 1870.

SIR: In reply to your favor of _____, I would state that check No. 188 —, drawn by Colonel A. F. Rockwell, assistant quartermaster United States Army, dated July 21, 1869, to the order of Frank Boyne, for \$13.05, was paid here, August 31, 1869, and rendered in statement of account, dated October 14, 1869, to Colonel Rockwell, quartermaster United States Army.

In any further communication to this office on this subject, please give me the above particulars.

It is indorsed as follows: Frank Borge, Richard & Williams, John Hedring Cash, (name illegible,) Eugène Kelly & Co., Frank Borge, Sard Bå Ny, Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Very respectfully,

W. G. WHITE,
Acting Assistant Treasurer.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—The writing is all underscored, to distinguish it from the printed matter.—COPYIST.

[Private and confidential.]

WASHINGTON, March 19, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: Yours of March 10 is before me. I would like to see you very much, and hope so to do soon. I saw Nash and sold out all my interest to him. He desired to interest you and Robert in the salt-works, and I hope he has done it. He agreed to keep Robert at the salt until I went out. I have had several interviews with the Postmaster General as to post-office at Gibson, and as to robbing the mail. He has sent Bringham, of Indiana, there to investigate it. I wrote to Brown yesterday—he knows Bringham—and told him not to tell his business or to be very intimate with him.

Cunningham will be removed, but who will take his place I know not. I recom-

mended Benge, but I could as easily get it for Cuthbertson, but I did not know if it would do, as he might be engaged at the salt-works. I have no control over a new cut and deal in the Indiana affairs, and it is highly important you and Robert should stay there until that time comes. You are provided for. As to Robert, if not in the salt, he must do something until he can get his chance at the land

I will be out in April, but I do not wish any person to know it. Say to the public that Mrs. W. is coming, but I am not. I directed Nash to purchase furniture for Brown and to repair his fence. See that it is done, and try and keep him sober until our arrival and while there. Say to Barnes I go after his case to-day. I suppose you have your commission. I will have some more added to the list.

Kiss the boy for me. Love to Susie. Write at full length as soon as you get this. can get it before we start.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT

I have seen Cunnigham; he is very good. I have not seen Baldwin.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
March 20, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of February 28 has just been received. It has been a long time on the way. I will attend to the papers sent as soon as possible. I have completed the Form 63 in the case of Danele Gulloo-yah, B, Second, as requested, and sent them with this letter. In your letter of March 7 you say that the draft for \$85 in the case of Old John has been sent to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. I have made a list of all the drafts issued so far and handed it to Mr. Nash. I keep the originals. I will help Brown and Nash to collect for the Saint Louis merchants, to the best of my ability. I must now thank you for your kindness in granting my request. Your letters of the 4th and 7th March came to hand before yours of the 28th February. I was waiting for permission to draw the \$100. I thought you had forgot it. About the salt-works, Robert has them in splendid order, and making salt fast; he will be here on Monday. I will send you full particulars about the meeting with Nash; he wants to draw out of the concern and attend only to his shop and ferry. My commission has not come yet. I expect to get it by every mail. I thank you kindly for the trouble you have had in getting my new bond filed and approved. Brown and his family are well, so is Robert Cuthbertson. I hope everything will work well at the Lick. I have been vexed, time and again, with Nash and his management down there, when I was powerless to help Rob. out of his difficulties. I think if Brown would run the Lick in his own name things would do better. He is doing well at present, and it is my earnest wish that he will go forward in well-doing, and be a blessing to his parents and his little family.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WEBBERVILLE, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS,
March 21, 1870.

SIR: I would be much obliged to you by forwarding by return of mail any communication you have concerning my bounty-claim, which I have given Judge Wright, of Washington, authority to collect. The said claim has been in his hands upward of one year, and I think it ought to be collected before now. You will please do me a favor as his agent to write him on the subject; if not, please send me his address and oblige,

Yours, respectfully,

MICHAEL O'CONNOR.
Webberville, Travis County, Texas.

UNITED STATES PENSION-AGENT,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

P. S.—If at any future time you have any correspondence on the subject, please address as above.

SEGMOYOH DISTRICT, CHEROKEE NATION,
 March 23, 1870.

SIR: Potatoe was a private soldier in Company A, Third Indian Regiment. Captain Smith Christie commanded the company.

You will please let me know when you get these letters of guardianship fixed,
 And oblige, yours, &c.,

TOOKER CHRISTIE.

Hon. CLAPPERTON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
 March 23, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I am sorry to hear that you have not received my registered letter of February 5. I inclose you a letter (copy) that I received to-day from the acting Assistant Treasurer, New York; also, Form 63 in the case of Thomas Sanders, as soon as completed. In the case of Long Sam, D, First, Ne-ha-cloc-co-chip-co, father is dead; he must have sworn falsely, as there is one girl alive; her name is Lewina, and she is the daughter of Long Sam, and entitled to bounty. In the case of George Smith, G, Third, Jack Smith, guardian, is dead. I will make inquiry about this Sally Smith, widow, and about the children. Jack Smith has done the same thing that the father of Long Sam did, sworn falsely. I find in great many cases of first bounty a great deal of tall swearing has been done, as in the case of Alik, I, First, and in the two cases above mentioned, and many more.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
 March 25, 1870.

DEAR SIR: In checking off the names you sent, and comparing them with my book, I find the following differences, to wit:

Runabout, B, 2d, I find in D, 2d.
 Alok-ya-ho-la, A, 1st, I find in C, 1st.
 Co-sa-fix-se-co, I find in C, 1st.
 Jackson Conrad, I find in F, 1st.
 John Henson, I find in I, 3d.
 Tu-cal-lo-ges-kee, I find in F, 2d.
 Henry Vann, I find in F, 2d.
 Key Dougherty, I find in F, 2d.
 Oo-sur-lar-ner-hee, I find in F, 2d.
 Ko-ot-see, I find in F, 1st.

I have in Company M, Third Regiment, Dave Conseene; Dorens Buffington, mother. You give me the name of Dave Carson. Is this the same case? I have in Company B, 1st, Nul-kee-pu-ki, a living man. Is this the same as Gal-kee-pu-ki? In the case of Joseph, I, 1st, the only Joseph I can find belongs to Company E, Second Regiment. See complete list. If that is the same send me word.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

382 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

[Copy from the Nash letter.]

List of claims sent to F. H. Nash by J. W. Wright, March 25, 1870.

John Adam	E	1st	\$100	Ya-la-co-quan-na	K	1st	\$100
Jefferson Vann	G	2d	50	Sha-qua-na	K	1st	100
Cart-chee-hart-la-boyer....	C	1st	100	Ab-li-ste..	G	2d	50
Co-so-fix-e-ko	C	1st	50	Cold Weather Jack	D	2d	50
Tulsey-har-cho	I	1st	50	Beny Footer	E	2d	50
Cla-loc-ah-ho-la	G	1st	50	Johnsou	F	2d	100
Too-nah, 2	G	2d	50	Ah-tas-yah-hi	B	2d	50
Johu W. Perryman	I	1st	100	Danele-gnalloo-yah	B	2d	50
Sogemore, David Sogemore..	I	1st	50	Reader	I	2d	50
Small Wood	G	2d	50	George Beamer	I	2d	50
E-mart-la-ha-go	C	1st	100	Robert Dowuing	I	2d	50
Oh-laner	F	2d	50	Alex. Love, F, 2	I	2d	50
Pelican	D	2d	100	Ab-un-chee	I	2d	100
Willet Charley	K	2d	50	Swimmer	A	2d	100
Car-cab-pa-na	K	1st	100	Wm. Thompsou	G	2d	150
Yab-lab-kuu	K	1st	100	Clay Wash	H	2d	100
Ya-pi-lah-co-fee-na	K	1st	100				

Information asked about the above named.

Yours,

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
March 26, 1870.

SIR: I would be much obliged to you for any information about my bounty. Write me by return of mail if you have received it or not. If you have not received it, have you heard from it lately? Tell me all about it.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN STOPP.

Mr. H. BOWLES.

Direct your letter to the care of Alex. Clapperton, Fort Gibson.

OTTAWA, KANSAS, April 2, 1870.

The following is a copy of a letter received from the Second Auditor in your case :

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, November 25, 1869.

SIR: The claim for bounty for John Stopp, Company I, Seventy-ninth Regiment, United States Colored Troops, is disallowed, and his certificate of discharge returned to claimant.

The records of this Office show that he deserted. He, therefore, forfeits all arrears, and is not entitled to any bounty, what having violated his contract with the Government.

Respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.

THEO. C. BOWLES,
Ottawa, Kansas.

Your discharge, I suppose, was forwarded to you at Mound City, Kansas, which was given us from post-office address, in your application.

Respectfully,

THEO. C. BOWLES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28, 1870.

DEAR SIR: In making out a list of soldiers, with companies and regiments and the amount of bounty allowed, from the certificates, for your father, a few days ago, I made

a mistake in three names, to wit, instead of David Sizemore, Company I, First Regiment, Danele-ga-loo-yah, Company B, Second Regiment, and William Thompson, Company G, Second Regiment, I wrongfully used the pronoun "you," mistaking it for the Indian proper name. I just discovered the mistake, and as Judge Wright has gone to New York, to be absent several days, I thought proper to notify you, in case he has already sent you the list. Hoping no harm has resulted from my blunder.

I remain, yours, truly,

BROWN WRIGHT, Esq.

COLUMBUS G. NEULY.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

March 28, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Mr. Phillips has been here, and he has concluded to let things be as they were. I send you some receipts, which I hope will arrive safe, viz:

David Scraper, Company H, Second Regiment, \$31.18; Sally Scraper, sister.

Jesse Arnold, I, 3, \$58.19; Thomas Scott, guardian.

Nicholas Hair, I, 3, \$76.90; Lucinda Hair, widow.

Joseph Ostile, A, 3, \$125.50; Nancy Ostile, widow.

Theodore Classen, G, 103, New York State Volunteers, \$90.

James Vann, G, 2, Indian Home Guards, \$85.

Te-ya-ste-ske, F, 2, Indian Home Guards, \$85.

Ho-lar-tak, E, 1, Indian Home Guards, \$85.

James Vann's \$85 has been retained for the Saint Louis merchants. I turned it over to Mr. Nash; likewise all the fees in the above four claims. Susey is a little better. Brown and John are well.

I remain, very respectfully, yours, &c.,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

A. Claperton in account with F. W. Galager:

1870.

February 24, 1 ax.....	\$1 75
February 28, 1 bushel corn.....	1 00
March 19, 1 box matches.....	10
March 19, candles.....	25
March 21, 3 pounds of coffee.....	1 00
March 21, 6 pounds of sugar.....	1 50
March 21, pepper.....	75
March 21, 2 skeins of thread.....	20
March 21, 8 pounds of sugar.....	2 00
	8 55
	8 55

GIBSON, April 1.

Received payment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 3, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I have this day seen Judge Wright, and he has written you.

I have written our house, at Saint Louis, to at once make out a new list of the lost claims, and swear to the loss of them; and also to send you the power of attorney to collect for us from this list any claim that is on it. This they will do at once; and you will please attend to our interest and collect this bounty. Judge Wright tells us that the Government here is satisfied of the loss of these orders, and have sent orders to the paying-agent at Gibson to pay these claims, the same as if you had the orders. The only thing is, don't let Ross get any money that belongs to us.

Ross transferred to us, as collateral security, pension-claims of something over \$3,000. This was merely in the form of a list from his (Ross's) books. We have had a list sent from Saint Louis to Mr. F. H. Nash, and have requested him to collect them from you. Henry Megs had the list of them last fall. We have asked Mr. Nash to call on him for the list. If he does not give it up don't pay him any money on these pensions, as he is no longer an agent. If you can wait for the list that we sent Nash for the pensions you will oblige us. Can you collect a note of Dan Ross for us for \$75?

Yours, truly,

HENRY BELL SON.

Mr. ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Fort Gibson.

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WASHINGTON, April 3, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: I wish you to pay Nelly, widow of Will Demell, of B, Second Regiment, \$15, and take her receipt for second bounty. She owes H. Bell & Co. \$70. I have paid them. I wish you would, with Nash, try and collect the Saint Louis claims as far as possible. The bounty-claims will pass through the Indian agent. The claims of H. Bell & Son, any lost in mail, you will collect from list. Mr. Mengs has some claims for pension-money. Mr. Bell is paid here, and will direct Meggs to turn them over to Nash. I do not wish you to commit yourself on this matter, but do all you can, properly, to aid Nash in the collection. Mr. Bell says he will send Nash immediately a list of the claims on persons; and I wish you to see that Ross do not collect any. Mrs. W. will start next week, and I will soon after. We are all well. Go on and pay pensions, and write often, and have Brown to do it.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

SAINT LOUIS, April 6, 1870.

DEAR SIR: We hand you this day a certified statement of the names and amount of the bounties which were mailed to you some two months ago, and which never reached you. They were sent by registered letter about the 1st of February. You will observe, this memorandum is certified to, and also our power of attorney to collect and receipt for the money. We hand you this statement and power of attorney, with the request that you collect the money and send it to us. Hoping this will reach you in good time, We are yours, truly,

HENRY BELL SON.

MR. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON, Fort Gibson.

[Copy.]

Additional cases sent the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Stephen Mose.....	K	3d	\$40	Sunday.....	C	3d	\$40
Adam Double Head.....			40	Mouse.....	C	3d	40
Davis Jonnerlo Key.....	H	3d	40	Henry Buffington.....	C	3d	40
Peter Emery.....	E	3d	85	Large.....	D	3d	40
Geo. Weaver.....	C	3d	85	Williams.....	E	3d	40
James.....	E	3d	85	Humming Bird.....	A	3d	40
John Swimmer.....	K	3d	40	Scatter.....	A	3d	40
Jos. Sanders.....	I	3d	40	Eo Starr.....	A	3d	40
Johnson Tarrapin.....	K	3d	40	Fishing Hawke.....	F	3d	40
Tom Hammer.....	C	3d	85	Elisha Waters.....	F	3d	40
Jno. Meigs.....	E	3d	85	Walker.....	H	3d	40
Hickory.....	A	3d	85	Alik Rood.....	H	3d	40
Ridge.....	A	3d	85	Darley Muskrat.....	H	3d	40
Snake Young Bird.....	B	3d	40	Henry Clay.....	F	3d	40
David Frisley.....	C	3d	40	Ben Snell.....	H	3d	40
Satake Scouthee.....	C	3d	40	Throwing Hair.....	G	3d	40

APRIL 10, 1870.

DEAR NASH: Find list herewith. By a new rule some cases are cut down to \$50 and some are disallowed. I will get it reversed. We start West to-morrow, and shall stop at Cincinnati, Saint Louis, &c.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
April 11, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I received your letters dated April 1 and 3. In reply I have to state that I will aid Mr. Nash in the collection of the Saint Louis claims as much as I can. I was glad to hear that I could pay the pensioners under my old commission. I commenced to pay to-day. I will look for Mrs. Wright about the 1st of May; I wish that you could

come along with her. I will pay Nelly, widow of Will Daniel, B, Second Regiment, as directed, and take her receipt. Inclosed you will find a power of attorney from Wilson Gerrity, and his draft No. 17129, dated Washington, October 30, 1868, Assistant Treasurer of the United States, New York, drawn by C. H. Holmes, paymaster United States Army. I sent you a draft some time ago, that I received from J. A. Paterson, of Okmidge, to see if it was genuine. In the letter that I received from you on the 11th of August, 1869, you stated that the draft I sent was genuine. There is two names near alike. I will write Rankin. Mr. Paterson called on me to-day; he is on his way to Saint Louis. If you have not written Rankin, please do it at your earliest convenience. If he does not hear of that draft this time he will be sure to call on me, on his return, to make further inquiries. Susy and the baby are improving. Brown is well. Give my respects to Mrs. Wright and all inquiring friends, and accept of the same yourself.

I remain, dear Judge, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT,
Washington City, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11, 1870.

I ascertain that the Willey voucher referred to by you to-day is still at the depot quartermaster's office here, unpaid, and it will be necessary for Mr. Willey to make an affidavit substantially like the one inclosed, and have one or more identifying witnesses swear to the same; and in addition a written order from you to me to collect it, wherefrom I can secure its payment, and send to you at once.

Respectfully,

H. SPALDING.

H. W. WRIGHT, Esq.

Inform me how much to retain as fees for you.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

April 15, 1870.

Received from Alex. Clapperton, 1 packet of Indian warrants belonging to Orr & Lindsley; 1 packet of Indian warrants belonging to William Young & Co.; and 1 packet of Indian warrants belonging to E. Milterberger, with lists of the same.

F. H. NASH.

SAINT LOUIS, April 20, 1870.

DEAR SIR: We sent on to-day by mail a quantity of Indian claims. Inclosed please find a list of same. If you will give them your immediate attention we shall be very much obliged.

Yours, truly,

JESSE ARNOT & CO.,
Per TEASDALE

A. CLAPPERTON, Esq.
Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

SAINT LOUIS, April 29, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Your favor came duly to hand, and has been waiting my return from New York City, from which place I have just returned.

Inclosed please find note of Dan. Ross for \$75. I will give you one-fourth of it if you will make him pay it in full, without interest. I loaned him this money last year to go home on, and he promised faithfully to send me the money and pay it; but he has never done so, and never will if he can help it.

Live-goose feathers are very scarce here. I have heard of a small lot of 25 pounds that will be here next week. The price is \$1 per pound. They will hold this lot for

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me until I can hear from you. I hope you will be successful in the collection of the second bounty for us from the list. So far we have heard nothing from the lost ones.

Very truly,

HENRY BELLE & SON.

Mr. ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON.

P. S.—In the pension-claims I send Nash to-day Megs's receipt for what he had of them—about \$1,300 worth.

Yours, &c.,

H. B. & SON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

May 5, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed you will find the application of Jane Hendricks, widow of David Hendricks, Company E, Second Regiment Indian Home Guards. Mrs. Wright left this morning. I hope that you will both arrive safe and sound in Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

May 17, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find applications for additional bounty for Arch Canoe, F, 2, Laury Canoe, widow; Ground Squirrel, F, 2, Laury Canoe, mother; Robert Woodall, D, 3, Betsey Woodall, mother; George Hog, D, 3, Betsey Hog, widow; Johnson Olabeater, C, 3, Chee-wah-tah, widow; all of which I hope will arrive safe. Brown is doing very well. Susie is improving, but Johnny has the measles. I have never heard from the draft of \$15,000 I sent to Saint Louis. I have written to the Treasurer about it. I sent the letter with Mr. Buryhurst. I hope you and Mrs. Wright arrived safe home. Will you inquire at the pension-agency in Washington about the fees that I ought to charge the pensioners?

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, May 18, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: We arrived home safe, and found all right. I send you here three cases, which fix up and return. I am anxious to hear from Susie and the babe. I hope Brown will get rid of all the extra negroes in his house. See that the improvements at his ranch are hurried on, and be ready for his mother and me by the 1st of September.

I applied to-day for Nash's permit to sell alcohol.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

May 20, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I send you the application of Aking Dragger, widow of Osa Dragger, L, Third Regiment. You have Form 63. I send you also the application of So-fa-lok-kee, mother of Wa-sen-tah, Company H, First Regiment, and Form 63.

Send me some Forms 63, as I am entirely out of them. Brown is very sick to-day; he has had chills and fever. Susie and Johnny are getting along slowly.

I remain, dear Judge, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, May 22, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: I send you here thirty-one drafts, all of \$100 except one. Find the

widow's children, or father, or mother, and deliver them on payment of my fees; and collect all due Ross, and pay it to Nash for me.

I sent Tickeater's draft to Nash yesterday. All well. We are very anxious to hear from Brown and his family.

All quiet here. We will see you in September.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, May 24, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: In yours of April 7, you inquire whether you shall make out the claim for Damon or Richard, of Company F, Second Regiment. The first you can make out; the last rejected—not on rolls. You ask about Joseph Swimmer, K, Second Regiment. I suppose it to be of Third Regiment. I have his receipt, No. 307, taken from him on my first visit. Te-ya-ste-ske, F, of Second Regiment; I have no receipt for first bounty. I suppose it is on Nash's list to pay; let Nash pay it and send receipt.

All well; very anxious to hear from Brown and his family.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT TREASURER UNITED STATES,
Saint Louis, Missouri, May 31, 1870.

No. 7413. (Triplicate.)

I certify that A. Clapperton, pension-agent, has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, seventy-eight hundred and thirty-two $\frac{2}{100}$ dollars, for which I have signed triplicate receipts.

Treasury notes—\$7,832.38.

A. G. EDWARD,
Assistant Treasurer.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
June 1, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I send you the application of Jane Miller, mother of David Miller, Company C, Second Regiment, "corrected." Also the application of Nancy Tucker, widow of Samuel Tucker, Company H, Third Regiment, with the Forms 63. The registered letter containing the drafts has not come to hand.

Brown, Susy, and the baby are in their usual health.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
June 2, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find fourteen receipts paid by Nash, to wit:

Oh-saw-we, H, 2, by Degma Mouse, (Ona-sa-yo-ke).....	\$124 87
Nea Banjo, M, 3, by Peter Passon.....	77 29
Israil Sit-caw-ne, F, 3, by Tuh-ya-in.....	25 81
John Young Chicken, G, 2, by Iua-li-uke.....	46 87
Co-sa-fix-eco, C, 1, by See-gin-nah.....	22 69
George Scraper, H, 2, by Naka Scraper.....	220 00
Wa-sen-tah, H, 1, by So-fa-loh-kee.....	36 34
Trotting Wolf, A, 2.....	85 00
James Fields, M, 3, by Mary Fields.....	185 93
Wak-so-che, I, 1, by Ti-co.....	21 45
San-ne-kah, H, 1, by Nuffa.....	33 84
Richan Justice, G, 3, by John Baylock.....	39 46
Te-ge-sta-ka, F, 2.....	85 00
George Tickeater, B, 3.....	85 00

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Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

FORT GIBSON, June 2, 1870.

GENTLEMEN: DAN. H. ROSS either will not or cannot pay the money that you lent him in Saint Louis to come home on. I keep on dunning him every other day. I may be able to tire him out. DAN. is bad pay; he will not pay any one if he can help it.

Respectfully,

HENRY BELL & SON.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

JUNE 9, 1870.

DEAR SIR: You will please push him on as much as possible, and make every effort to collect this debt. Can't you transfer it to some one in the Nation, so you can get payment on it, and sell a cow or a horse to pay it? We will give you one-third of the note to collect it in some way, as we want to make him pay it.

How do the collection of the bounties and pensions come on?

Yours, truly,

HY. BELL & SON.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Fort Gibson.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
June 3, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find nine receipts paid by myself:

Ne-lur-rak-koe-fix-se-co, I, 1.

Reuben Childress, I, 1.

Jack Thompson, A, 2.

Looney Rathugourd, E, 2.

William Thornton, E, 2.

William Rock, G, 2.

Stean Walker, H, 2.

Degins Swimmer, H, 2.

James Big, H, 2.

Mot-a-legy Barnett, E, 1.

And two receipts paid by Mr. H. Nash:

Skah-gin-nee, Company I, 2, per D. Sucking \$134 53

David Canol, F, 3, Cutler-youni 107 70

And one receipt paid by myself:

O-poth-ley-a-hola, claim, Ca-sa-he-la..... \$198 72

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, June 3, 1870.

SIR: Frank Borge lost a draft last year; this draft was drawn by you. He wishes to know if you would issue a duplicate draft for the one lost, if security for double the amount was given. Answer this by return of mail and oblige,

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON,
Pension-Agent.

Colonel ROCKWELL,
Assistant Quartermaster.

[Indorsement.]

OFFICE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER,
Fort Sill, Indian Territory, June 22, 1870.

Respectfully returned.

I will issue a new check for the amount of the check referred to, when evidence that payment of the original check has been stopped, and when a satisfactory bond of indemnity for double the amount of the check is filed in this office.

A. F. ROCKWELL,
Brevet Lieutenant Colonel and Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. A.

TAIILEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION, *June 7, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: Yours of yesterday with regard to the claim of A-nee-key is received. I will state that a daughter of the late Captain White Catcher came with A-nee-key, and testified to her identity, and I saw that she was alive, and therefore wrote what I did on that claim. I am not sufficiently acquainted with A-nee-key, and was not sufficiently acquainted with her late husband, Water Hunter, to testify myself in the case; though I have no doubt that she is the widow. The daughters of the late Captain White Catcher can testify in the matter, and are good and competent women.

Hoping that you are well, and you and your little family prospering and happy,

I remain, as ever, your friend,

JOHN B. JONES,
Late Pension-Agent.

MR. BROWN WRIGHT.

JUNE 10, 1870.

DEAR SON: I send you here a book for John. Why do you not write? How about the cattle and the farm? We are all well and expect to see you this fall. I will send some papers to Sandy to-morrow. No territorial bill will pass this session, but the railroads will go on, and great changes will take place. If the Southwestern Missouri Road get the right of way through the Seneca country, I wish you to take a claim where they strike the Indian country. I will let you know. I will pay the Ross draft if presented—would rather not—but will do it. Get rid of the drafts to proper persons.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, June 11, 1870.

SIR: Duplicate receipts, Form 63, required to close the following Indian claims:

Thomas Sanders, Company M, Third Regiment.
Owansoty, Company C, Third Regiment.
Nathaniel Ellis, Company F, Third Regiment.
Archibald Saunders, Company L, Third Regiment.
Wanody Step, Company H, Third Regiment.

Blanks have, at various dates, been sent you.

Respectfully,

E. B. FRENCH,
Auditor.
By M. M.

JOHN W. WRIGHT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

JUNE 11, 1871.

DEAR SANDY: I want No. 63 in the within cases. Those struck out I have got; get others as soon as possible. I send you No. 63 in another envelope. All well.

J. W. W.

SAINT LOUIS, *June 11, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: This will be handed you by our attorney, Mr. Charles A. Davis, who is on a visit to your place in our interest, and of whom we have requested to call upon you and see what progress has been made in the collection of the second bounty; and also the pension accounts of the Ross collateral fund; also the Dan Ross note. You will do me a favor by giving Mr. Davis all the information possible, and also, if possible, try and collect all the money for us you can during his stay, and send the same to us by him.

Yours, truly,

HENRY BELL & SON.

MR. ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS, *June 16, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: The inclosed check has been forwarded me by William Darden, secretary of the M. & A. R. P. Company, it having been refused payment on account of not being signed officially. I also perceive that Mr. Bushyhead has indorsed it—D. W. Bushyhead—whereas it is in favor of Denis Bushyhead. Will you be kind enough to correct it fully and return to me.

Very truly, yours,

THOS. LANIGAN.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,
Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION, *June 16, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find the application of Sealy Foster, widow of Daniel Foster, Company F, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards, with Forms 63. I am out of Forms 63. Have more applications ready to send, but I want to send them complete. Major Craig has returned; he has the bounty checks, and will commence to pay out on Monday, 1st. Captain Field, the Creek agent, has received the Creek bounty checks, but will not commence to pay them out till the 1st of July. "Mr. Aitkinson has gone to Saint Louis to buy goods, and about the 1st of July he (Aitkinson) will have his wares ready." Lo, the poor Indian, he has to wait till Aitkinson's return. Brown and Susey are in their usual health, and little John's eyes are improving. I have been very unwell for two or three weeks, but am a good deal better. Albert Barnes would like you to look after his claim. He says he needs it more now than ever; also the receipt he gave you on the 6th of October, 1866, in favor of Daniel R. Nave, by General Blunt, for horse pressed by him for military services, valued at \$60.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, *June 16, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: Do get the testimony, and let us close Barnes's case. I do not wish you to write without letting us know about Brown and his family.

We go to Boston next week. Say to Simon Brown I will write him soon.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, *June 17, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: Yours about Hughes and Rapp. It is an old saying, the more you stir an old turd the worse it smells, and about *kiking* them off the place. They are about eleven men strong all the time, and I only could raise about three that I could depend upon; however, I expect to have some trouble in a day or two besides that matter. Joe Rapp is about to start a blacksmith business, and old Phillips has given him the little cabin which my work-hands stays in. The cause, I suppose, of the old man Phillip cutting up so, I suppose that Nash has given him all he expects to get out of the salt-works until he gets it. Nash had no business to do anything of the kind, but Nash always puts his foot in it. However, there is one way of getting quit of Rapp and Hughes. If Benge is a friend to you, let him issue an order for them to go out of the nation. They are not working—loafing and drinking. Tell him I request him to do it. If he cannot do it, you will; or I will write to the agent at Washington. Send down a marshal with the order, giving them twenty-four hours. I'll give Mr. Marshal \$5 to hurry him on.

Mrs. has had chills every other day since you left; this is the day; she is very bad this morning. Ann is much better; I much better. About the bulls you speak of, I suppose you mean my little white ewe. I will deliver them here at \$25 a pair, or \$30 at Gibson. I'll try and get some men to chop wood next week. I think I will take a trip next week somewhere and sell, if I cannot sell some salt. My house is full; they have made a lot of salt this week. I want to know how much our debt with Nash is; I mean the old debt. What kind of settlement did Nash make with Phillips, and what promises did he make? Out of coffee and tobacco.

I am your friend,

BOB.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, *June 20, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I send you by Wash, twenty sacks salt, not weighed. Please see them weighed and send amount by mail; also 1,730 pounds corn $\frac{2}{3}$ bushels, at \$1, charged to Wash. I have charged you with the sixty bushels of salt sold to Mr. Brown, at \$7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per bushel; also corn to Lipe, \$40.75, I have given you credit for. Send in your next the number of bushels, says Mrs. C. Mrs. C. wrote a letter to you on Saturday, but was forgotten to be mailed, I therefore send it by Wash. Mrs. C. is having the chills every day, the rest is all well. Since writing the above, Wash, says he cannot get all the corn on his wagon: therefore two sacks, weighing 169 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds, (3 bushels,) corn to be deducted from the above.

I am, sir, very respectfully, yours,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.

CHAS. HAYDEN.

The goods have not been overhauled yet, but will commence as soon as I get Wash. off. Mrs. Cuthbertson was so sick on Saturday she would not let me open the boxes for fear of a noise that she could not bear. I cannot tell you if all is right until my next letter, which will be by mail. Mr. C. thinks now that you had better send a statement of all the goods bought from the different firms, and also the credits given, so that I can open an account with the parties separately, and keep your account—all others by themselves, in order to avoid confusion. This was my plan in the first place, but he would not let me do it. I commenced the book according to his instructions, and he seems to want it changed now. It will be much easier to keep and understand if each is kept separately, and a receipt is forwarded here on the payment of each and every bill.

Yours, in a hurry,

CHAS. HAYDEN.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, CHEROKEE NATION,
June 21, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Your wagon started yesterday morning loaded with twenty sacks salt, not weighed, and twenty-seven bushels corn. He could not take all the corn we had, but it's just as good for the next load. Inclosed you will find Lipe's bill, May 3, 1870; overcharged altogether, \$2.11; you will see that he makes the proper deductions therefrom, and bring the bill down when you come. On his last bill, June 17, 1870, he fell short six yards prints, at 14 cents, 84 cents; also three-quarters yard domestic, at 20 cents, 15 cents. Amount to be deducted from June 18, 1870, is 99 cents. I will not send this invoice, as you can get it rectified as well without it as with it. Also Bryant's invoice, of May 30, 1870, 218 pounds sugar, weighed 207 pounds, making 11 pounds short, at 18 cents, \$1.98 to be deducted from his, Bryant's, account. The hats bought from Lipe was assorted, some good and some poor for the price, \$3. The shoes (ladies') bought from Lipe at \$2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ are all small sizes, (7 pair 5's, 4 pair 4's, 1 pair 3's,) no large numbers, which is the most salable. You may have known this, however. In the lot of 21 pairs, at \$2.25, there are three different kinds, namely, 16 pairs good calf; 3 pairs coarse, thick soles; 2 pairs heavy ladies' brogans; you may have known this, too. I merely mention it so you will know how the goods comes here. In the lot of 16 pairs women's L. & B., at \$1.75 each, from Bryant's, are very poorly sorted as regards sizes, nearly all small sizes, (7 pairs 4's, 6 pair 5's, 3 pair 6's;) you see that the most unsalable sizes they send the most of. We have plenty of 4's and 5's on hand, but this cannot be remedied now, but will learn us to look after them. I see that some of these same shoes is marked to sell at their store at retail, at \$1.75, the same as you paid for them at wholesale. They have tried to scratch the marks out, but failed to do it entirely on some of them. The rest of the goods is all O. K.; likewise the invoices. The pants you sent for me are two sizes too long, but fit good all other ways; but I think I can sell them. The blacksmithing has all fell through with, I believe. The folks is all well except Mrs. C.: she has the chills every day. Chas. Mackey left here for home on Saturday morning, and was to have been back on Sunday night, but has not returned yet.

TUESDAY, 11 a. m.—Mr. C. run his tour yesterday. Thinking you have plenty of time to spare is the apology for making a business letter so long.

I am, sir, yours, very respectfully,

CHAS. HAYDEN.

Send 1 bottle Smith's tonic by mail-rider, for Mrs. C., and oblige

C. H.

Mr. CLAPPERTON.

392 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

May 3, 1870.

JNO. B. WRIGHT, at Lick,

Bought of O. W. LIPE.

1 piece brown sheeting, 40, 14.....	85 60
2 pieces brown sheeting, 74½, 20, (overcharged \$1).....	15 90
6 pieces prints, 239, 14.....	33 46
1 piece bleached, 50, 14.....	7 00
1 piece bleached, 25½, 20.....	5 10
1 dozen spool thread, 75.....	1 50
1 dozen hair-pins.....	75
1 dozen hose.....	2 25
5-12 dozen half hose, \$3, (overcharged \$1).....	2 25
3 hoop-skirts, \$1.....	3 00
2 yards bleached domestic, 33½.....	67
8 pair shoes, \$2.....	16 00
1 piece denims, 21, 20.....	4 20
1 piece calico, 51½, 12½.....	6 41
1 piece calico, 46½, 14, (overcharged 11 cents).....	6 58
1 box candles 40, 24.....	9 60
1 box.....	1 00
Total.....	121 27

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

June 21, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find receipts to the amount of \$893.91, paid by Mr. F. H. Nash, to wit:

Richard Hood, F, Third; Nancy Hood.....	\$341 34
Edward Lee, G, Second; Betsy Matoy.....	98 33
Ned Cummings, L, Third; Sally Cummings.....	238 83
Jack Barnett, K, First; Lochas Barnett.....	51 54
Isaac Springston, H, Second; Anderson Springston.....	28 01
Young Bird, H, Second; De-qui-nee-mouse.....	138 86

And six receipts paid by myself:

Mambe, K, First.....	85 00
Lewis Wofford, B, Second.....	85 00
Kun-ca-te-mauch, D, First.....	85 00
Sam-se-wa-te, K, Second.....	85 00
William Merrell, E, Second.....	85 00
John Ross, L, Third.....	85 00

Captain Fields, the Creek agent, will leave here this morning with the stage for Washington. Mr. Craig commenced to pay out last Monday.

Brown and his family are in their usual health; his garden looks well. I have never heard anything from the ranch. Brown has furnished Tickeater with nails and money as ordered. Brown will start up there this week. Send me Forms 63, and Form M, for pensions, and blank letters of guardianship. I think you have forgotten me; I have not had a letter from you for some time. I send you Form M, and pension certificate of Patsy Lovett, widow of Lovett, Company E, Second Regiment; your fee has not been collected in this case, as no payment has been made. Brown has administered on the estate of Mariah Duck; he has not yet received the papers; the check will be sent to you in a few days.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

June 22, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find applications and Forms 63 in the following cases, to wit:

Horman, C, First, Sally, widow.

John Rainerow, D, Second, Rachel Rainerow.

Jackson, J. First, Jemy Jackson.

Richard Hovel, F, Third, Nancy Hovel.

If you have received any more notifications of checks having been turned over to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, please send me the list.

Major Craig has paid some drafts that does not appear on any list that you have sent here.

Respectfully,

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

June 22, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find "M" and pension certificate of Patsy Lovett, widow of Lovett, Company F, Second Indian Home Guards. Your fee has not been collected in this case, as no payment has been made. Will you favor me by using your influence in keeping the post-office at the salt-works. A pack of rebels have clubbed together and have had a post-office established at Webber's Falls. The salt-works post-office is on the old established route, and can supply Webber's Falls people. I have no objection to them having a post-office at Webber's Falls, but I have a great objection to Cobb & Co. interfering with Roberts's post-office.

Respectfully,

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, CHEROKEE NATION,

June 23, 1870.

DEAR SIR: * * * * Charles Mackey came back on Tuesday noon. Hugh Rapp and the balance of the gang up there rejoiced hugely over Charles not coming back, but their rejoicing turned to sorrow when he returned.

The blacksmithing I spoke of in my last (you will see when you get Cuthbertson's letter from Washington) was what I referred to, as that was written before mine, and I supposed that you would have gotten it before you did mine.

I am, sir, yours, very respectfully,

Mr. ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

CHAS. HAYDEN.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

June 23, 1870.

DEAR SIR: In looking over my book I find that the claims of Archibald Sanders, L, Third, and Wandoÿ Stop, H, Third, have been allowed, and turned over to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. I will send you the Forms 63 as desired as soon as I can see the claimants.

I sent Form 63 to Eli Sanders, father of Thomas Sanders, M, Third, some time ago for signature; they have not been returned. In the claim of Nathaniel Ellis, Alla, the widow, is dead; "no heirs."

Sarah Walker, mother of William Walker, E, Second Regiment, says that she has never received her back pay, but that she received the first bounty. Mr. Nash has nothing for her on his list. Send me some blank forms 63 for bounty and blank forms M for pension, also blank letters of guardianship. Albert Chicken, Company M, Third Regiment. Delila, Paris's sister, claimant, if you have the muster-out rolls will you please see if that name is on it; if so I will make out the claim for back pay and bounty. Johnson Paris, Company D, Second, and John Shin, Company M, Third Regiment, want to know if you have their discharge papers. I have just received a circular from you about the claim of Old John, Company D, Third Regiment; in reply I have to state, that that claim has been allowed and the money turned over to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Brown and Susey are in their usual health, but little John's eyes are not much better; he cannot look up during the day, but at night he gets along better; it is strange that the brightest light at night does not affect them; he can look at the lamp burning first-rate. Give my respects to Mrs. Wright and all inquiring friends.

Respectfully,

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

WASHINGTON, *June 23, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: We go to Boston to-day. Write me here and they will be forwarded to where we are. My health is not good, but I hope soon to be well. Write often and full as to Brown and his family. Field is a scoundrel, but he can do nothing. The other man is a fool.

I just received letters, receipts, &c.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, *June 23, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: I have sent off your wagon this morning early. Wash could reach Gibson to-night, but I told him not to do it. I have sent you a general cargo, corn, bacon, salt, and dressed deer skins. The salt is fine, the best ever sent. If you have to pay Gulager in salt, let him have this lot. Send me down all the spare wheels you have; this weather will make all our wheels go to glory. Mrs. C. kept your man, as we had no cook. Charles Mackey has just brought me one. You need not send any from Gibson; send me a smooth stone or oil-stone— $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch auger. I have not time to write any more. I am on the furnace since 12 last night. We are all well.

Yours, &c.,

R. C.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS.

Cherokee Nation, June 23, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I send by the blue wagon 20 sacks of salt not weighed. Please see them weighed and send the amount to this place; also 22 bushels corn; also the dried beef, weight 83 pounds. Send by wagon one molasses-barrel or two twenty-gallon kegs for Daniels; some needles. The grape-juice tobacco is out. We have the other two kinds, but they seem high price for the most of the customers. But you need not put yourself out of the way to get the other kind, but if you see an opportunity favorable you might send some. The folks is all well now, for a change. We have no cook at all at present. The license runs out on the 23d of next month, so says Mr. Cuthbertson. Please send down a statement of the above, and who gets them, &c. Send some vinegar in jug, and oblige yours, &c.,

R. CUTHBERTSON,
Per C. HAYDEN.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

June 23, 1870.

SIR: In a letter dated August 25, 1869, you directed me to pay the mother of Ground Hog, Company F. Second Regiment Indian Home Guard. I now send you the receipt. She owed Ross \$30, she receiving the balance, \$55. I also send you the application and Form 63 of Ah-piekar-fix-se-co, Company I, First Regiment, corrected. Johnny is a little better to-day. Brown is well, and Susie is in her usual health—neither very well nor very ill. Mr. Nash's furniture arrived last Sabbath. There were three bureaus in the lot, two of them pretty nice ones, and one of common pine. Brown, I supposed, was to have the first choice of the furniture, or, if I mistake not, was to have furniture bought purposely for himself. Now, G. O. Sanders and H. C. Meys bought the good bureaus, and the common pine fellow was left—how are you, first choice! Nash may be a very fine man, but after what you have done for him he ought to have more respect for you and yours. There is trouble ahead at the salt-works. Brown joins me in asking you to make Wash assume the responsibility now, and all will be well. Phillips & Mackny are at their old games—the old veteran rascals. Nash must do it, but I am afraid he has two faces—one for me and another for Phillips. Your will ought to be law to him. Brown thinks of going up to Mr. Rope's soon. Tell Mrs. Wright that the little carriage is all right. Brown puts off writing to his mother. I hope you are all well.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

July 29, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find applications and Form 63 in the following cases: David Anderson, A. First; Nick Crittenden, I. Third. Corrected also the letters of guardianship in the claim of Judge Butler, Company C. Third. Brown and Susie are well. Captain Field has gone to Saint Louis. He is going to resign. The post-office here is still in a muddle. John C. Cunningham is postmaster, and has three or four deputies. The new system of paying pensions will not work in Fort Gibson. It will do in large cities and towns in the North, where the pensioners have every facility at hand, intelligent men to make out their papers, and where the postal arrangements are perfect; but you know how the post-office arrangements are here, and how the business of the judges and clerks of the courts is conducted—scarcely one of them can write their names. I would not be able to pay one pension per annum, as I do not think the papers could be made out correctly. My experience with these letters of guardianship and other matters is proof to me of their inability to make out any papers as they ought to be made.

Respectfully,

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

TAMLEQUAH, CHEROKEE NATION,

June 29, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Your inquiry about Chec-nayi Good Money I could not answer positively until now. In looking over papers I find that among those sent to Washington as surrendered and the pension closed up. For what reason will appear on your big book. The same was sent back for re-issue and was re-issued, and again sent back to stay. This much I gather both from memory and memorandum. Look out! do not let them get you on it. She is either dead or remarried, for the certificate is surrendered.

I cannot find that of Catherine Ellis. Has it not turned up in your office? See if Nash has not got it.

Very truly, &c.,

JOHN B. JONES.

Mr. ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, June 30, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: Yours yesterday, with auger. I need a whole set of tools. I have break-ups every . . . The oxen are so bad to manage in the woods I have to be with them mostly myself.

About Nash taking charge of this place, I cannot see it. He will have us in hot water all the time. I know the thing will never work with old Phillips. There are only two ways the thing can be worked: either smash old Phillips's lease or get twenty-five kettles from Ross on time, for the old Lick. Perhaps Nash can get the kettles for you on time. I did want to annoy you, but we have had perfect hell this week. The one-eyed girl was going to cowhide Mrs. C., and this morning the old devil Phillips buckled on to Charley, and proposed to mash his head. But he got hold of a Tarrar. He run him up to his old cabin. He has sat under his tree all the morning, swearing that he will have us all off the place in a few days. Charley will come up on Saturday to get sworn in. Phillips has wrote to the agent to-day to have him sent off. Let me know by to-morrow's mail if you are coming down this Saturday. Give \$200, if it will smash old Phillips's lease. I would like to know what the amount of Mackey's account is, Phillips's account, and the debt against the Lick is now. Send down all the bags you have at Gibson next time your wagon comes down. You had better make the wagonwright look at your hind wheels, &c., &c. I don't wish you to trouble the judge much about my matters. If we are beat, so the thing must end. But when you are writing him, anyhow, tell him that the rebel crowd here has sent a petition to Washington to have my post-office removed. Tell him just to pop in and see how the thing is.

Mrs. C. says I have to tell you that her late cook is in Gibson, and intends coming down with your wagon. You tell Wash. not to take her in your wagon. We are all well.

I am your friend,

R. CUTHBERTSON.

I cannot get any men to cut wood; it is too hot.

JULY, 187 .

DEAR SANDY: I herewith send you the draft of Runabout Fodder. I have all the others except John Wright's, and will send any you desire. Wright's was sold to Ross. I will write you at full length to-morrow. Take Brown by the neck and make him write to his mother. Did he get his horse? Is Tickwater making the claim? I paid the \$300 draft for Ross. You write and give me all the news.

Captain Fild is writing about me, but I will attend to him.

Yours,

J. W. WRIGHT.

How about the post-office?

J. W. W.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

July 2, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed please find affidavits of Canon Vann and Washington Henson, in the case of Menerva Davis, widow of Jess Davis, Company E, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards; also affidavits of Adam Pelem and Ezekiel Blackfox, in the case of Cheyan-stak, mother of Jack Foreman, Company B, Third Regiment Indian Home Guards. I hope they will be satisfactory. Also three receipts for money paid by myself:

John Grace, I, 1st.....	\$35
Passa, K, 1st.....	35
Gon-la-go-guana, K, 1st.....	35

Mr. Nash has given you credit for \$45, your fees. Brown and Susey are well, but very much cast down at the loss of their little boy. Give my respects to Mrs. Wright and all the family.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, July 5, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: I want you to let me know what Lipe will give for milk-cows and calves; one-year olds, two-year olds, three and fours; also see Robertson, the butcher. I do not think I can make anything of Mrs. Holt; she wants too much. If either Lipe or Robertson will give a price that would warrant me bringing them to Gibson, I will bring a lot on Monday first. (Will they buy bulls?) If you can get your money back for that ox which was bought at the sale, do it. Young will keep promising you until you have no claim on him. Something tells me you will never get him. I have had some of the best men in the Nation after him, and cannot get him. I have bought the great big dun one for \$30, which Albert Barnis run up to \$45 for you.

I am going to have a strong team for Ben to run off salt; and if he does not keep them fresh and nice, the first trip will be the last. Let me know about the price of cattle by return of mail. I want all turned into money. We are all well. Give my respects to Brown. I regret to hear of the loss of his little boy, but such is all our fates, some day or other.

I am your friend,

BOB.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,

Saint Louis, Missouri, July 6, 1870.

SIR: The check mentioned in your letter of the 1st instant has not been paid. The regulations of the Treasury Department do not permit me to pay duplicate checks.

Very respectfully,

A. G. EDWARDS,

Assistant Treasurer.

ALEX. CLAPPERTON, Esq.,

Pension-Agent, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, July 7, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: I herewith send you in cash, \$35; in tickets, \$3.75; total, \$38.75. Mrs. C. and myself are worried very much. You neither write nor send your wagon. We thought you must be sick; but Ben's man was here this morning, and tells us you are

well We are out of coffee and sugar and calicos. I have a wagon-load of corn and skins waiting for your wagon since Monday. I have delivered to Mrs. Holt cattle for three hundred and fifty bushels of corn. Send down all the bags you can rake and scrape. I have about \$250 worth of more cattle running round here, which like to send to Gibson when I hear from you; but Mrs. C. and myself wishes you down this week. I would have been up, but I have had a bad hand. The doctor cut it open yesterday. I think it will get well now. We have had quite an exciting time here for a few days past with hearsays. Your friend Benje made it all. He is either fooling Mackey and Phillips, or else a traitor to you. He had a paper with him at court, which he showed to John Patrick, and others, saying it was an order from the agent to remove my family, and the agent would have me removed in ten days. Tim Walker was here and the names and ages of all my family and white folks. Mackey was with him. I can hardly think there is anything in it. But you know what effect such talk has on Phillips and his friends. Did anybody ever know such a place and such a people? You must come down on Saturday and comfort Mrs. C. and poor Charley. Both of them thinks there is a snake in the grass somehow. I must confess I feel uneasy on account of such meetings at the cabin, with marshals and friends. Ben tells they intend to try some damn rascally work. I have just had a white man in telling me, privately, that a marshal went up to the agent yesterday; they are determined to run the-risk, and take both goods and salt. I think it most damnably hard that Brown could not have come down for a day or two, and stop all this trouble.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,
July 7, 1870.

SIR: Yours without date received, requesting explanations in the cases of Chee-yun-lun-tak, Kla-que-che, Paconthla, Go-ne-cha-sqalle. In reply I have to state, that all these mistakes were made, by Mr. John B. Jones, my predecessor. I have sent him a copy, requesting him to give the explanations required. Will send his answer as soon as received.

Respectfully,

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON,
Pension-Agent.

HON. H. VAN AERNAM,
Commissioner of Pensions, Washington City, D. C.

[Indorsement.]

Respectfully returned, with request that the letter to which this is a response, or a copy thereof, may be forwarded to this Office.

C. S. TREVITT,
Chief Clerk.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, July 11, 1870.

DEAR SANDY: The pump has gone out of order so that no one can fix it but the man who made it. You will please send down Buchanan. I send you a piece of iron. Let Buck see it, and he will know what part is out of fix. However, James will be able to explain to him. Let him come down to-morrow. You will require a piece of iron made same as pattern.

I am sorry I could not oblige you in changing your wheels. Ben had them on, and, I expect, on his way with a load of salt. Wash. is a very careless driver. I propose making him haul wood for a day, and let the wood-wagon come up to Gibson with a load of corn. When it comes, you take credit for hauling same as it was your own. I don't want you to promise all the corn, as think I might get some of the Fort Smith merchants to take a few hundreds of salt by holding out the corn as a bait.

I am going down to Mrs. Holt's to-day with some bags. Mrs. C. had a chill yesterday; so had Charlie and Lizzie.

I am your friend,

BOB.

Four bell-straps. One heavy ox-whip, same as yours.
Albert Barnes's man has a bell belonging to the Lick.

I have sent all corn this time. The next load will be all salt, for Bryant.

MARBLE SALT-WORKS, *July 12, 1870.*

DEAR SANDY: I will be up to-morrow. I again warn you. Has Brown paid his license? Old Phillips and the marshal, Stevens, has gone to Tahlequah to find out. Hints also afloat that they intend capturing the blue wagon on its * * * * * and very likely some of us will get shot. Nash is at the bottom of it all. I mean by saying he has nothing to do with the thing; but, on the honor of a gentleman, I had not to use his name, or they would kill the last one of his stock. He tells me Mackey is working the people up; tells them that I will not employ a Cherokee—only Scotch, Dutch, and Irish. I have three or four every day asking work. I could not tell what the thing meant. (Now I know.) Mackey sends them to prove that he is telling the truth. That is the best point Mackey's made yet. You must name the thing to Nash until I come up, and don't get annoyed yourself. Take it cool. Something must be done, and that quickly. Mrs. C. is in bed. She thinks the excitement will kill her. Moses Price says Brown has made a big mistake in coming down and riding round a little; it would have ended all this excitement. Mackey had seen the old treasurer a few days ago, and Brown had not paid any license, neither in trade for goods, or wagons, more in * * Head them, *bructs*. I again say, keep cool. I'll see you to-morrow. I cannot think Nash means any harm, but he is a fool. Don't see him until I come up, because I know you will get mad. Mention no names.

I am your friend,

R. CUTHBERTSON.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION.

July 17, 1870.

DEAR SIR: The following-named drafts on my list have not been received:

L. M. Chasteen, E, 2.

John Wright, H, 2.

Sawny Tucker, I, 2.

Isaac Dick, K, 2.

"Ezekiel Latimore," A, 3. No heirs.

"Beaver-Silk," A, 3. No heirs.

Runabout Fodder, D, 3. Guardian for children. Collect to —

Hammer Thrower, D, 3.

Isaac Fisher, M, 3.

Brown and Susy are well. John's eyes are improving. The garden is looking first-rate. You certainly did a great deal of work in a short time. The wagon has just returned from Wm. F. Brown's; it made a profitable trip. Give my respects to Mrs. Wright, and all inquiring friends.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge J. W. WRIGHT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 24, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I am really astonished at your neglect. I thought you was dead, or that the Indians had carried you away. But I was speaking to a gentleman from the neighborhood of Fort Gibson, who says that you are there and well, and that you had a fight with an Indian, and that you killed him. I am glad to hear you are doing well. Captain R. T. Shillinlaw died about two months ago. Now don't you hard about it a long time ago. Carlile has done nothing for eleven months. He had to get a search-warrant before the Irish woman would give the leg.

Give my respects to Mr. Clapperton. Also, my kind respects to Miss Cuthbertson and all the family, not forgetting yourself. Robert, write soon. Give me all the news. I would give more news if I was sure you would get this.

Yours, most respectfully,

J. B. MCKAY, V. S.,
807 Sixth Street.

ROBERT CUTHBERTSON, esq.

N. B.—I understand there is some gentlemen from Washington to visit you. A view to business is the prospect. I understand Betherand is one of them. Excuse hurry, as I am very busy.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

July 23, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I send you form, number, and certificate in the case of Katy White-path-jug, widow of White-path-jug, Company A, Second Regiment, Indian Home Guards. She has applied several times at the agency, but Mr. Jones could not be found. Your fees has not been paid in this case, as no payment has been made. This is an application for restoration. Brown is well. Susy is better.

Respectfully,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

FORT GIBSON, CHEROKEE NATION,

July 23, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to send you the applications of Betsy, mother of Pa-has-fix-e-ko, H, First Regiment, and Form 63; Cheawser, widow of Crawler, M, 3, and Form 63; and Tyner, father of James Turner, F, 3, and Form 63.

Susy was threatened again last night with her old complaint of throwing up blood. She is better to-day. Brown is well. They were both down at the salt-works last week. Brown is taking a great interest in them now. I hope you are all well.

I remain, dear Judge, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ALEX. CLAPPERTON.

Judge JOHN W. WRIGHT.

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,

THIRD DISTRICT ARKANSAS,

Fayetteville, July 27, 1870.

SIR: I am directed to require of you returns of your income for 1869, providing you are a citizen of the United States. If you are not a citizen of the United States, please let me know that fact, and also the place of your citizenship.

I also desire the names of your predecessors in office since June 30, 1864, giving dates of commencement and leaving the office, and also their present post-office addresses if possible; or as much and any information you may be able to give.

Your early attention to this matter will much oblige yours truly,

JOHN G. SPRINGER,

Assistant Assessor.

ALEXANDER CLAPPERTON, Esq.,

United States Pension-Agent, Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation.

No. 1.—FIRST BOUNTY.—Copy of statement received from the War Department of the payment of bounty to the First Indian Regiment.

No. of check.	Date of check.	Claimant.	Co.	By whom paid.	To whom payable.	To whom sent.	Bounty.
517	July 11th, 1866	As saw wa	Pvt., F	Col. C. Holmes	John W. Wright	John W. Wright	\$100 00
516	do	Tus sik za ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
515	do	Wax se ho la	Sgt., F	do	do	do	100 00
514	do	So ha jo chee, 1st	Pvt., F	do	do	do	100 00
513	do	So fix so co	do	do	do	do	100 00
512	do	Sim le ti kee	do	do	do	do	100 00
511	do	Simon Brown	Pvt., H	do	do	do	100 00
510	do	A tr ge za hol la	do	do	do	do	100 00
509	do	Go wek kel ph	do	do	do	do	100 00
508	do	Fas ha ge ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
507	do	Fish	do	do	do	do	100 00
506	do	Ish pah ka koh	do	do	do	do	100 00
505	do	It har za hol la	do	do	do	do	100 00
504	do	La ta za hol le	do	do	do	do	100 00
503	do	Ispe ne ha elok ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
502	do	Wa poh ge fixe co	do	do	do	do	100 00
501	do	Ah pe keo mek ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
500	do	We ha fixe co	do	do	do	do	100 00
499	do	Cha fixe co	do	do	do	do	100 00
518	do	Wolf	Pvt., F	do	do	do	100 00
519	do	Oh ah se fixe ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
520	do	Billey	do	do	do	do	100 00
521	do	A huk e ho la	do	do	do	do	100 00
522	do	No kus ko gone	do	do	do	do	100 00
523	do	Albert Eajo	do	do	do	do	100 00
524	do	Nak fa ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
525	do	Na ko se mat to tse	do	do	do	do	100 00
526	do	Na lo	do	do	do	do	100 00
527	do	Oeti ah cho che	do	do	do	do	100 00
528	do	Oe saw ma	do	do	do	do	100 00
529	do	Ori ah se	do	do	do	do	100 00
530	do	Pa ho se	do	do	do	do	100 00
531	do	Po se ah ho la	do	do	do	do	100 00
532	do	Pa has ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
533	do	Chit oh fixe ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
534	do	Che yarp hah	do	do	do	do	100 00
535	do	Cat so ha jose	do	do	do	do	100 00
536	do	Fis na jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
537	do	Ho tul le fixe co	do	do	do	do	100 00
538	do	Robt Johnson	do	do	do	do	100 00
539	do	Jo la fixe co	do	do	do	do	100 00
540	do	Ka put se za hol la	do	do	do	do	100 00
541	do	Kups pa che ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
542	do	Long John	do	do	do	do	100 00

543	do	Leo ah lo	do	do	do	do	100 00
544	do	Ma pi hi	do	do	do	do	100 00
545	do	Maui nee	do	do	do	do	100 00
546	do	Pa has ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
631	July 12th, 1866	Shuck chief haw	Pvt., H	do	do	do	100 00
630	do	Ya ta ka ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
629	July 11th, 1866	Sam meh	do	do	do	do	100 00
628	July 12th, 1866	To li neh	do	do	do	do	100 00
627	do	Sugar George	do	do	do	do	100 00
626	do	Tab has se ho jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
625	do	Petah no ha	do	do	do	do	100 00
624	do	Billy No. 2	do	do	do	do	100 00
623	July 11th, 1866	Ak tus co geh	do	do	do	do	100 00
622	do	Ter way	do	do	do	do	100 00
621	July 12th, 1866	Mek ko gop koh	do	do	do	do	100 00
619	do	Quash McSteeseh	do	do	do	do	100 00
618	do	Jim meh	do	do	do	do	100 00
617	do	Billy No. 1	do	do	do	do	100 00
616	do	Petah No. 2	do	do	do	do	100 00
615	do	David McQuinn	do	do	do	do	100 00
614	do	Goola hehah	do	do	do	do	100 00
664	do	Wot ka	Pvt., C	do	do	do	100 00
665	do	Tout li ja	do	do	do	do	100 00
666	do	Tall co les chee	do	do	do	do	100 00
668	do	Tas ic ha ho les	do	do	do	do	100 00
669	do	Tot zo li he	do	do	do	do	100 00
670	do	Tud se fix se co	do	do	do	do	100 00
671	do	Tin ma to	do	do	do	do	100 00
672	do	Sally	do	do	do	do	100 00
673	do	Towas e may ler	do	do	do	do	100 00
674	do	Tow ma ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
611	July 14th, 1866	Samuel Sullivan	do	do	do	do	100 00
612	do	Joseph Sugar	do	do	do	do	100 00
613	July 12th, 1866	Que kos fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
614	do	Jacob Perryman	do	do	do	do	100 00
615	do	Richard Perryman	do	do	do	do	100 00
616	do	Carl ebe hard Eaboyan	do	do	do	do	100 00
617	do	Jack Colonel	do	do	do	do	100 00
618	do	Ah n bar higo meent co	do	do	do	do	100 00
619	do	Ok ti yah ehe meck ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
620	do	Pue ha ux e ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
621	do	Deann	do	do	do	do	100 00
622	do	Chis ki li ki	do	do	do	do	100 00
623	do	Vo so fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
624	do	Ah Bar har mather	do	do	do	do	100 00
625	do	A sharr hit to	do	do	do	do	100 00
626	do	Chue eheant-ong ha	do	do	do	do	100 00
627	do	Chue eheant-ong ha	do	do	do	do	100 00
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698	do	Chue eheant-ong ha	do	do	do	do	100 00
699	do	Chue eheant-ong ha	do	do	do	do	100 00
700	do	Chue eheant-ong ha	do	do	do	do	100 00

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695	July 12th, 1866	Chin ko lis ha jo	Pvt., C	Col. C. Holmes	John W. Wright	John W. Wright	\$100 00
696	do.	Cohar se mar ler	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
697	do.	Ca chus fix e co	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
698	do.	Co ar sart fix e co	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
824	July 14th, 1866	Worx se har jo meo josa	Pvt., B	do.	do.	do.	100 00
825	do.	Wax so har je cho	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
826	do.	Jounio	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
827	do.	Tom	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
828	do.	Thomas	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
829	do.	Sun i na cho	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
830	do.	So mer che, 1st	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
831	do.	So mer che, 2nd	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
832	do.	Sol yu che ke	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
833	do.	Pigeo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
834	do.	Picket	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
835	do.	Os la to ke	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
836	do.	Os fa see ko	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
837	do.	Ola to har jo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
838	do.	Oge za hola	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
839	do.	No kuo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
840	do.	No kai ko park no	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
841	do.	Nok sak har jo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
842	do.	Mo ka har jo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
843	do.	Ma see	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
844	do.	Lof fi chee	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
845	do.	Kak so fix e co	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
846	do.	Kol ash to	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
847	do.	Jim ma nee	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
848	do.	Jim	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
849	do.	Jah kay (or Jah)	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
850	do.	Its has wa	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
851	do.	John	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
852	do.	Hoth lo pe zah	Pvt., C	do.	do.	do.	100 00
853	do.	Henry	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
854	do.	Go kope	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
855	do.	Fus har jo, 2nd	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
856	do.	Fus har jo, 3rd	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
857	do.	Fow nok ke	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
858	do.	Eno ho fix e co	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
860	do.	Chi pu ne	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
861	do.	Chit to har jo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
862	do.	Cho fa la fix e co	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
863	do.	Chu be ke ke	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
864	do.	Billy Unip ko	Pvt., B	do.	do.	do.	100 00

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865	do	Ja cap pee	do	do	do	100 00
866	do	Pus luol eht	do	do	do	100 00
867	do	Bilch	do	do	do	100 00
868	do	Ah hol ok fl e ko	do	do	do	100 00
869	do	Arth law har jo	do	do	do	100 00
870	do	Loc soo	do	do	do	100 00
871	do	Chio was te a fac so	do	do	do	100 00
1177	July 25th, 1866	Kol nee har jo	Pvt., I	do	do	100 00
1178	do	Sac neh	do	do	do	100 00
1176	do	Dani Grayson	do	do	do	100 00
1175	do	Henry Grayson	do	do	do	100 00
1174	do	Edward Butler	do	do	do	100 00
1173	do	A luk how cho	do	do	do	100 00
1193	do	Dum o ku che	do	do	do	100 00
1192	do	Wak se micco che	do	do	do	100 00
1191	do	Tu sar kee	do	do	do	100 00
1190	do	Tulsey ja ho la	do	do	do	100 00
1189	do	Tucker	do	do	do	100 00
1188	do	Tulsey Hareho	do	do	do	100 00
1187	do	So pah	do	do	do	100 00
1186	do	Sanford W. Perryman	do	do	do	100 00
1185	do	Joseph K. Perryman	do	do	do	100 00
1184	do	Pompey Perryman	do	do	do	100 00
1183	do	Thomas Perryman	do	do	do	100 00
1182	do	John W. Perryman	do	do	do	100 00
1181	do	Na ha kuh	do	do	do	100 00
1180	do	Dani Miller	do	do	do	100 00
1179	do	Peter Moornox	do	do	do	100 00
1172	do	Zart to war har jo	Pvt., E	do	do	100 00
1171	do	Wax so har jo	do	do	do	100 00
1170	do	Four me za ho la	do	do	do	100 00
1169	do	Te mee	do	do	do	100 00
1168	do	Four Bear	do	do	do	100 00
1167	do	Sch boh mo	do	do	do	100 00
1166	do	Shan ne na ja	do	do	do	100 00
1165	do	Gomer Perryman	do	do	do	100 00
1164	do	No ha lak ko	do	do	do	100 00
1163	do	Mus tey	do	do	do	100 00
1162	do	Ko miss ca holo	do	do	do	100 00
1161	do	Ke el to	do	do	do	100 00
1160	do	Ko no fx e ko	do	do	do	100 00
1159	do	Jaekcy	do	do	do	100 00
1157	do	Ho lah tah	do	do	do	100 00
1158	do	Sam'l Jones	do	do	do	100 00
1156	do	Calvin Frazier	do	do	do	100 00
1155	do	Dick	do	do	do	100 00
1154	do	John Cousins	do	do	do	100 00
1152	do	Doc Brady	do	do	do	100 00
1153	do	David Barney	do	do	do	100 00
1151	do	John Adams	do	do	do	100 00
1150	do	Love Jim bery	do	do	do	100 00
1149	do	Tom	do	do	do	100 00

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1143	July 29th, 1866	Sha he cha	Pvt., E	Col. C. Holmes	John W. Wright	John W. Wright	\$100 00
1147	do	Shaw ne	Pvt., A	do	do	do	100 00
1146	do	No ker ho jeporeh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1145	do	Un ha la fix e ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
1144	do	Ja hola lu got	do	do	do	do	100 00
1143	do	Ok gow ha got	do	do	do	do	100 00
1142	do	Co nep pe ma la	do	do	do	do	100 00
1141	do	Mah teh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1140	do	Wilsey	do	do	do	do	100 00
1139	do	David Anderson	do	do	do	do	100 00
1121	do	Marshall Marshall	Pvt., K	do	do	do	100 00
1122	do	Pa cow thia na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1114	do	Buck John	do	do	do	do	100 00
1115	do	Captain John	do	do	do	do	100 00
1116	do	Kau thia wa thia	do	do	do	do	100 00
1117	do	Jim Long	do	do	do	do	100 00
1118	do	Lincoln	do	do	do	do	100 00
1119	do	Marshce	do	do	do	do	100 00
1120	do	Jno. Marshall	do	do	do	do	100 00
1123	do	Sha gaa na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1124	do	Lof fo na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1125	do	Shar na kee	do	do	do	do	100 00
1126	do	Sak co fah, No. 2	do	do	do	do	100 00
1127	do	Lear me hat ker	do	do	do	do	100 00
1128	do	Snar boh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1130	do	So fah la	do	do	do	do	100 00
1129	do	Luo see	do	do	do	do	100 00
1131	do	Tul wha ilx e ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
1132	do	Tah con on na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1133	do	Ta wah thia na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1113	do	Jak ka	do	do	do	do	100 00
1112	do	Joa ne she ah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1111	do	Willie	do	do	do	do	100 00
1110	do	Wason neh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1109	do	Wu le at	do	do	do	do	100 00
1110	do	Me ins ke	do	do	do	do	100 00
1111	do	Tiger	do	do	do	do	100 00
1112	do	Er tob wa thia na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1116	do	Ja pe la co fee na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1109	do	Hunter na	do	do	do	do	100 00
110	July 17th, 1866	Ho so kah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1107	July 24th, 1866	Roland Goliath	do	do	do	do	100 00
1106	do	Pise so kee	do	do	do	do	100 00
1105	do	Fex	do	do	do	do	100 00

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1104	do	Etana	do	do	do	100 00
1103	do	Do co we na	do	do	do	100 00
1102	do	Che less lat	do	do	do	100 00
1101	do	Car chii lee	do	do	do	100 00
1100	do	Cah tah ka na	do	do	do	100 00
1099	do	Co co evo	do	do	do	100 00
1097	do	Co quan na	do	do	do	100 00
1096	do	Con we	do	do	do	100 00
1095	do	Chor fa ta	do	do	do	100 00
1094	do	Co too huy	do	do	do	100 00
1093	do	Charley	do	do	do	100 00
1092	do	Co fa na	do	do	do	100 00
1091	do	Co cah thia nah	do	do	do	100 00
1098	do	Co sha wa	do	do	do	100 00
1090	do	Co too ah	do	do	do	100 00
1089	do	Barnet Timothy, 2nd	do	do	do	100 00
1088	do	Barnet Timothy, 1st	do	do	do	100 00
1087	do	Ah la co con thia na	do	do	do	100 00
1086	do	Co ka sa	do	do	do	100 00
1085	do	Robert Brown	do	do	do	100 00
1084	do	Zatah on vra	do	do	do	100 00
1083	do	Pa cha wah	do	do	do	100 00
1082	do	Ga gee	do	do	do	100 00
1081	do	Tah co to ne	do	do	do	100 00
1080	do	He tah cor wa	do	do	do	100 00
1079	do	Charles Brown	do	do	do	100 00
719	July 13th, 1866	Pea vreh	Pvt. C	do	do	100 00
718	do	Oak chi e mart ler	do	do	do	100 00
717	do	Jim Perryman	do	do	do	100 00
716	do	Oak cy lissar	do	do	do	100 00
715	do	Ok la ha jo chee	do	do	do	100 00
714	do	Owe wo ka	do	do	do	100 00
713	do	Oak chi e dix o co	do	do	do	100 00
712	do	Ispar neh jo, 1st	do	do	do	100 00
711	do	Je cum e dix e ko	do	do	do	100 00
710	do	Lar beth che	do	do	do	100 00
709	do	Jacob	do	do	do	100 00
708	do	Jefferson, 2nd	do	do	do	100 00
707	do	Alex Hawkins	do	do	do	100 00
706	do	Ho tul go ruba tul co	do	do	do	100 00
705	do	Enc ha ha jo	do	do	do	100 00
704	do	E chu jie ko	do	do	do	100 00
703	do	Fao ha	do	do	do	100 00
702	do	Emart lo chu	do	do	do	100 00
701	do	Dixon	do	do	do	100 00
700	do	Che lo ke zar holer	do	do	do	100 00
699	do	Co chus hu jo	do	do	do	100 00
1614	Aug. 21st, 1866	Co me ha joh	Pvt. H	do	do	100 00
1615	do	Galleh	do	do	do	100 00
1616	do	Ta lau keh	do	do	do	100 00
1617	do	Me kalla	do	do	do	100 00
1618	do	Simon Berryhill	do	do	do	100 00

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1638	Aug. 21st, 1866	Ya hol la har joh	Pvt., II	Col. C. Holmes	John W. Wright	John W. Wright	\$100 00
1609	do.	John Francis	Pvt., G	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1610	do.	Walter Grayson	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1611	do.	E mat lar ha jo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1612	do.	David McQueen	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1613	do.	Wan kee	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1599	do.	Geo. Sofly	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1600	do.	Charley Perry	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1601	do.	Abb Nevins	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1602	do.	Tom Barnard	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1603	do.	Peter Brunor	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1604	do.	Eli	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1605	do.	Charley Choat	Pvt., H	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1606	do.	George Grayson	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1607	do.	Gremio Magiltia	Pvt., D	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1596	do.	Barnwell David	Pvt., C	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1597	do.	Big Billy	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1508	do.	Hawkins George	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1592	do.	Ja la ti ho	Pvt., B	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1593	do.	Ma yir ha jo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1594	do.	Ta lus ha jo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1595	do.	Ya ha bar jo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1731	Oct. 27th, 1866	Teske hat ka	Pvt., A	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1732	do.	Ya hic maroh	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1733	do.	Wak se ho latah	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1734	do.	Tick ta nat se	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1735	do.	Ta mo keh	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1736	do.	Pam f fix e co	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1737	do.	Pen me ma rah	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1738	do.	Osa ya ho lah	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1739	do.	No kas fix e co	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1740	do.	Ko mark ko geh	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1741	do.	Kellah	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1742	do.	Jack sey	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1743	do.	Es thpp be	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1744	do.	Es fia no fix e co	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1745	do.	Ar go a hola	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1746	do.	La tho ha goh	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1747	do.	Fa ya ha lah	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1748	do.	Simon Wolf	Pvt., D	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1749	do.	Tul na no ho zok ko	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1750	do.	Fa bo	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1751	do.	Pan no chee	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1752	do.	Po ho se ma neh	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00

1753	do	Ok en ge ma neh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1754	do	Marshall Kelly	do	do	do	do	100 00
1755	do	Lo se fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1756	do	Katse hafo cho	do	do	do	do	100 00
1757	do	Ko non wa ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1758	do	John uch	do	do	do	do	100 00
1759	do	Johnson Robinson	do	do	do	do	100 00
1760	do	In lar fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1761	do	John Hoistene	do	do	do	do	100 00
1762	do	Hul lot lot cho	do	do	do	do	100 00
1763	do	Hul lot pone ha neh ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
1764	do	Ema hen ne lah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1765	do	Zamar ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1766	do	John Dyer	do	do	do	do	100 00
1767	do	Cha la ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1768	do	Al pat ta ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1769	do	Ah chu le	do	do	do	do	100 00
1770	do	Ah las fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1771	do	Tyo ko baeha ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1772	do	Cho fix sik koh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1773	do	Tas konah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1774	do	Eet kat ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1775	do	Le war her	Pvt., E	do	do	do	100 00
1776	do	A las tom kee	do	do	do	do	100 00
1777	do	Co ho co che	do	do	do	do	100 00
1778	do	Stewart McKenney	do	do	do	do	100 00
1779	do	James Kernal (special)	do	do	do	do	100 00
1780	do	Thomas Hawkins	do	do	do	do	100 00
1781	do	Ei mi tee	do	do	do	do	100 00
1782	do	Fiu ne chuup ye ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1783	do	So no chee	Pvt., F	do	do	do	100 00
1784	do	Ma tha nako	do	do	do	do	100 00
1785	do	John Harley	Pvt., G	do	do	do	100 00
1786	do	Up pen ne	do	do	do	do	100 00
1787	do	Sloif kee	do	do	do	do	100 00
1788	do	Tin no chee	do	do	do	do	100 00
1789	do	Oto ko cho la, 1st	do	do	do	do	100 00
1790	do	Little fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1791	do	Lo chee fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1792	do	Kook ko ge	do	do	do	do	100 00
1793	do	Kat so fix e co, 1st	do	do	do	do	100 00
1794	do	Ko suit to fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1795	do	Jo la fix e co, 2nd	do	do	do	do	100 00
1796	do	Joe dah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1797	do	Jo me ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
1798	do	John uc hah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1799	do	Ho tul lo fix e co, 1st	do	do	do	do	100 00
1800	do	Hellis Jaqo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1801	do	Henry Grayson	do	do	do	do	100 00
1802	do	Ah ku luk fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1803	do	Ko no ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1804	do	Ko ar sot fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00

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1805	Oct. 27th, 1866	War so hajo	Pvt., G	Col. C. Holmes	John W. Wright	John W. Wright	\$100 00
1806	do	Ah luk fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1807	do	Low neh	Pvt., H	do	do	do	100 00
1808	do	Emar lah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1809	do	Te wee	Pvt., I	do	do	do	100 00
1810	do	Stik of fonce	do	do	do	do	100 00
1811	do	Sap pe zeh zeh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1812	do	Sau neh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1813	do	Ne har rak kot fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1814	do	Mo lun eo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1815	do	Van sar tee	do	do	do	do	100 00
1816	do	Jos seh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1817	do	Ito tut kee	do	do	do	do	100 00
1818	do	Isaac Gan nok ke.	do	do	do	do	100 00
1819	do	Su tam nie cor cho	do	do	do	do	100 00
1820	do	He le sher to goh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1821	do	Peter Porter	Pvt., K	do	do	do	100 00
1822	do	Davis John	do	do	do	do	100 00
1823	do	Cah lah run fah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1824	do	Co tah hay	do	do	do	do	100 00
1825	do	Brown Samuel	do	do	do	do	100 00
1826	do	Mark Sims	do	do	do	do	100 00
1891	Nov. 14th, 1866	Zah lah kau	do	do	do	do	100 00
1890	do	Sak ko tah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1889	do	Gon lago qua na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1888	do	Char bo te ten na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1887	do	Con pehla na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1886	do	Co tee na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1885	do	Cah pe co na	do	do	do	do	100 00
1884	do	Le mah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1883	do	Che ne he cho	do	do	do	do	100 00
1882	do	David Lezemen	Pvt., I	do	do	do	100 00
1881	do	Jim	do	do	do	do	100 00
1880	do	Peter Collins	do	do	do	do	100 00
1879	do	Aleck Menack	Pvt., II	do	do	do	100 00
1878	do	So phil lip ha jo	Pvt., F	do	do	do	100 00
1877	do	Ya fix se ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
1876	do	Wiley	do	do	do	do	100 00
1875	do	Take se fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1874	do	So ha jo chee, 2nd.	do	do	do	do	100 00
1873	do	Siu ma ho	do	do	do	do	100 00
1872	do	So ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
1871	do	So ju ola	do	do	do	do	100 00
1870	do	Pa nak ko ge	do	do	do	do	100 00

1869	do	To ha se mat to se	do	do	do	100 00
1868	do	Ce John ha go	do	do	do	100 00
1867	do	Nath knp ha jo	do	do	do	100 00
1866	do	Ma ho si ke	do	do	do	100 00
1865	do	Mi eh pa	do	do	do	100 00
1864	do	Kof so lar ne	do	do	do	100 00
1863	do	Ka puits se fix e ko	do	do	do	100 00
1862	do	Josaph	do	do	do	100 00
1861	do	Jas co for che	do	do	do	100 00
1860	do	Jacob	do	do	do	100 00
1859	do	John neh	do	do	do	100 00
1858	do	James David	do	do	do	100 00
1857	do	David	do	do	do	100 00
1856	do	Chit to ha jo	do	do	do	100 00
1855	do	Ce co pay che	do	do	do	100 00
1854	do	As san ha jo	do	do	do	100 00
1853	do	Ah ha tuko e mat la	do	do	do	100 00
1852	do	The ha jo	do	do	do	100 00
1851	do	Pa hus fix se ko	do	do	do	100 00
1850	do	Bljah Miller	Pvt., E	do	do	100 00
1849	do	Tul ke ya holo	Pvt., A	do	do	100 00
1848	do	Sol lo che	Pvt., B	do	do	100 00
1847	do	Legus Perryman	Sgt., M	do	do	100 00
1946	do	Ten ha jo	Pvt., E	do	do	100 00
1945	do	Che wa ken	Pvt., K	do	do	100 00
1947	do	Hull rattler	Pvt., C	do	do	100 00
2046	Nov. 24st, 1866	Watty	Pvt., I	do	do	100 00
2045	do	Tout	do	do	do	100 00
2044	do	Toc o lor tee	do	do	do	100 00
2043	do	Tul mo tvo fix se ko	do	do	do	100 00
2042	do	Tony	do	do	do	100 00
2039	do	Par to	do	do	do	100 00
2038	do	Oe ti ah checo	do	do	do	100 00
2037	do	O lee la sah	do	do	do	100 00
2036	do	Kos sah	do	do	do	100 00
2035	do	Jim kah	do	do	do	100 00
2033	do	Che tim ho	do	do	do	100 00
2032	do	Ho tol kee yo so la	do	do	do	100 00
2031	do	John Graer	do	do	do	100 00
2030	do	Ochee har chee	do	do	do	100 00
2028	do	Ya ha gha	do	do	do	100 00
2027	do	Willey	Pvt., G	do	do	100 00
2026	do	Wat seo	do	do	do	100 00
2025	do	Te lar	do	do	do	100 00
2024	do	Tum ne mat lo chew	do	do	do	100 00
2023	do	So bee	do	do	do	100 00
2022	do	Sim ah la chee	do	do	do	100 00
2020	do	Ok san fix se ko	do	do	do	100 00
2019	do	Nix cli gha	do	do	do	100 00
2018	do	No kus fix se ko, 3rd	Pvt., E	do	do	100 00
2017	do	No kus fix se ko, 1st	do	do	do	100 00
2016	do	Nuk e mat la	do	do	do	100 00

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2013	Nov. 21st, 1866	Johnson.....	Pvt., E	Col. C. Holmes.....	John W. Wright.....	John W. Wright.....	\$100 00
2012	do.	Jo so fix e ko.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2011	do.	Ho pe teh hin me ho che.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2008	do.	Fik se mik che.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2007	do.	Frank.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2006	do.	Fush ha jo ge.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2005	do.	E mat la gap ko.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2004	do.	Chis or we kee.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2003	do.	Cha lo e ah ho la.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2002	do.	As or luk ha jo.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2001	do.	Ah ha luk cah ho la.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2000	do.	Thlo kus ha jo.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1999	do.	Fosh much o holo.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1998	do.	Mik a mup pa.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1997	do.	Ok Jno. E. Martler.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1996	do.	Yo ho li chee.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1995	do.	Yok ah dec ah ho la.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1993	do.	Talsey.....	Pvt., E	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1992	do.	Pal ham me.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1991	do.	No he me ko.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1990	do.	No eos ba jo.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1989	do.	Jo was taw ye.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1988	do.	John ney.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1987	do.	John.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1986	do.	Daniel.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1984	do.	Diek Burney.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1982	do.	Charley West.....	Pvt., D	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1981	do.	Oo sa ha jo.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1979	do.	En cah keh.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1978	do.	Chus so miko.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1976	do.	Bob.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1973	do.	Jorry.....	Pvt., C	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1972	do.	Joe Beaver.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1971	do.	West ley.....	Pvt., B	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1964	do.	Ar cho a ho la.....	Pvt., A	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2041	do.	Pa ho co fix se co.....	Pvt., I	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2040	do.	John Perryman, 2d.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2034	do.	Napoleon Childress.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2029	do.	Ya to chee stako.....	Pvt., H	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2021	do.	Ote ko e ho la, 2d.....	Pvt., G	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2015	do.	Loc mok tu hol la.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2010	do.	Wm. Grayson.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
2009	do.	James Grayson.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	100 00
1994	do.	Wm. Warford.....	Pvt., F	do.	do.	do.	100 00

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1985	do	Cle se meli	Pvt.	E	do	do	100 00
1983	do	Mota legy Barnett	do	do	do	do	100 00
1980	do	Kumi co to mabreh	Pvt.	D	do	do	100 00
1977	do	Sim Bassetti	do	do	do	do	100 00
1975	do	Ho loe ha jo cho	do	do	do	do	100 00
1974	do	Thla yor ho hi	do	do	do	do	100 00
1970	do	Ta me ju cho	Pvt.	A	do	do	100 00
1969	do	Lo the fa ho goh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1968	do	Jo fix e co	do	do	do	do	100 00
1967	do	Ho tai ke ya ho lah	do	do	do	do	100 00
1966	do	Yok got ha goh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1965	do	Co no ha goh	do	do	do	do	100 00
1963	do	Ko ne pea hola	do	do	do	do	100 00
2127	Nov. 23rd, 1866	Clat ho ho goh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2126	Nov. 24th, 1866	Sampson	do	do	do	do	100 00
2125	Nov. 23rd, 1866	Albert Grayson	do	do	do	do	100 00
2124	Nov. 24th, 1866	Dickey	do	do	do	do	100 00
2123	do	Fa ha ho, 2d	do	do	do	do	100 00
2122	do	Kagea fix e koh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2121	do	Tob kes ha jo, 2d	do	do	do	do	100 00
2120	do	Wat ke keh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2119	do	Tas ke ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
2118	do	Pen ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
2117	do	Pa hat keh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2116	do	Kog ga he not keh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2115	do	Armstrong	do	do	do	do	100 00
2114	do	Alfa lo keh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2113	do	Atas ha joh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2112	do	Ge ke poh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2111	do	Ok gow ho ya ho gah	do	do	do	do	100 00
2109	do	Gon ne pat ha keh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2108	do	No jos se marah	do	do	do	do	100 00
2107	do	Go lo ke ya ho lut	do	do	do	do	100 00
2106	do	As sag slix o koh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2105	do	Ca pot cha ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
2104	do	Nar kap me koh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2103	do	Gon no las the	do	do	do	do	100 00
2102	do	Go ho mareh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2101	do	Kag ger me kot	do	do	do	do	100 00
2100	do	Ne ha ja ho lut	do	do	do	do	100 00
2099	do	Wit sah	do	do	do	do	100 00
2098	do	Sek ka neh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2097	do	Fi ho mat lah	do	do	do	do	100 00
2096	do	Kap pe go get	do	do	do	do	100 00
2095	do	Ka he za ho lah	do	do	do	do	100 00
2094	do	Kot se me ta	do	do	do	do	100 00
2093	do	Me ho keh	do	do	do	do	100 00
2092	do	Me ko ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
2091	do	Bradley Sam	Pvt.	B	do	do	100 00
2090	do	Spa hi go	Pvt.	D	do	do	100 00
2090	do	Silas	do	do	do	do	100 00

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2089	Nov. 24th, 1866	Hap poor juru ne lah	Pvt., D	Col. C. Holmes	John W. Wright	John W. Wright	\$100 00
2088	do	Jeff Smith	do	do	do	do	100 00
2087	do	Ta ko sa ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
2086	do	Os sa hen ne ha	do	do	do	do	100 00
2085	do	Os sats za hol lah	do	do	do	do	100 00
2084	do	Ne bah	do	do	do	do	100 00
2083	do	John Lewis	do	do	do	do	100 00
2082	do	Henderson Grayson	do	do	do	do	100 00
2081	Nov. 23rd, 1866	Josiah Watson	do	do	do	do	100 00
2080	Nov. 24th, 1866	Lo hab	do	do	do	do	100 00
2079	do	No ras lix so ko	do	do	do	do	100 00
2078	do	So whe ley	Pvt., E	do	do	do	100 00
2077	do	Ne ha luc que che	do	do	do	do	100 00
2076	do	Ko nip ha jo	do	do	do	do	100 00
2075	do	Jacob	do	do	do	do	100 00
2074	do	Co cha he ma ta	do	do	do	do	100 00
2073	do	Wah ne	do	do	do	do	100 00
2072	do	Larpeo	Pvt., F	do	do	do	100 00
2068	do	Wa tit lah	Pvt., H	do	do	do	100 00
2067	do	Sun na keigi ta	do	do	do	do	100 00
2066	do	Tom Cousins	Pvt., I	do	do	do	100 00
2065	do	John White	do	do	do	do	100 00
2064	do	John Childress	do	do	do	do	100 00
2063	do	Reuben Childress	do	do	do	do	100 00
2062	do	George	do	do	do	do	100 00
2071	do	O such ha jo	Pvt., G	do	do	do	100 00
2070	do	Jo kah	do	do	do	do	100 00
2069	do	Se ha mat ha joh	Pvt., H	do	do	do	100 00
2061	do	Joseph Pabter	Pvt., I	do	do	do	100 00
2231	Dec. 10th, 1866	Robert Add	Pvt., F	do	do	do	100 00
1541	Aug. 9th, 1866	Char tay lix so co	Pvt., E	do	do	do	100 00
1542	Aug. —, 1866	Heller e marlers	do	do	do	do	100 00
2014	Nov. 24th, 1866	Kat ne mart ler	Pvt., G	do	do	do	100 00
1608	Aug. 21st, 1866	Jack Magil hra	Pvt., D	do	do	do	100 00
2218	Dec. 10th, 1866	Co toe see	Pvt., K	do	do	do	100 00
2219	do	Va ha co quan na	do	do	do	do	100 00
2319	Jan. 3rd, 1867	Jem meh	Pvt., J	do	do	do	100 00
552	April 20th, 1867	Josiah Perryman	do	do	do	do	100 00
859	July 14th, 1866	Co as sal lix e co	Pvt., B	do	do	do	100 00
403	April 16th, 1867	Jon hech	Capt., K	do	do	do	100 00
2412	Aug. 1st, 1867	Se hat mat ha jo	Pvt., H	Col. H. P. Walcott	do	do	100 00
4177	Jan. 25th, 1868	Jack e lah co che	Pvt., A	do	do	do	100 00

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17326	Oct. 30th, 1866	Francis Roe	Pvt., K	Col. C. Holmes	Claimant.				
17328	do	Levi Roe	do	do	do				
17330	do	Naked Head	do	do	do				
96-13	Jan. 30th, 1869	Tohi	do	do	do				
98-11	do	Con coh eub ne	do	do	do				
98-03	Feb. 9th, 1869	Ja cam san ga fa	do	do	do				

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Adtl bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	Dec'r 23, '69 Canceled. Dead.				
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power			Clark, le-lar-gah, + attest H. C. Meigs, J. W. Wright, Robt J. Fleming, N. C. Draper & Co., Lewis Johnson & Co., J. L. Worth, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 30, 1868		P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Thomas Rooster, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Appleton Noyes & Co., J. F. McCleery, acr. D. Clark, a cashier,—Wright. D. L. Eaton.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power	+	Will P. Ross, Alex. Clapperton.	+ C. M. McClellan, D. A. Janney & Co., Jos. B. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power	+		Saddle Blanket +, attest, Henry C. Meigs, J. W. Wright, Rob't J. Fleming, N. C. Draper & Co., Lewis Johnson & Co., J. L. Worth, cr.; Bracht, D. Clark.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 21, 1868	+	Will P. Ross, Dan. H. Ross.	Ed. Mayfield, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel Winthrop & Co.
100 00	Try c'ty Canceled.				
100 00	559398 issued. Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 9, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	Mathew, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. F. McCleery, a cr., D. Clark, a cr., Job May-saa, Brother & Co., John E. Limeburger, Rich d King, cr.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power	--	J. W. Wright	+ J. W. Wright G. W. Stickney, actuary, Jay Cooke & Co., O. P. Thompson, cr., D. Clark, cr., Banker.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	--	Frank J. Nash, P. O. Blackstone.	Thomas Taylor, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. J. Stuart & Co., Banker, cr.
100 00	April 1, '70	No power	+	Geo. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	O. A. Lipe, C. C. Lipe, Baker & Co., E. Scofield, cr., W. Revelyene, cr., D. Clark, cr.
100 00	May 15, '69	April 5, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, S. H. Binge.	—, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power	+		Lame, +, attest, Henry C. Meigs, W. S. Nash, J. H. Eiffert, H. E. McKee & Co. J. C. Seymour, Vermilye & Co., M. B. Meeker, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 30, 1868	--	Wm. S. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	Wash. Shepard, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 16, 1869	--	Geo. O. Sanders, L. R. Thornton.	Dutch Canoe, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	do	Feb. 16, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Charles, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	May 31, '69				Stuart & Co.
100 00	May 1, '70	No power	--	W. W. Work	—, J. W. Wright, Cond Heuting, A. Lane, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 7, 1868	--	G. O. Sanders, Simon Brown.	Genumet, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Henry Bell & Son, Swan, Oden & Co., Northrop & Chick, John J. Banker, cr., W. S. Huntington, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
John Hicks.....	16468	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G....	E	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
Robert Ross	16469	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Love	16470	do	do	do	do	do	do
Renj. Adair.....	16471	do	do	do	do	do	do
James Foster.....	16472	do	do	do	do	do	do
Little John	16473	do	do	do	do	do	do
James Ratlingourd ..	16474	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lorney Ratlingourd..	16475	do	do	do	do	do	do
Richard Dick	16476	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lewis Dunback.....	16477	do	do	do	do	do	do
Richard Robertson...	16478	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rufus West.....	16479	do	do	do	do	do	do
William Green.....	16480	do	do	do	do	do	do B. Bond
Robert Batic.....	16481	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jacob Bushyhead	16482	do	do	do	do	do	do
Edward McCoy.....	16483	do	do	do	do	do	do
William McCoy.....	16484	do	do	do	do	do	do
Joseph Polston	16485	do	do	do	do	do	do
Henry Paris	16486	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chin Equal.....	16487	do	do	do	do	do	do
William Thornton...	16488	do	do	do	do	do	do
Listen Schneider.....	16489	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	June 30, '69	Feb'y 4, 1869	Signs	D. W. Lipe, Morge C. Charlesworth.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C. Davis & Co., W. H. Mannier, cr., W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 18, 1868	Robert Ross...	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Robert Ross, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cash., E. Willson, cashier.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	George Love, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. J. Stuart & Co.; attested by Dan. H. Ross and Rich'd Perryman.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 4, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Benjamin Adair, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Henry Bell & Son, Orr & Lindsley, G. H. Lake & Bro., Jno. R. Kearny, cashier, Jay Cooke & Co., W. H. Mannier, cr., and C. F. Thompson, cr.
100 00	Mch. 31, '69	Jan'y 11, 1869	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. J. Stuart & Co., Stuart & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, P. N. Blackstone.	+ —, F. H. Nash, Wm. E. Stover & Co., J. A. Beasley, cr., W. Nichols, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 9, 1869	+	W. S. Brewer, Henry Eiffert.	James Ratlingourd, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cr., E. Willson, cr.
100 00	May 31, '70	Not reported			Cleery, acr., E. Willson, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 12, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Lewis Dunback, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, ass't cr., W. L. Jenkins, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, Henry Eiffert.	Richard Robertson, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. M. McCleery, a cr., D. Clark, a cr.
100 00	Tr'y acct of 531-670.				
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 28, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	Wm. Green, by J. W. Wright, Lindsley, King, a cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 28, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Henry Eiffert.	Robert Battie, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Cole, cr.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 6, 1869	Jacob Bushyhead.	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Jacob Bushyhead, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Jauney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr., Lellan, Jesse Arnot & Co., B. Cartwright, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+ —, J. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., Chas. G. Ball, cr.
100 00	... do	Dec. 16, 1868	Signs	Morge C. Chatsworth, Tom Gallcatcher.	+ —, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C. Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	... do	No power ...	Signs		—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., Wright.
100 00	Not reported paid.				Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 3, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Henry C. Meigs.	Chin Equal, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, cr., W. S. Huntington, cr.
100 00	May 31, '70				F. Coles, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+		Listen Schuiner, +, attest, Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders, F. H. Nash, Frank J. Nash, N. F. Shapley & Co., Chas. Parsons, cr., E. Willson, cr., Wm. F. Jones, H. W. Ford, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Eli Saunders	16490	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G....	F	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W.Wright.
Jesse Saunders	16491	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lewis Hicks	16492	do	do	E	do	do	do
Benj. Foster	16493	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tyler Foreman	16494	do	do	do	do	do	do
L. M. Chastcen.....	16495	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Pumpkin	16496	do	do	I	do	do	do
Swimmer	16497	do	do	do	do	do	do
Watt Russell	16498	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ezekiel Black Fox	16499	do	do	do	do	do	do
Adam Proctor	16500	do	do	do	do	do	do
White Water.....	16883	do	do	G	do	do	do, B.bond
William Young.....	16884	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dougherty David....	16885	do	do	do	do	do	do
Stephen Peach Eater.	16886	do	do	do	do	do	do
Bogg Richard.....	16887	do	do	do	do	do	do, B.bond
Cha-na-nu-ski.....	16888	do	do	do	do	do	do
Moses Jack.....	16889	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oo-nas-gur-sah.....	16890	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chas. Rogers.....	16891	do	do	do	do	do	do
Good Money.....	16892	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young Beaver.....	16893	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sah-ne-no-le-ski.....	16894	do	do	do	do	do	do
Arch. Christie.....	16895	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Ad'dl bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Eli Sanders		Eli Sanders, John W. Stapler, Thos. W. Linsey, Jane & Son, E. Willson, John Carter, cr., W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	.....do	No power ...	+		Jesse Sanders, +, witnesses, Alex. Clapperton, J. H. Eiffert, F. H. Nash, J. O. Ford & Co., Jas. A. Jackson & Co., Bartholomew Lewis & Co., J. B. Alexander & Co., Rich'd King, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+		Louis Hicks, +, attest. J. W. Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100 00	T. D., 555,441 Dec. 23, '69 Canceled.				
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, O. W. Lipe.	Tyler Foreman, Charles Vermilye & Co., H. W. Seymour, Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 11, 1868	+	Will P. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	Jesse Pumpkin, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, ass't cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Signs		Swimmer, John W. Stapler, A. W. Dinsmore, Hastings.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, Leonard Wooster.	—, L. C. Hopkins & Co., Ami Baldwin & Co., C. F. Winthrop, att'y, B. Cartwright, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+ —, Van Winkle & Slater, Northrop & Chick, Jno. T.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	Sign		—, W. C. Trust, John N. Cox, W. H. Rhea.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 10, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Frank J. Nash.	White Water, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, D. Lanahan, White Bros. & Co., D. P. Ferris, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 9, 1868	+	Albert Barnes, Geo. O. Sanders.	Wm. Young, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.				O. Catlin & Son, cr.
100 00	Feb. 4, '69	Dec. 2, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Stephen Peach Eater, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., J. Parkinson & Co., Proctor Greenwood & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 12, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, J. H. Eiffert.	Richard Bogg, by J. W. Wright.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Louis A. Ross.	+ —, Henry C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 20, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Henry C. Meigs.	Oo-nar-gur-sa, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, J. W. Wright & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Tom Galcatcher, Morge Charlesworth.	+ —, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C. Davis, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 22, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Good Money, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Henry Bell & Son, Orr & Lindsley, G. H. Lake & Bro., Jno. R. Kearney, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.				John G. Hapan, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+		Cha-ne-no-le-shi, +, Sam'l C. Davis & Co., W. H. Mannier, C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Johnson Robbin	16896	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G.	G	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
Bull Frog.....	16897	do	do	do	do	do	do
Fox.....	16898	do	do	do	do	do	do
Hoister.....	16899	do	do	do	do	do	do
James.....	16900	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lacey.....	16901	do	do	do	do	do	do
Moses Mackey.....	16902	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oo-la-na-sti-ski.....	16903	do	do	do	do	do	do
Pig.....	16904	do	do	do	do	do	do
Root.....	16905	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sun-ke.....	16906	do	do	do	do	do	do
William Rock.....	16907	do	do	do	do	do	do
Too-na-he.....	16908	do	do	do	do	do	do
Richard Umphries.....	16909	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jefferson Vann.....	16910	do	do	do	do	do	do
Hector Vann.....	16911	do	do	do	do	do	do
Writer.....	16912	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Donn.....	16913	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jones Brown.....	16914	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mike.....	16915	do	do	do	do	do	do
Small Wood.....	16916	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oo-nar-cla-la.....	16917	do	do	do	do	do	do
Hitcher.....	16918	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 2, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Johnson Robbin, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. A. McCleery, acr., D. Clark, acr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Aug. 31, '70				
100 00	Mc'h 31, '69	Feb. 25, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, S. Benge.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, O. Fleming, Johnson, cr., J. L. Worth, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Hoister, by J. W. Wright, att'y, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. A. Mc—, Ford & Co., cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	+ —, F. H. Nash, D. A. Janney & Co., C. Hodge, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	...do	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, Wm. Craig.	+ —, Hines & Eases, Jas. Merrill & att'y, C. F. Coles.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 8, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Moses Mackey, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Scott & Mollier, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co., W. B. Meeker, cr., Rob't J. Fleming, Johnson, cr., J. L. Worth, cr.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	M. C. Gormley, R. M. Dannenhey.	+ —, Wm. F. Rasmus, Orr, J. A. Stoddard, cr., Rich'd.
100 00	Aug. 31, '70				G. J. Jones, cr., J. C. Seymour, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Dan. H. Ross, Rich'd Perryman.	Root, +, C. L. McCarty, cr., Haskell & Co., C. F. Willing, W. Wright, att'y.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	John C. Smith.....	+ —, J. W. Wright, Riggs & Co., Wm. L. Jenkins, Wm. C. Browning & Co.
100 00	May 31, '70				B. Whittmore & Co.
100 00	Dec. 23, '69 T. D., 559, 383 Canceled.				D. Clark, cr.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 19, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Richard Umphres, by J. W. —, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., Stuart & Co.
100 00	Dec. 23, '69 T. cert'y 559, 382 Canceled.				J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	May 15, '69	Mc'h 28, 1869	+	J. H. Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr., E Willson, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Writer, +, F. H. Nash, Jas. C. Yeatman, cr., Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	Dec. 19, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+ —, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C. Davis, H. Hedgman, C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 14, '69	Dec. 5, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Jones Brown, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co., W. H. Mannier, J. Fleming.
100 00	June 30, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Tom Galcatcher, Morge C. Charlesworth.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C. Johnson, cr., J. L. Worth, cr.
100 00	Tr'y certf 559381.				& Co., H. C. Ford, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.				J. & J. Stuart & Co., A. Lane, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 25, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Hitcher, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Wm. C. Richards, E. S. Francis, cr., & C. F. Coles, cr., Stover & Co., Haylen, B. Seaman.

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	Mc'h 31, '69	Feb. 13, 1869	+	Will P. Ross, Lewis A. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Son, Haskell, Beardsley, cr.
100 00	Tr'y certf 539384.				
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Tail, by J. W. Wright, att'y, D. A. Janney & Co., Jno. E. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, Alex. Clapperton.	John-wa-tas-a-ta, +, Moses Greenwood & Son.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 12, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Staggers, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe	Stop Scoundy, +, Geo. South & Co., B. Seaman, Cleery, cash, D. Clark, acr.
100 00	do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rich'd Perryman.	Robin Dirt Pot, +, E. D. Jones, cr., B. Seaman, & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co. & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Mc'h 31, '69	Jan'y 25, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Lake & Bro., S. Hayden, B. Man- nier, cr.
100 00	Feb. 4, '69	Dec. 29, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Jas. Hammer, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 16, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Thomas Bear Paw, by D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney, D. Boln, jr., Jenkins, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs	Te-ga-na-ski, +, C. F. Coles, cr., W. C. Browning & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, Howell Barr & Co., Ed. Dunham, acr.
100 00	Nov'r 16, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ —, F. H. Nash, A. H. Schreiner, cr., L. Eaton, C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	May 15, '69	Mc'h 1, 1869	Signs	Henry Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	do	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, P. N. Blackstone.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. H. McCleery, D. Clark, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 10, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Henry Eiffert.	Stay at Home, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelley, cr., Rich'd King, acr., A. Has- kell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs	+ J. W. Wright, Rob't N. C. Draper & Co., Lewis Seymour, cr., R. B. Ferris, cr.
100 00	do	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	+ F. H. Nash, J. O. Wm. Hadley, C. N. Jordan, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Mc'h 31, '69	Jan'y 28, 186-	Signs	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, C. C. Belcher, Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 12, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ —, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, D. H. Lake & Bro., P. Hay- den, B. Seaman, cr.
100 00	do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs,	+ J. W. Wright, N. C. Draper & Co., Lewis, W. L. Jenkins, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	D. Lanahan, J. H. Eiffert.	+ J. C. W. Seymour, cr., D. B. Halsted, cr.
100 00	do	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross	+ Fink & Norse, August Remik, Sheldon & Co., E. J. Oakley, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Chee-sa-le-ta	17013	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G....	D	C. Holmes	Claimant..	J.W.Wright.
Ah-dah-hah-loos-ski..	17014	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dick Crittenden	17015	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oak Ball.....	17016	do	do	do	do	do	do
Beaver Oak Ball	17017	do	do	do	do	do	do
David Miller	17018	do	do	do	do	do	do
Three Killer	17019	do	do	do	do	do	do
Fish Hawk	17020	do	do	do	do	do	do
Coffee.....	17021	do	do	do	do	do	do
Big Drum.....	17022	do	do	do	do	do	do
Runner	17023	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sand	17024	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sa-wa-ner.....	17025	do	do	do	do	do	do
Too-quah-tah	17026	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ta-la-sah.....	17027	do	do	do	do	do	do
Creek Johnson	17028	do	do	do	do	do	do
Cold Weather Jack.....	17029	do	do	do	do	do	do
Flying	17030	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chas. Pritchett	17031	do	do	do	do	do	do, B. bond
John Wickliffe.....	17032	do	do	K	do	do	do
Adam Mouse	17033	do	do	do	do	do	do
O-ya-sur-sar-der.....	17034	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ne-gar-wee	17035	do	do	do	do	do	do
O-nar-see-gar	17036	do	do	do	do	do	do
Isaac Dick.....	17037	do	do	do	do	do	do
Squah-de-le-che	17038	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ar-der-chu-che.....	17039	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wat Freling.....	17040	do	do	do	do	do	do, B. bond

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	Nov'r 16, '69	No power ...	+	Dan. H. Ross, Josh. Ross.	—, Thos. Lanagan, Vermilye & Co., R. Mc. & Bro. Graves & Niles, Gilman & Sanders.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 2, 1868	+	Lewis P. Thornton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Ah-dah-loos-ski, by J. Webster, Stelle, Yort & Co., C. F. Coles, cr., Coles, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	W. C. Trust, H. Shedd.	+ W. C. Trust, H. & R., att'y, J. A. Beardsley, cr., C. Browning & Co., C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, Leonard Wooster.	—, L. C. Hopkins, Ami Baldwin.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, Henry Drew.	+ H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. M. Brandt & Co., J. & J. & Co., G. H. Lake & Bro., acr.
100 00	...do	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, H. Drew.	+ J. M. Brandt & Co., H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100 00	...do	No power ...	+	W. C. Daniel	+ J. & J. Beede, J. H. McCleery, cr.
100 00	...do	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+ by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, Leonard Wooster.	—, Levi Norton, Bradford & Sharp, acr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100 00	Nov'r 16, '69	No power ...	+	W. S. Walker, L. L. Craig.	—, Follows & Spier, Jay Cooke & Co., Eldridge, Dunbar & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, 1869	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs	+ J. W. Wright, Rob't N. C. Draper & Co., Lewis & Son, Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. J. Banker, cr.
100 00	June 30, 1869	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+ —, Hasting Lilliot, Jas. D. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Jno. Brown Wright, Albert Barnes.	—, F. H. Nash, F. L. & J. D. Rankin, Joseph E. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Benton Alexander, Henry Coates.	+ —, H. Jenne, W. E. G. H. Lake & Bro., P. J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Josh. Ross	+ F. W. Gulager, Mart Pix & Co., J. A. Cleery, E. Willson, cr.
100 00	Tr'y c't 1555-256.				
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, J. H. Eiffert.	+ F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 13, 1869	+	P. N. Blackstone, Alex. Clapperton.	+ by J. W. Wright.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Wm. J. Nash.	Adam Mouse, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. A. Mc.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Albert Barnes	+ Crow McCleery, Jno. J. Banker, cr.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	Signs	M. C. Jones, C. W. Munn.	—, Rob't Campbell, A. Lane, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Signs		Name —, H. Timm, W. E. Stover & Co., G. H. & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Josh. Ross	+ J. E. Trott, S. H. Tucker, Wm. L. Adutton & Howes Ardsley, cr.
100 00	...do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan'l H. Ross.	+ Still Yost & Co., C. F. Coles, cr., J. W. Wright.
100 00	...do	May 10, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ by J. W. Wright, & Co., Jos. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Ar-gar-lu-gar	17041	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G.	K	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J. W. Wright.
Ogah-ska-noode	17042	do	do	do	do	do	do
Davis Olarsader	17043	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wat-ner-dar-wee	17044	do	do	do	do	do	do
Bird Jones	17045	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jerry Jones	17046	do	do	do	do	do	do
De-sa-ya-he	17047	do	do	do	do	do	do
De-gar-che-no-ster	17048	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dar-gar-no-be-lah	17049	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson, Go-la-quah	17050	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ser-kee	17051	do	do	do	do	do	do, B. bond
Ske-quah	17052	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam se-ron-te	17053	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tur-ne-no-lo	17054	do	do	do	do	do	do
Black Fox	17055	do	do	do	do	do	do
E-lar-wee	17056	do	do	do	do	do	do
Fox Mouse	17057	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lacy	17058	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ka-da-ski	17059	do	do	do	do	do	do
Black Kaw	17060	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jack Chustie	17061	do	do	B	do	do	do
Chu-ber-ta	17062	do	do	do	do	do	do
Te-ca-na-chit-ske	17063	do	do	do	do	do	do
Will Daniel	17064	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oki-stan-tsha-migt-tal	17065	do	do	do	do	do	do
Daniel Wah-yah	17066	do	do	do	do	do	do
Daniel Tucker	17067	do	do	do	do	do	do

ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS. 427

Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
£100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+ J. W. Wright, D., Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	...do	No power ...	-	Henry C. Meigs, Frank J. Nash.	+ F. H. Nash, Appleton, Noyes & Co.
100 00	...do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	+ F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	Signs		—, M. Bell Pierson, Vermilye & Co., W. J. C., A. L. McDonald & Bro.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, G. W. Sanders.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, A. Lane, acr., F. B. Morris, Houtman, States & Co., W. H. Rogers, cr.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	-	Henry C. Meigs, W. J. Nash.	—, J. H. Eiffert, Jas. A. Jackson & Co., Son, A. Lane, acr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	B. Alexander, Henry Coates.	+ Tium, W. A. Stover & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, Clem Hayden.	—, J. D. Darden, S. H. Tucker, J. O. Ford & Co., E. Willson, cr., J. H. Tucker.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 5, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ by J. W. Wright.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, L. D. Vose, D. H. Cooper, Buckley, Appleton, Noyes & Co., E. Willson.
100 00	July 22, '70	No power ...	+	J. L. Springster, Tim M. Walker.	—, F. H. Nash, G. C. Crowel, — Smith, D. L. Eaton.
100 00	Mar'ch 31, '69	Feb. 15, 1869	-	Lewis A. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F., J. & J. Stuart & Co., cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 10, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Black Fox, by John W. Wright, Webster, Still Yost & Co., Wm. Wright, J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Signs	H. Coates	Name —, W. E. Stover, P. Hayden, A. Lane, Brown & Bro., Joseph Baum, R. E. Tucker.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Lewis A. Ross, J. H. Rowley.	—, Ross & Co., H. L. & J. D. Rankin, W. Blood, Bennet Gyone.
100 00	...do	No power ...	-	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, J. C. W. Seymour, S. Van Duzen, P. Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100 00	...do	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Jay Cooke & Co., Wash'n.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 9, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Chu-he-ta, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, D. L. Eaton.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	May 1, '70	No power ...	+	J. W. Wright, D. W. Bell.	—, Henry Bell & Son, E. A. Perkins, jr., cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 24, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell, C. F. Coles, cr., Jas. F. Jackson & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. B. Alexander, Rich'd King, acr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, Henry Eiffert.	Daniel Tucker, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., Appleton, Noyes & Co., E. Willson, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Thompson	17068	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G....	B	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W.Wright.
Oo-sa-wee	17069	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chu-war-ya-gale	17070	do	do	do	do	do	do, B. bond.
Red Black Fox	17071	do	do	do	do	do	do
Eagle	17072	do	do	do	do	do	do
Day-oo-ge-chan-ne	17073	do	do	do	do	do	do
Deer-scare-bear	17074	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ah-tah-yo-hi	17075	do	do	do	do	do	do
A-to-lo-he	17076	do	do	do	do	do	do
Board.	17077	do	do	do	do	do	do
Char-te-ti-he	17078	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jo-sa-ye	17079	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ni-hi-ta-yah-gah	17080	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oo-do-wa-sa-a	17081	do	do	do	do	do	do
Aret Spears	17082	do	do	do	do	do	do
Onaga, (Henry Black Fox.)	17083	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wofford, Wm. S.	17084	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson, Na	17085	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ni-ki	17086	do	do	do	do	do	do
Girl Catcher James..	17087	do	do	do	do	do	do
Gaw-wah-chi-yao-lar	17088	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ooo-lay-wat-tie. (dead)	17089	do	do	do	do	do	do
Runabout.....	17090	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ste-we	17091	do	do	do	do	do	do
We-le-se-ne	17092	do	do	do	do	do	do
Daire Oste.....	17093	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lu-yeh-gah-laro-no-his-ke.	17094	do	do	do	do	do	do

* Power for check dated Oct. 31, '68;

ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS. 429

Ad'd bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 25, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Chas. Parsons, cr., E. Willson, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Alex. Clapperton.	+, F. H. Nash, Toomer & Co., J. H. Mc—, Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 19, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+, by J. W. Wright, E. A. McClure, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Frank J. Nash.	+, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100 00	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	H. Bell & Co., H. Bell & Son, & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	John D. Rankin, Henry McKee.	+, H. Timm, J. & J. Stuart & Co., & Rankin, Ellis, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	J. H. McCleery, D. Clark, cr.
100 00	Treas'y cert'f No. 559179.	.....	.....	.....	J. & J. Stuart & Co., H. Bell & Co., H. Bell & Son, & Chick, Jno. T. Banker.
100 00	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	.....
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 7, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, W. S. Brewer.	Board, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Has-kell, Wright.
100 00	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 26, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, — ton, Noyes & Co., J. A. McCleery, cr., E. Willson, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 9, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+, by J. W. Wright, W. Nichols, Jas. Be—, — ton, Noyes & Co., J. A. McCleery, cr., E. Willson, cr.
100 00	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 25, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. —, Rankin, B. Seaman, cr.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 20, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Oo-do-wa-sa, by D. A. Jamney, D. A. Jamney, Henry H. Smith, S. H. Tucker, W. L. Jenkins, cr.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	.....	.....	.....	D. Clark, cr., Jno. O. Martin & Co.
100 00	M'ch 31, '69	Feb. 20, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	+, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, S. H. Tucker, W. L. Jenkins, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	Rankin, W. H. Johnson, Pt.
100 00	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	.....
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	C. L. Mitchell, Wm. Gallaher.	+, Wm. Gallaher, B. Seaman, cr., W. S. Huntington & Co., Wright.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, J. C. Morris, J. A. McCleery, cr., D. Clark, acr.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power *	+	J. P. Dunn.....	—, Henry Bell & —, Morton, Bliss & Co., Davis, W. H. Mannier, H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+, J. C. W. Seymour, cr., D. B. Halsted, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+, F. H. Nash, Chas. Parsons, cr., J. W. Wright.
100 00	.....do.....	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+, O. D. Darden, W. L. Jenkins, cr., — & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	.....do.....	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	+, F. H. Nash, J. H. McCleery, cr., Bulkeley, Sheldon & Co., E. J. Oakley, cr.
100 00	.....do.....	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+, J. W. Wright, C. F. Coles, cr., Greenwood & Co., Rich'd King, acr.

check dated Oct. 30, '68.

430 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Tsho-wah-norah-ske .	17095	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G.	B	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
Car-nor-he-ijah-tah .	17096	do	do	do	do	do	do
Uh-nah-gay .	17097	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lewis Wofford .	17098	do	do	do	do	do	do
Asa Carter .	17099	do	do	H	do	do	do
Adam Russell .	17100	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Wright .	17101	do	do	do	do	do	do
Edward Allbones .	17102	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jack Jackson .	17103	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mixed Water .	17104	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young P. Wolf .	17105	do	do	do	do	do	do
Richard Fencer .	17106	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Downing .	17107	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jones Big .	17108	do	do	do	do	do	do
Falling Buzzard .	17109	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Snell .	17110	do	do	do	do	do	do
Swallow Standing .	17111	do	do	do	do	do	do
Cooking Potatoes .	17112	do	do	do	do	do	do
Walker Prince .	17113	do	do	do	do	do	do
Nelson Wright .	17114	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mouse Tin Cup .	17115	do	do	do	do	do	do
Walter Horse Fly .	17116	do	do	do	do	do	do
Deg-eng-swimmer .	17117	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Hoskins .	17118	do	do	do	do	do	do
Heary .	17119	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Silversmith .	17120	do	do	do	do	do	do

* The whole of the filling up of this power seems to be in

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	M'ch 31, '69	No date to power.	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. W. Wright & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+ J. C. W. Seymour, D. B. Halsted, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 8, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Uh-nah-gay, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J., D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. A. Yeatman, cr., & J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	July 22, '70	No power ..	+	Alex. Clapperton, Josh Ross.	—, F. H. Nash, E. H. Rich, Jas. Pettigrew, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Signs	J. Thompson	Name, J. J. Watkins & Co., J. W. Moore, Tucker, Wm. L. Jenkins, cr.
100 00	May 1, '70	No power ...	Signs		—, J. W. Wright, Jay Cooke & Co., N. Y., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Not reported paid.				Wright, Jenney, Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 19, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 4, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Mixed Water, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexell, Winthrop & Co., Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	May 15, '69	M'ch 1, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr., Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 19, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ J. W. Wright, Bartholo, Lewis & Co., Roscoe Zirinan & Moores, Chas. A. Jackson, H. C. Williams, cr.
100 00	....do	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	+ F. H. Nash, J. H. McCleery, D. L. Eaton.
100 00	July 22, '70	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, J. O. Ford & Co., M. Cox.
100 00	June 30, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+ J. W. Wright, att'y, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C., Cooke & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross	+ E. W. McClellan, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. W. Wright.
100 00	Not reported paid.				Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 22, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+ J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrup, Morton, Bliss & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry McKee, J. Henry Eiffert.	+ Suter Collier, W. G. Ray & Co., Geo. —.
100 00	....do	No power * ..	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ F. H. Nash, Appleton, Noyes & Co., D. L. Eaton.
100 00	....do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	+ Henry C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 13, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Frank J. Nash.	+ J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrup, Stuart & Co.
100 00	May 31, '70				J. & J. Stuart & Co., by J. W. Wright.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 10, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	John Hoskins, by J. W. —, D. A. Janney & Co., Appleton & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	....do	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Heary, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Apple—
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power f ..	Signs	None	Name, H. L. & J. D., J. & J. Stuart & Co., by J. W. Wright.

Clapperton's handwriting.

† This is for check No. 17431.

432 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Steep Granite	17121	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G.	H	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J. W. Wright.
Moses Guess	17122	do	do	do	do	do	do
Daniel Muskrat	17123	do	do	do	do	do	do
James Muskrat	17124	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackson Muskrat	17125	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young Wolf	17126	do	do	do	do	do	do
Joe Coming Deer	17127	do	do	do	do	do	do
Peace Maker	17128	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wilson Gierity	17129	do	do	C	do	do	do
Chanobe McCoy	17130	do	do	do	do	do	do
George	17131	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Bear Paw	17132	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dick Gah-ge-we	17133	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tuff	17134	do	do	do	do	do	do
Arch. Bear Paw	17135	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Ross	17136	do	do	G	do	do	do
Tontai Tonia	17137	do	do	do	do	do	do
William Christy	17138	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ah-sat-la-ste-ski	17139	do	do	do	do	do	do, B. bond
William Os-ga-si-nah	17140	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Ah-aw-ah-ta-ke	17141	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Ross *	17142	do	do	do	do	do	do
Osi	17143	do	do	do	do	do	do
Squirrel, Ta-noo-wi	17144	do	do	do	do	do	do
Samuel Smoke	17145	do	do	do	do	do	do
William Merrill	17185	do	do	E	do	do	do

* Certificate defective in that name of claimant does not

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	June 30, '69	No power	—	Moses Price, Lewis A. Ross.	Ross & Co., J. W. Bogan & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	April 1, '70	No power	—	D. W. Bushyhead, Leonard Wooster.	—, L. C. Hopkins, Ami Baldwin, Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power	—	D. W. Bushyhead, Henry Drain.	—, C. W. Bosley, Northrup & Chick, Rankin, W. G. Ray & Co., Geo. Ellis, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power	—	Henry C. Meigs, Rich'd Perryman.	—, Henry C. Meigs, J. D. Darden & Co., Geo. J. Jones, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power	Signs	None	Name. H. L. & J. D., J. & J. Stuart & Co., Fink & Nasse, G. J. Jones, cr.
100 00	May 31, '70	No power	—	W. W. Work	—, John W. Wright, A. Lane, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	May 1, '70	No power	—		
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	—	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Peace Maker, by J. W. —, Appleton, Noyes & Co., E. Benkirk.
100 00	July 22, '70	Dec. 22, 1868	—	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, James C. —, Northrup & Chick, Jno. T. Barker, cr., Haskell & Co.
100 00	Not reported paid.				D. L. Eaton, C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 16, 1869	—	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	George Bear Paw, by D. A. Jamney.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power	—	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, F. H. Nash, D. H. Cooper, S. H. Tucker, W. L. Jenkins, cr.
100 00	do	No power	—	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, Procter, J. W. Limeburger, C. M. McClellan.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 16, 1869	—	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Arch. Bear Paw, by D. A. Jamney, Jas. B. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 22, 1868	George W. Ross, Co. I. Third Reg't.	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	George Ross, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cr., & E. Willson, cr., A. Schmidt & Co.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 30, 1868	—	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Tonal Tonia, by J. W. —, Seaman, cr.
100 00	June 20, '69	No power	—	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, F. J. & J. D. Rankin, D. L. Eaton.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 20, 1869	—	Alex. Clapperton, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, att'y, C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	do	No power	—	Dan. H. Ross, Will P. Ross.	—, F. W. Gulager, J. D. Darden, J. H. Wright.
100 00	Mar'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 13, 1869	—	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Jamney & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 16, 1869	—	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	John Ross, by J. W. —, D. A. Jamney, Davis & Co., W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	—	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C., John M. Cox, Mannier, R. B. Ferris, cr., Rankin.
100 00	do	Dec. 20, 1868	—	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C., Timm, W. A. Stover & Co., Jno. R. Kearney, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 13, 1869	—	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Samuel Smoke, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, ass't cr.
100 00	July 22, '70	No power	—	John Brown Wright, Alex. Clapperton.	—, F. H. Nash, W. F. Rasmus.

appear in body of certificate. Name of clerk, Dewitt Lipe.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Da-ga-wa-ah-si	17369	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G.	B	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright
Jolly Watts	17374	do	do	C	do	do	do
Six Downing	17375	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ena Ley	17376	do	do	do	do	do	do
Little Hair Big Mush	17377	do	do	do	do	do	do
Man Killer Catcher ..	17385	do	do	do	do	do	do
Bark Prince	17386	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jack Jumper	17421	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackson Prince	17422	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young Deer	17423	do	do	do	do	do	do
William Simmons ..	17424	do	do	do	do	do	do
Charles Catcher	17425	do	do	do	do	do	do
William Hendricks ..	17426	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thomas Moore	17427	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Lasley	17433	do	do	F	do	do	do
Tah-tin-sky-skift ..	17434	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chick-illir	17435	do	do	do	do	do	do
Stean Walker	17438	do	do	H	do	do	do
Will Cochran	17439	do	do	I	do	do	do
Chester	17440	do	do	do	do	do	do
Nicholas Kalahitse ..	17441	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wile e E. George	17442	do	do	do	do	do	do
Watt Christi	17449	do	do	K	do	do	do
Do-you-ne-see	17450	do	do	do	do	do	do
Isaac Chu-no-ger-der.	17451	do	do	do	do	do	do
De-sar-wo-le-dar	17452	do	do	do	do	do	do
O-le-skar-ne-kar-ne-tie	17453	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wilson Nev-der-wee.	17454	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 23, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Da-ga-wa-ah-si, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., J. B. Eagle, E. Scofield, cr., Jay Cooke & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 19, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+, by J. W. Wright, C. S. Huntington, cr.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power ..	+	W. C. Treat, H. Shields.	—, W. C. Treat, John Fellows & Sperry, Jay.
100 00	M'ch 31, '69	Dec. 2, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.				Carroll, G. J. Lener, cr.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 26, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	Man Killer Catcher, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., S. Van Duzer, pt.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	J. P. Dunn	—, Henry Bell & Son, A. Lane, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 4, 1869	+	Dan. H. Ross, John A. Ross.	Jack Jumper, No. 2, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. Flynt, C. F. Coles, cr., & Son, A. Lane, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	May 4, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Henry C. Meigs.	+ —, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100 00	May 15, '69	Mc'h 1, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr.
100 00	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	William Simmons, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, Henry C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 26, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	William Hendrick, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & —, W. C. Berry & Co., Henry Bell & Son.
100 00	Not reported paid.				Northrop & Chick, J. T. Banker, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C. —, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 12, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Tah-tin-sky-skift, D. A. Janney, J. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, C. Isham, Suter Collier.
100 00	May 31, '70				Henry Bell & Son, Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, J. W. Wright.	—, Rob't J. Fleming, Retterbonn Fowler.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross, W. C. Powell.	+, C. McClellan, Aug. Bencke, cr., H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. Bushyhead, Henry Drew.	+, G. Dress & D. Clark, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ..	+, J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 21, 1868	+	Dan. H. Ross, Will P. Ross.	Isaac chu-no-ger-der, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Moses Price.	—, F. H. Nash, J. W. Moore, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100 00	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	M. C. Jones, C. W. Munn.	—, F. H. Nash, D. A. Janney & Co., C. F. Coles, cr.
100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Sam'l H. Day, C. E. Isham.	+, C. Isham, Scott & Co., B. Treat, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.

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Claimant	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Wo-ner-ye-der	17455	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G	I	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W.Wright.
Wa-ste	17456	do	do	do	do	do	do
Willi Chadey	17457	do	do	do	do	do	do
Su-wa-che	17458	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young-wat-ko-har-har	17459	do	do	do	do	do	do
Arch Proctor	17633	do	do	I	do	do	do
ed Bird	17634	do	do	do	do	do	do
Catcher col ah tsee...	17635	do	do	do	do	do	do
Isaac Bullfrog	17636	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. Beamer, (dead) ..	17637	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jack Still.....	17638	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dick Oldfield	17639	do	do	do	do	do	do
Alex'r Love, (dead) ..	17640	do	do	do	do	do	do
Hd. Keener.....	17641	do	do	do	do	do	do
Davis Bark.....	17642	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rider Ratlingourd...	17643	do	do	do	do	do	do
Liar	17644	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Tobacco.....	17645	do	do	do	do	do	do
Clark Goingsnake ...	17646	do	do	do	do	do	do.B.bond
Soldier Wistletoc ...	17647	do	do	do	do	do	do.B.bond
Stork	17648	do	do	do	do	do	do.B.bond
Sam'l Squirrel	17649	do	do	do	do	do	do
Bat Colster	17650	do	do	do	do	do	do
David Blackfox	17651	do	do	do	do	do	do
Brush	17652	do	do	do	do	do	do
David Bullfrog	16653	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sawny Tucker	17654	do	do	do	do	do	do

* Power for check dated Oct. 30, '68; and check dated Dec. 17 '68.

† Power dated

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100 00	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+ _____, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr., Henry Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, Northrop & Chick, J. T. Banker, cr.
100 00	Not reported paid.				
100 00	Treas'y cert'f 559391.				W. J. Simms & Bro., J. H. McCleery, & D. Clark, cr.
100 00	May 1, '69	Feb. 23, 1869	+	Simon Brown, Geo. O. Sanders.	Sa-ne-chee, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney.
100 00	June 30, '69	Dec. 22, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	_____, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C., J. H. McCleery & Co., D. Clark, cr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	Signs		_____, W. C. Treat, Fellows & Sperry, W. H. Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	D. A. Lipe, W. C. Treat.	+ H. L. & J. D., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	...do	No power ...	Signs	None	Name, Hugh, G. H. Lake & Bro., J. O. Ford & Co., W. Hadley.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	Dec. 23, '69				Sanford, Wills & Co., A. Halsey, cr.
100	T. cert'y 559, 389 issued. Canceled.				
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	_____, F. W. Gulayer-Chauncy J. Tilley, Appleton, Noyes & Co., E. Will, son.
100	...do	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	_____, J. C. W. Seymour, D. R. Halsted, cr.
100	Dec. 23, '69				Steamer Fort Smith, by Stockbridge J. H. Tucker, W. L. Jenkins, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	No date ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Ned Keener, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, a cr., Davis, Wm. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, O. W. Lipe.	_____, Jeremiah, T. J. Langston.
100	...do	No power ...	+	Fish Captain, Frank J. Nash.	_____, Will P. Ross, J. C. W. Seymour, Davis, Wm. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co. J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	J. S. Dunn	_____, Henry Bell, Morton, Bliss & Co., F. H. Nash, B. Barr, S. Lowenthal & Co., B. Cartwright, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 6, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, S. M. Hamilton.	+ , by J. W. Wright.
100	...do	Ap'l 24, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+ , by J. W. Wright, J. H. McCleery, & D. Clark, cr.
100	...do	Dec. 12, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+ , by J. W. Wright, Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	April 1, '70				
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	Signs		_____, A. F. Powell, Scott & Co., A. Lane, cr., D. L. Eaton.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 23, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+ , by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 17, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Brush, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	_____, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Davis & Co., Wm H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co. †
100	Not reported paid.				

Dec. 15, '68, and calls for check dated Oct. 30, '68, while the check is dated Dec. 17, '68.

438 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Corapaller Archilla ..	17655	Oct. 30, '68	2d I. H. G....	I	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Reader	17656	do	do	do	do	do	do
Aaron Tamer.....	17657	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Muskrat....	17658	do	do	do	do	do	do
Hitcher.....	17659	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tyer Mouse	17660	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ask Water	17661	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jos. Standing Deer ..	17662	do	do	do	do	do	do
Adam Strap	17663	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dark Hog Shooter ...	17664	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Still	17665	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Smith.....	17666	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rob't Downing, (dead)	17667	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thos. Potts	17668	do	do	do	do	do	do
Taylor Hicks	17669	do	do	do	do	do	do. B. bond
Leach Ridge.....	17670	do	do	do	do	do	do
Du-yah-nu-sa-te-ga- ne-sy.	17720	do	do	F	do	do	do
Dade-sta-ske	17721	do	do	do	do	do	do
Glass.....	18689	Dec. 17, '68	do	A	do	do	do
Oquamiah Trileny ...	18690	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thompson Jersey....	18691	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wells Jumper.....	18692	do	do	do	do	do	do
Path Killer	18693	do	do	do	do	do	do
Peck James.....	18694	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rocky Mountain	18695	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Mills.....	18696	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Tallow	18697	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jack Thompson	18698	do	do	do	do	do	do

* Power for check dated Oct. 30, 68 ;

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Addl bonnty.	Statement re-ported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Aug. 26, '69	May 13, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Frank J. Nash.	+, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., G. J. Seney, cr., C. Lipe, Brush & Kelley, E. Scofield, cr.
100	Dec. 23, '69 T. cert. 559.- 386. Issued. Canceled.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	+, W. C. Treat, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				Haskell & Co., C. F. Winthrop, att'y, B. Cartwright, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	do	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 25, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, J. T. Banker, cr.
100	do	Jan'y 25, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Van Tassel & Bolton, Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 16, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	W. C. Treat, H. Shields.	+, —, Stark & —, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	do	Dec. 29, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, John T. Walker.	+, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Mellin, Jay Cooke & Co., R. B. Ferris, cr.
100	Dec. 23, '69 T. cert. 559.- 388. Issued. Canceled.				Haskell & Co., C. F. Northrop, att'y.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	—, F. H. Nash, J. H. Eiffert, D. L. Holden, cr., Hopkins, Clark & Co., E. Seaman, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+, by J. W. Wright, S. H. Tucker, J. Punnett, Pt., D. L. Eaton, C. F. Coles, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	John D. Rankin, Henry McKee.	—, F. H. Nash, Cantrell & Sharp, J. S. Young & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Du-yah-nn-sa-te-ga-ne-sy, Appleton, Noyes & Co., H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	May 31, '69				F. H. Nash, J. O. Ford & Co., C. N. Jordan, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 20, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Glass, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., D. Clark, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash, Wm. S. Nash.	+, F. H. Nash, C. N. Jordan, cr., D. H. Cooper, Buckley, Sheldon & Co. P. S. Langston, G. J. Jeney, cr.
100	May 31, '69				—, M. McClellan, J. & J. Meskin.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, Rufus Ross.	+, —, Ruby & Joy, Chas. Parsons, cr., Davis & Co., Wm. Mannier & Co., Jay Cooke & Co.
100	do	No power *	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	O. W. Lipe, F. Ringelene, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross, Lewis Ross.	—, J. W. Bryan & Co., J. D. Darden.
100	do	Feb. 15, 1869	+	Dewitt Lipe, Morge C. Charlesworth.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l —.
100	May 31, '70				

check dated Dec. 17, '68.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Standing Deer.....	18699	Dec. 17, '68	2d I. H. G.....	A	C. Holmes	Claimant.	J. W. Wright.
Sea-yet-to-hoo-te-quah-na-the-he.	18700	do	do	B	do	do	do
San-ne-coo-yah.....	18701	do	do	do	do	do	do. B. bond
Bird Sanders.....	18702	do	do	C	do	do	do
Wm. Watts.....	18703	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. McCoy.....	18704	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wm. Catcher.....	18705	do	do	do	do	do	do
Cha-ka-sa-do.....	18706	do	do	do	do	do	do
Simon Wolf.....	18707	do	do	D	do	do	do
Archilla Raincrow.....	18708	do	do	do	do	do	do
Greece.....	18709	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wm. Mauers.....	18710	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thos. Sanders.....	18711	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. W. Scraper.....	18712	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lewis Thorntou.....	18713	do	do	E	do	do	do
Creek Jim.....	18714	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam'l Crossland.....	18715	do	do	do	do	do	do
Po-la-neer.....	18716	do	do	F	do	do	do
Austin Semblin.....	18717	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ger-lah-stah.....	18718	do	do	do	do	do	do
Moses Vann.....	18719	do	do	do	do	do	do
Semblin.....	18720	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sue-za-der.....	18721	do	do	do	do	do	do. B. bond
Moses Wool.....	18722	do	do	G	do	do	do
Tour Daylight.....	18723	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Vann.....	18724	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jumper Blackburn.....	18725	do	do	do	do	do	do
Eatu-gan-stu Bird.....	18726	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Wadigoo.....	18727	do	do	H	do	do	do
Jas. Tin Cup.....	18728	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Sa.....	18729	do	do	do	do	do	do
Charles chun-we-we.....	18730	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Tiger.....	18731	do	do	I	do	do	do
Alexander Drag.....	18732	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Derahdaskie.....	18733	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lacy Gah-lau-nohe-sko.	18734	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	June 30, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Morge C Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C. —.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 19, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 7, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	+, by J. W. Wright.
100	May 1, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, J. H. Eiffert.	Bird Sander, his + mark.
100	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rich'd C. Remynar.	—, O. W. Lipe, Geo. C. Kemton.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	No power ...	+	Henry Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	F. H. Nash, Toomer & Co., J. N. McCleery, acr., E. Willson, cashier.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, H. L. & J. D. —.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Lewis A. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	A. Lane, cr.
100	June 30, '69	.....	.....	.....	—, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr. Ent'd in 1st Reg't.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 23, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	June 30, '69	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C. —.
100	....do.....	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, J. C. W. Seymour, cr., D. B. Halsted, cr.
100	....do.....	No power ...	+	Albert Barney, W. O. Daniel.	—, Fink & Nasse, August Bencke, cr.
100	May 1, '69	No power ...	Geo. W. Scrapper	None.....	Geo. W. Scrapper, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	No power ...	Lewis Thorton.	.....	F. H. Nash, Cantwell & Short, A. Leibnath & Van New, A. Parkhurst, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 11, 1869	+	Simon Brown, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Son.
100	July 22, '70	.....	.....	.....	.....
100	Dec. 23, '69	.....	.....	.....	.....
	T. cert'f 555-448. Issued. Canceled.	.....	.....	.....	.....
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son.
100	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	.....
100	M'ch 31, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	+, F. H. Nash, P. J. Byrne.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 16, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Arnelly, her + mark, Dan. H. Ross.	Scmblin, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 3, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+, —, by J. W. Wright.
100	....do.....	No power ...	+	John A. Craig, John Putts.	+, F. H. Nash, Scott & —, W. A. Mannier.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 12, 1869	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	+, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Son.
100	May 1, '70	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, J. Brown Wright.	—, Whitten, & Geo. Opdyke & Co.
100	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, H. H. Ryan.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	—, J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr.
100	....do.....	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe.....	—, O. W. Lipe, J. L. Worth, cr.
100	....do.....	No power ...	+	Henry McKee, John D. Rankin.	—, H. Tieman, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 24, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	John Sa. by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, O. W. Lipe.	—, Stephen Forman, Wm. Hadley.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rob't J. Fleming.	—, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton.
100	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, Leonard Wooster.	—, L. C. Hopkins, Ani Baldwin.
100	Not reported paid.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, F. H. Nash, E. J. Oakley, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Dan'l Kaw-kaw-we ..	18735	Dec. 17. '68	2d I. H. G....	I	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Sequo-yah Duck	18736	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do	do. B. bond
Du-ne-no-be-sque-che.	18737	...do .....	...do	K	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Chas. Hicks.....	19807	Jan. 9, '69	...do	E	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Total.....							

A true copy from the record. All the described checks were drawn on the assistant treasurer in

I hereby certify that the foregoing indorsements and dates of powers of attorney are true copies of New York, December 21, 1871.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Ezekil Natchees	16309	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G....	E	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Sit-a-wa-ka	16310	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Boling Haning.....	16311	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Jack	16312	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Jackson.....	16313	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Tye-che-chy	16314	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Ciata Isaac	16315	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Joseph Young	16616	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do .....	...do
George Walker	16317	...do .....	...do	do	...do .....	...do .....	...do
Watt	16318	...dodo	do	...dododo
George Waters	16319	...dodo	do	...dododo
Wm. Webber	16320	...dodo	do	...dododo

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe	—, O. W. Lipe, Jeremiah Canoe.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 6, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Frank J. Nash.	— by J. W. Wright.
100	June 30, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C. —.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Feb. 4, 1869	Signs	Dewitt Lipe, Morge C. Charlesworth.	—, by J. W. Wright, E. Willson, cr.
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New York.

B. W. BRICE, *Paymaster General.*

those on file in this office.

THOS. HILLHOUSE, *Assistant Treasurer.*

Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 5, 1868	+	Morton Vaun, Henry C. Meigs.	Ezekiel Natches, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cash., & Bank of Commerce, N.Y., Rich'd King, ass't cr.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 16, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Sit-a-wa-ha, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr., J. Stuart & Co.
100	Nov'r 16, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	+, Wm. H. Rasmus, Meyer & Mister, H. H. Lenick, E. Willson, cr., Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Feb. 22, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 24, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Tye-che-chy, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, W. S. Huntington, cr., (in print,) C. F. Coles, cr., (erased.)
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Sam. H. Day, C. Ghan.	Crapo Isaac, A. B. Clark & Bro., E. Kinney & Co., Jas. J. Seney, cr., Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 26, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, Henry Eiffert.	Joseph Young, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cash., E. Willson, cash., F. H. Nash, A. M. Buhinger, cr.
100	....do	Jan'y 4, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	George Walker, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford, & Co., Chas. Parsons, cash., E. Willson, cash., Reinzel, F. Myberg, O. H. Schwiau, cr.
100	Feb. 4, '69	Dec. 9, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cash.
100	May 4, '69	Feb. 19, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	George Water, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, H. W. Ford, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 5, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Simon Brown.	—, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. B. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co., G. H. Lake & Bro., S. Hayden, S. P. J. S. Cru- nit, B. Seaman, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
William, (dead)	16321	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G....	E	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Robert Fann Killer	16322	...do	do	do	do	do	do
James Set-a-waka.....	16323	...do	do	do	do	do	do
John Smith.....	16324	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam Sey	16325	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Runabout.....	16326	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Robert Crawford.....	16327	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Frank Kerr.....	16328	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Ely Walker.....	16329	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Ned-so-lo-see.....	16330	...do	do	do	do	do	do
George Potts	16331	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Panther.....	16332	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Noisey.....	16333	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Henry Nane	11334	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Sinking Water.....	16335	...do	do	do	do	do	do
George Clark	16336	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Char-le-tee-hee.....	16337	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Jess Loug	16338	...do	do	do	do	do	do
McCloud.....	16339	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Decanee	16340	...do	do	do	do	do	do
Daniel	16341	...do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Dec. 23, '69 Tr'y cert'f 559654 for Canceled.	And. Issued.			
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	+, H. C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., J. A. Beardsley, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 30, 1868	--	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 13, 1869	John J. Smith, Co. I, 3d Ind. Reg.	Dan. H. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	Jno. Smith, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Has- kell & Co., Drexel, Win- throp & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Apr'l 26, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Sam Sey, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Geo. A. Forbes, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 4, 1869	+	Dan. H. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	Runabout, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. Flynt, cash., C. F. Coles, cashier, S. De Lamater, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Jan'y 7, 1869	+	Frank A. Kerr, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, att'y, W. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., Stuart & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., B. Cartwright, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 21, 1868	Frank Kerr ...	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Frank Kerr, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cash., Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 21, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, E. Willson, cash., Moses Kel- ly, cr., & Rich'd King, cr.
100	... do	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	... do	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Wm. J. Young, J. A. Beardsley, cr., Coles, cr.
100	... do	Dec. 17, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Orr & Linsley, J. A. Stoddard, Rich'd King, acr.
100	... do	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., Jas. E. Yeat- man, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 9, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Henry Nane, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Scott & Mellier, W. A. Mannier, cash., Jay Cooke & Co., & W. B. Mecker, cash.
100	... do	Dec. 22, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	Sinking Water, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. Flynt, cash., & C. F. Coles, cash., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	George Clark..	Geo. E. Leech, Joseph L. Martin.	George Clark, J. Thompson, Leech, Nare & Co., W. T. Converse, cr., J. De Lama- ter, cr., Chas. Parsons, cr., D. Clark, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Wm. S. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., Bliss & Co.
100	Nov'r 16, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	+, C. M. McClellan, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. B. Yeat- man, cr., & H. W. Ford, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs		Name, F. H. Nash, Ford De Sout, Howell, Barr & Co., Edw'd Dunham, Stuart & Co.
100	May 15, '69	M'ch 25, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, J. H. Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., Howard Coles, cr., D. A. Jones, R. Mc- Carty, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., Haskell & Co., Nor- throp & Chick, John T. Banker, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Jackson Bullfrog	16342	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G	E	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J. W. Wright.
Archilla	16343	do	do	do	do	do	do
Low Cut	16344	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lifter	16345	do	do	do	do	do	do. B. bond
Josiah Ridge	16346	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thomas Glass	16347	do	do	do	do	do	do
Spring Frog Sawnee	16348	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thomas Ballard	16349	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mussels	16350	do	do	do	do	do	do
Samuel Creek	16351	do	do	do	do	do	do
Law-tie	16352	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thomas Young	16353	do	do	do	do	do	do
Roach Young	16354	do	do	do	do	do	do
Nicholas B. Woods	16355	do	do	do	do	do	do
George W. Elliott	16356	do	do	B	do	do	do
Jack Rope	16357	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young Duck	16358	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Ridge	16359	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sick Eater	16360	do	do	do	do	do	do
Peter Dry	16361	do	do	do	do	do	do. B. bond
Richard Bear Paw	16362	do	do	do	do	do	do

* Power of att'y

Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., Donald & Bro., A. Lane, cr.
100	.....do.....	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, Webster, Still, Yost & Co., Wm. C. Browning & Co., C. F. Coles, cr., Stuart & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	Low Cut, his + mark, G. W. Dustin, C. C. North, A. Lane, acr.
100	.....do.....	Dec. 21, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	Lifter, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Fleming, Thos. Fahy, Wm. Dowling, Wm. Laird, jr., cr., N. H. Stevens, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 23, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 4, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Thomas Glass, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Geo. J. Hulse, cash., Jno. J. Crane, vice-pres't, Stuart & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	Spring Frog Sawnee, his + mark, Dan. H. Ross, D. B. Comeyges, R. McCarty, cr., J. Van Duzer, Pt.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 8, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., D. L. Eaton, W. S. Huntington, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Mary E. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	Mussels, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr., Simpkins & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co.
100	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	Will P. Ross, S. H. Bond, Noyes & Co., J. H. McCleery, cr., E. Willson, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 11, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 9, 1868	+	Albert Barnes, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., P. P., C. A. Winthrop, B. Cartwright, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs .....	.....	Name, Fink & Nasse, August Bencke, George S. Seney, Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Feb'y 3, 1869	Signs	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	+, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., Henry C. Meigs & Richard Perryman, Wm. L. Jenkins, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. S. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	+, —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 29, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Wm. S. Nash.	John Ridge, his + mark, John J. Wood, Bocquin & Sick Eater, by J. W. Wright.
100	.....do.....	*May 3, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Henry Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., J. Stuart & Co.
100	... do	May 10, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Peter Dry, by J. W. Wright.
100do.....	No power ...	Signs his name	Richard Bear Paw, H. Timmen, W. E. Stover & Co.

says Sick Eater.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Young Turkey Belt.	16363	Oct. 30. '68	3d Ind. H. G.	B	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
Dry Water Pigeon.	16364	do	do	do	do	do	do
Runabout Puff.	16365	do	do	do	do	do	do
Powell.	16366	do	do	do	do	do	do
Nick Walker	16367	do	do	do	do	do	do
rape Soup.	16368	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam Sunday	16369	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Goodmoney.	16370	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackson Su-wa-kee	16371	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackson Swimmer.	16372	do	do	do	do	do	do
Smoker.	16373	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sharp.	16374	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Sharp	16375	do	do	do	do	do	do
Soup.	16376	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wolf Snake	16377	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Seven.	16378	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Sick Eater.	16379	do	do	do	do	do	do
Grass f.	16380	do	do	do	do	do	do
Adam eding	16381	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tah-huh-lus-ke.	16382	do	do	do	do	do	do
Davis Turner	16383	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Thompson	16384	do	do	do	do	do	do
Laey Bear Toter.	16385	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Wick.	16386	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Drywater.	16387	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	Signs	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, Son, Haskell & Co. Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	... do	Dec. 18, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Wm. Jones.
100	Ap'l 1, '69	..... (*) .....	.....	.....	Shaefer, E. D. Jones, W. A. Lane, cr.
100	Mch. 31, '69	Jan'y 16, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J., & Mellier, Wm. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co., R. B. Ferris, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	L. A. Ross, H. C. Meigs.	+, —, Will P. Ross, S. Levi & Bros., Crommelien Bros. & Co., Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., B. Cartwright, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Grape Soup ...	Geo. E. Leach, Joseph L. Martin.	Grape Soup, J. Thompson, Leech, Nare & Co., W. T. Con—, J. H. McCleery, D. Clark, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Wm. S. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Feb. 5, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Check destroyed. Not reported paid.				McCleery, D. Clark, cr.
100	May 15, '69	M'ch 2, 1869	+	J. H. Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr., C. F. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 13, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	John Sharp, by J. W. Wright, att'y. Moses Kelly, cashier, Rich'd King, ass't cashier, Stuart & Co.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 25, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Soup, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 22, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	Wolf Snake, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., King, cr.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 5, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	George Seven, J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co.
100	July 22, '70	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, S. S. Cobb, W. E. Stover & Co., Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker cr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	J. P. Dunn	+, Henry Bell & Son, Morton, A. Lane, cr., B. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 16, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Josh. Ross	+, F. A. Gulager, Thos. Lanagan, G. A. Mayer, C. F. Winthrop, B. Cartwright, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 20, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	Davis Turner, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, J. H. McCleery, D. Clark, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. Gallaher, Henry Smith.	+, Will P. Ross, Will Gallaher, A. Mc—
100	M'ch 31, '69	No date to power.	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100	Not reported paid.				Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	John Drywater, his+ mark. J. W. Wright, (not att'y.) Rob't J. Sheldon & Co., E. J. Oakley, cr.

Copy of check on file in assistant treasurer's office, New York.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
John Heel	16388	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G.....	B	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
Joe Hildebrand.....	16389	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Jug.....	16390	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jones.....	16391	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oo-ge-lul-ee.....	16392	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oo-le-skun-ee.....	16393	do	do	do	do	do	do
Silas Pigeon.....	16394	do	do	do	do	do	do
Buck Bushyhead.....	16395	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dirt Eater Big Mush.	16396	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young Beaver.....	16397	do	do	do	do	do	do
Henry Cutter*.....	16398	do	do	do	do	do	do
Arch Dollar.....	16399	do	do	do	do	do	do
George.....	16400	do	do	do	do	do	do
Le-wae-ke, Young Bird, (dead.)	16401	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Star.....	16402	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Rogers.....	16403	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jack Rabbit.....	16404	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Dick.....	16405	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jeff Baylor.....	16406	do	do	D	db	do	do
Ben Catcher.....	16407	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. P. Pile.....	16408	do	do	do	do	do	do
Elisha Cockran.....	16409	do	do	do	do	do	do
Pumkin Pile.....	16410	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Fisher.....	16411	do	do	do	do	do	do
Joe W. Kinner.....	16412	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oceola Woodall.....	16413	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam'l Spirit.....	16414	do	do	do	do	do	do

* No signature of judge of circuit

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Aug. 26, '69	May 5, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Frank J. Nash.	John Heel, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Huntington, cr., Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	May 15, '69	M'ch 24, 1869	+	Will P. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 28, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	L. A. Ross, Frank J. Nash.	+ —, Will P. Ross, J. C. W. Seymour, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+		Oo-ge-lul-ee, his mark, attest. Henry C. Meigs, J. W. Wright, P. Putnam, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	Jeffrey Beck, H. Pesolette.	+ —, Ruby & Jone, Geo. W., E. Willson, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+		Buck Bushyhead, +, witness, C. M. McClellan, Appleton, Son, Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Frank J. Nash.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 26, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright. Henry Bell & Son, Haskell.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 28, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Henry C. Meigs.	Henry Cutter, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son.
100	...do	No power ...	+		Arch Dollar, +, attest. Zheo Forster, sec't'y, C. Hodgc.
100	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rufus Ross.	—, Isaac Straub, S. W. Ramp & Co., A. Lane, cr. Bencke, G. J. Seney, cr.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, for Aud. T. cert. No. 559397.				
100	M'ch 31, '69	M'ch 2, 1869	+	Will P. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., & Co., C. F. Winthrop, att'y.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	+ —, Henry C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & Henry C. Meigs & Dan. H. Ross, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, J. H. Harris.	+ —, J. C. W. Seymour, cr., Vermilye & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 28, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Jeff Baylor, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Co., Henry Bell & C. F. Coles, cr.
100	...do	Ap'l 28, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Ben Catcher, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, W. S. Huntington.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, J. F. Nash, P. McDowell & Co., J. H. Con, R. W. Ritchie, E. H. Perkins, jr., cr.
100	...do	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Scott.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 13, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Son, Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co.
100	...do	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King.
100	M'ch 1, '69	Jan'y 28, 1869	+	Will P. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., Edw'd Dunham.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 16, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	Samuel Spirit, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cash., Rich'd King, ass't cash.

court to power of att'y.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Calling	16415	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G.	D	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J. W. Wright.
Joseph Scrimsha....	16416	do	do	do	do	do	do
Moses Catcher.....	16417	do	do	do	do	do	do
Saunders	16418	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Soap	16419	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Smoke.....	16420	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Swimmer	16421	do	do	do	do	do	do
David Tadpole.....	16422	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Tadpole.....	16423	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam'l Knight	16424	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dragon Downing	16425	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Downing.....	16426	do	do	do	do	do	do
Joseph Downing.....	16427	do	do	do	do	do	do
Zeek Tucker.....	16428	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lacy Trampabout.....	16429	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tom	16430	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ta-lah-lah Paw	16431	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Pickup.....	16432	do	do	do	do	do	do
Runabout Todder.....	16433	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jack Wats, (dead).....	16434	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sick Warrior	16435	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wiley	16436	do	do	do	do	do	do
O-war-las-key	16437	do	do	do	do	do	do
Henry Buffington § ..	16438	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tasel Nale	16439	do	do	do	do	do	do
Cornelius Van	16440	do	do	do	do	do	do. B. bond
David Horn.....	16441	do	do	do	do	do	do
Clar-star-ner	16442	do	do	do	do	do	do

* Power says Trampabout. York, Dec. 21, '71.

† "I know Mr. Wright, and the foregoing is his writing."—J. M. § Power says *Harry* Buffington.

ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS. 453

Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 14, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. & Co., W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. N., Wm. L. Jenkins, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	No date to power.	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J., —, ington, cr., A. Lane, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 9, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100	....do				
100	May 31, '69	Dec. 11, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd. D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	No date	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	George Swimmer, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cash., Rich'd King, ass't cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 23, 1868	+	Tom Galcatcher...	David Tadpole, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jay.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 8, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 19, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Son, Haskell, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 30, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 3, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	Joseph Downing, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Huntington.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 24, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, E. Wren.	Zeek Tucker, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cash., E. Willson, cash., Clark, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 29, 1868	+	Mary C. Charlesworth.	Lacy Trampabout, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, Rich'd King, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Alex. Clapperton.	+, —, F. H. Nash, D. H. Cooper, Buckley.
100	....do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Frank J. Nash.	+, —, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son.
100	May 15, '69	M'ch 11, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, J. H. Eiffert.	† —, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	April 1, '70 (?)			
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jos.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 4, 1869	+	Dan. H. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	Wiley, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cash., Rich'd King, ass't cash.
100	May 1, '69	Dec. 4, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	O-war-las-key, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., & C. F. Coles, cr., J. Stuart & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 14, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Frank J. Nash.	Henry Buffington, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & —, Kearney, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Will P. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	Tasel Nale, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cash., Rich'd King, ass't cr., & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 6, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	Cornelius Van, by J. W. Wright, Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				J. M. McCleery, D. A. Clark, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 24, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Clar-star-ner, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Gal Catcher.....	16443	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G....	D	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
John L. Ridge	16444	do	do	do.	do	do	do
John.....	16446	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Jackson	16447	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Anderson Benge	16850	do	do	I	do	do	do
Little Bird.....	16849	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Thomas Scott.....	16851	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Walter Squirrell.....	16852	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Daniel Red Bird.....	16853	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Jno. Springston.....	16854	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Wm. Guess	16855	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Walter McDaniel.....	16856	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Jos. Saunders, (dead).....	16857	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Ned. Tinpan	16858	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Jno. Smith.....	16859	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Geo. Sanders.....	16860	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Wm. Tucker.....	16861	do	do	do.	do	do	do
David Tucker	16862	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Looney Guess.....	16863	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Thos. Ballard	16864	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Davison Pot	16865	do	do	do.	do	do	do
Elijah Pot	16866	do	do	do.	do	do	do

ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS. 455

Add'l bounty.	Statement re-ported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	May 31, '70				Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs	W. O. Daniel	Name, C. McLellan, Fink & Nasse, August, Henry Bell & Son.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 26, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Has-kell, E. H. Perkins, jr., cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+		Jackson, +, attest, Orr & Lindsley, J. A. Stoddart, W. J. Jenkins, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69				Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Little Bird, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	May 15, '69	M'ch 22, 1868	+	Will P. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr., —y-mau, W. L. Jenkins, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 15, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Walter Squirrel, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Daniel Red Bird, +, F. H. D. L. Craft, J. F. Munson, G. A. Meyer, Howard Cole, D. A. Jones, R. McCarty, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 8, 1868	Jno. Springston	Frank J. Nash, Henry Eifert.	Jno. Springston, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., J. W. Wright, Thos. Phillips & Co., Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 19, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. —ton, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 5, 1868	Walter Mc-Daniel.	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Walter McDaniel by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., & Co., H. Rowe, C. F. Simpson, cr.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, and T. D. No. 559-665.				
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Josh Ross, J. Martin.	+ —, F. W. Gulager, F. W. Thibaut, Olgar & Co., Rankin, C. W. Mc-Clellan, Stuart & Co.
100	....do	No power ...	+	H. C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, C. F. Coles, cr.
100	....do	Dec. 18, 1868	+	Tom Galcatcher, Morge C. Charlesworth.	+ , by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C. Davis.
100	Ang. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, J. P. Boudinot.	Wm. Tucker, +, F. H. Nash, J. D. Darden, sect'y, S. H. Tucker.
100	April 1, '70	No power ...	+		—, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, W. S. Hunt—, Jno. T. Banker, cr., J. Murphy, J. B. Telford & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 28, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Looney Guess, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	....do	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Thos. Ballard, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Scott & Mellier, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co., R. B. Ferris, cr., Dowell & Co., J. H. Cone, Per-kins, jr., cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 26, 1869	+	Will P. Ross, Alex. Clapperton.	Davison, by J. W. Wright, Willson, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 28, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Elijah, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr.

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsments.
\$100	May 1, '69	Feb. 6, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Wilson Coming, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 18, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Carry Petit, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cr., & E. Willson, cr., Wright, Son, Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	do	Dec. 19, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, P. N. Blackstone.	Washington Henson, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cr., E. Willson, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	do	Jan'y 22, 1869	Allen Ross	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Allen Ross, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelley, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Creek Robert, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. H. McCleery, acr., D. Clark, acr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	Silas D. Ross	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Silas D. Ross, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., Dowell & Co., H. G. Wilkinson.
100	April 1, '70	No power	+	Wm. Percival, Leonard Wooster.	—, L. C. Hopkins, Ami Baldwin, D. Gage, cash., D. Clark, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power	+	Henry C. Meigs, Edwin Archer.	+, —, Proctor Greenwood, John R. Limeburger, J. Stuart & Co.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, and T. cert. No. 555445 iss'd.				
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 7, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Jacob Henson, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	do	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Dan'l Keener, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., & Rich'd King, cr., Wright, D. L. Eaton.
100	do	Nov. 30, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Thos. Wilson, by J. W. Wright, att'y, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	do	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Wind, by J. W. Wright, att'y, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Dec. 23, '69				
100	Canceled. Aug. 26, '69	Apr 10, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Frank J. Nash.	Sauuel Warford, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co. H. Bell & Son, Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	+, —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & —, Co., Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Ap'l 1, '70	No power	+	Henry C. Meigs, Leonard Wooster.	—, Leonard Wooster, J. L. Wait & Son, Jno. R.
100	June 30, '69	No power	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	+, —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. Jas. G. Yeatum, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	May 1, '69	Feb'y 16, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Josiah Vann, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power	+	Alex. Clapperton, P. N. Blackstone.	—, F. H. Nash, Appleton, Noyes & Co.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, 1869, and T. cert. No. 559392 iss'd.				
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 18, 1869	Signs	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Leech, Ware & Co., W. P. Converse, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Régiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Crying Bear	16938	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G.	A	C. Holmes.	Claimant...	J. W. Wright.
Columbus.....	16939	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Path Killer.....	16940	do	do	do	do	do	do
Edw'd Mole.....	16941	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. Bengé.....	16942	do	do	do	do	do	do
McElmore Bengé.....	16943	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Bearmeat.....	16944	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chas. Blair.....	16945	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thos. Blair.....	16946	do	do	do	do	do	do
Obediah Bengé.....	16947	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rich'd Bengé.....	16948	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Young Bird.....	16949	do	do	do	do	do	do
Little Deer.....	16950	do	do	do	do	do	do
Peter Coming Deer.....	16951	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mink Downing.....	16952	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wolfe.....	16953	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mixed Water.....	16954	do	do	do	do	do	do
Poor Wolf.....	16955	do	do	do	do	do	do
Barron Hood.....	16956	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Peter.....	16957	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mathew.....	16958	do	do	do	do	do	do
Stool.....	16959	do	do	do	do	do	do
Getting Inn.....	16960	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jumper.....	16961	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackin.....	16962	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	May 1, '70	No power ...	+	J.W. Wright, D. A. Bell.	—, J. W. Wright, Elbridge Duubar & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs		Name, J. C. Cunningham, J. D. Darden, S. H. Tucker.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, S. H. Benge.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Clure, Appleton, Noyes & Co., cr.
100	May 1, '69	Feb'y 18, 1869	George Benge.	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	George Benge, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney. — tington, cr., C. F. Cole, cr., J. W. Wright.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Frank J. Nash.	+ —, F. H. Nash, D. A. Janney & Co., C. Hood, Jas. G. Yeatum, cr., H. W. Ford, cr., Ranlett, cr.
100	May 15, '69	Mar 20, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, J. H. Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs...	+ —, J. W. Wright, Thos. Lanagan, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, Chick, John T. Banker, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs...	Thomas Blair, +, H. F. Davis & Co., Jay Cooke, Rittenhouse, Fant & Co., G. J. Sency, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs		Name, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Wanting.
100	do	No power ...	Signs		Name, Cramer Nutter, Chas. Jacobs & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				Cone, R. W. Ritchie.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross.....	Little Deer, +, John D., E. W. McClure, J. & J., J. Fleming, Wm. R. Kitchen cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 28, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Peter Coming Deer, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. A. McClurg, cr., D. Clark, acr. McClurg, E. Willson, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	H. Nathans, W. F. Bennett.	+ —, J. C. W. Seymour, Vermilye & Co., E. Willson, cr., S. H. Tucker, Wm. L. Jenkins, cr.
100	do	No power ...	+	F. W. Gulager.....	+ J. Y. Watkins & Co., Northrop & Chick, Rodd & Co., Dunham, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	Mixed Water, +, Gill.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Poor Wolf, by J. W. Wright, att'y, D. A. Janney & Co., J. C. Yeatman, J. & J. Stuart & Co., H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, — & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	C. Isham, Sam'l H. Day.	Barron Hood, +, D. Mc—, R. W. Ritchie, E. H., McClelland, Stoddard, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	Ap'l 1, '70	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, J. W. Lawson, Ami Baldum, cr., J. A. Stoddard, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	Feb'y 4, '70	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	Mathew, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. H. McCleery, cr., D. Clark, acr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 21, 1869	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	Getting Inn, by J. W., H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & —
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 28, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Jackin, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Grape Stand	16963	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G....	A	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Alex. Vaun	16964	do	do	do	do	do	do
James Creek	16965	do	do	do	do	do	do
Shawnee	16966	do	do	do	do	do	do
Edward Starr	16967	do	do	do	do	do	do
Scatter. (dead)	16968	do	do	do	do	do	do
Beaver Silk	16969	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Swimmer	16970	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thos. Stand	16971	do	do	do	do	do	do
Arch Silk	16972	do	do	do	do	do	do
Frog	16973	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Glass	16974	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam'l Beanstick	16975	do	do	F	do	do	do
Morter Vaun	16976	do	do	do	do	do	do
Fishing Hawk. (dead)	16977	do	do	do	do	do	do
Edward Gumpile	16978	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Coleman	16979	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sudah le Doublehead	16980	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Sanders	16982	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Sunday	16983	do	do	do	do	do	do
Elijah Waters. (dead)	16984	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rabbitt	16985	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Beanstick	16986	do	do	do	do	do	do
Su-la-tus-kie	16987	do	do	do	do	do	do

ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS. 461

Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Grape Stand, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Appleton. Noyes & Co., J. A. McCreery, Rob't J. Fleming, —tington, cr., & A. Lane, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. Badger. C. Isham.	Alexander Vaun, +, P. Mc—, L.C. Williamson, Ad-ler.
100	Not reported paid.				J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Frank J. Nash.	+ —, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & —, Rob't J. Fleming, —tington, cr., & A. Lane, cr.
100	Canceled Feb'y 20, '70, and T. cert. issued No. 559394.				
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, and T. cert. issued No. 559393.				C. F. Cole, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 27, 1869	+	D. Lanahan, Alex. Clapperton.	James Swimmer, by J. W. Wm. S. Huntington, cr., C. F. Cole, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				Cr., J. & J. Stuart.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 23, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Arch Silk, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 22, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Frog, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Haskell & Co., Northrup.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Wm. S. Nash.	—, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell & Healey.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	May 1, '69	Feb'y 20, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Morter Vaun, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, and T. cert. issued No. 559657.				C. T. Northrup, att'y, B. Cartwright, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	Edw'd Gunpile, by J. W. Wright, Henry. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., cr., D. Clark, cr.
100	do	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Jno. Coleman, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr. Rich'd King, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Sudah C. Doublehead.	Geo. E. Leech, Jos. L. Martin.	Signs her name; J. T. Thompson, J. De Lamater, cr., Proctor Greenwood & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 21, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	Jno. Sunday, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cr., & E. Willson, cr., Rich'd King, cr., Henry Bell & Son, & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, and T. cert. issued No. 55653.				Rob't J. Fleming, Hunting-ton, cr., A. Lane, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Moses Price.	Rabbitt, +, E. Ware, J. H. McClinney, E. Willson.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rob't J. Fleming.	+ —, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Hun—, J. A. Beardsley, cr.
100	May 1, '69	Feb'y 3, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Su-lah-tus-kie, by D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co.

ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS. 463

Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	J. M. M. Bryan, D. W. Bushyhead.	+, —, Ruby & Tone, S. A., N. Amerman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 21, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	Johnson Jack, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop & —.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+, —, J. W. Wright, Rob't J. Fleming, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 14, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Thompson Horn, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 21, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	Twish, by J. W. Wright, J. H. McCleery, cr., D. Clark, acr.
100	.....do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	+, —, C. Isham, J. H., E. H. Perkins, jr., cr.
100	.....do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+, —, J. W. Wright, — Ross, Geo. B. Clark, Lewis Johnson.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Alex. Clapperton,	+, F. H. Nash, Turner & Co., J. H.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rich'd Perryman.	+, Henry C. Meigs, B. Story, J. D. Darden.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Lane H. Day, C. Isbam.	+, F. H. Nash, E. W., Harel Barr & Co., Ed'd, Davis, W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100	Cancelled Dec. 23, '69, and T. cert. issued No. 559659.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 25, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Haskell & Co., Northrop, — man, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	.....do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, W. S. Nash.	+, F. H. Nash, E. M., Chas. Degreck & Co., T. A.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 3, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Wm. Cripet, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Orr & Lindsley.
100	T. cert. No. 561414.				Wm. C. Browning & Co., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 19, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Tom Swimmer, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., & Rich'd King, ass., cr., H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	David W. McGraw, Geo. O. Sanders.	John Lee, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 19, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Dave Duval, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cr., & E. Willson, cr., J. Fleming, N. C. Draper, J. L. Worth, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 23, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop & —
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	John C. Smith.....	—, J. W. Wright, D. C. Eaton, Wm. S. Hun—
100	Not reported paid.				Sheldon & Co., E. J. Oakley, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Raukin, C. Hodgman, cr., & W. L. Jeukius, cr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	John C. Smith.....	—, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Hun—, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	May 15, '69	M'ch 3, 1869	+	Will P. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
109	June 30, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l, J. & J. Stuart & Co.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Joseph Turkey	17159	Oct. 30, '68	3d Ind. H. G ..	M	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Moses Taylor.....	17160	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Flute	17161	do	do	do	do	do	do.B.bond
Wm. Flute.....	17162	do	do	do	do	do	do.B.bond
Joshua Terrapin.....	17163	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jim Johnson.....	17164	do	do	do	do	do	do
Phillip Israel	17165	do	do	do	do	do	do
Gutter.....	17166	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Foreman.....	17167	do	do	do	do	do	do
Isaac Fisher.....	17168	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jessey, (dead).....	17169	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ka-lo-ye-to.....	17170	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lock Morton	17171	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jacks'n Martin, (dead)	17172	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Musgrove.....	17173	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Passon.....	17174	do	do	do	do	do	do
Peter Passon.....	17175	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Paris	17176	do	do	do	do	do	do
Turner Pigeon.....	17177	do	do	do	do	do	do.B.bond
Jack Swimmer	17178	do	do	B	do	do	do
Osage.....	17179	do	do	C	do	do	do
Hnngry Dick	17180	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. W. Ross	17181	do	do	I	do	do	do
James Shelton.....	17182	do	do	do	do	do	do
Henry Big Mush.....	17183	do	do	do	do	do	do
David Grasshopper ..	17184	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	May 15, '69	M'ch 6, 1869	+	J. H. Eiffert, Simon Brown.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr., Winthrop, E. A. Reed, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 4, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Simon Brown.	Moses Taylor, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 24, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+, by J. W. Wright, Huntington, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	do	Apr 23, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+, by J. W. Wright, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 28, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	Joshua Terrapin, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power	+	Henry C. Meigs, D. W. Lipe.	+, Clark C. Lipe, — Burke, Geo. F. Baker, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 28, 1869	Signs	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 3, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. F. Hicks.	Jesse Foreman, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. A. McCleery, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				J. W. Beaufort, N. Amerman, cr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power	+	J. P. Dunn	—, Henry Bell & Son, Morton, Bliss & Co., A. Lane, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power	+	D. W. Lipe, O. W. Lipe.	+, J. S. Atkinson, J. A. Stoddard, cr., Chas. M. Ritz.
100	do	Apr 9, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Wm. A. Musgrave.	+, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power	+	John C. Smith.	—, by J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Han—, & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 23, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	John Passon, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Wm. Young & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 29, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Frederick A. Kerr.	Peter Passon, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., & Drexel, Winthrop & Co.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 23, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 17, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+, by J. W. Wright, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Jack Swimmer, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. C. Yeatman, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Osage, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Wm. S. Nash.	Hungry Dick, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 24, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	George W. Ross, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., & Drexel, Winthrop & Co.
100	April 1, '70	No power	Signs		Name, W. F. Evans, Simpson & Bro., Howes & May.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 25, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
John Tulsen	17331	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G....	K	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Stephen Mose, (dead).	17332	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. Waters	17333	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackson Housebery..	17334	do	do	do	do	do	do
D. Adam, (dead).....	17335	do	do	do	do	do	do
July Away	17336	do	do	do	do	do	do
Squirrell Bill	17337	do	do	do	do	do	do
C. Bill.....	17338	do	do	do	do	do	do
Bendabout.....	17339	do	do	do	do	do	do
Harry Buffington, (dead.)	17340	do	do	do	do	do	do
David Blackbird.....	17341	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackson Brewer	17342	do	do	do	do	do	do
Bear poor Charley	17343	do	do	do	do	do	do
F. Conseene.....	17344	do	do	do	do	do	do
Duck Draper	17345	do	do	do	do	do	do
P. Daniel	17346	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jack Doubletooth.....	17347	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jess Feather.....	17348	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Hungary	17349	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ellis Hoggary	17350	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackson Killer.....	17351	do	do	do	do	do	do
Alex Lee	17352	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Lee, (dead)..	17353	do	do	do	do	do	do
Squall Lee.....	17354	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ben Lee	17355	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lewis Quinton.....	17356	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chicken Roost.....	17357	do	do	do	do	do	do

* Check sent to Secretary of

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
£100	June 30, '69	Dec. 21, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galtcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C., & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr. J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, and T. cert. No. 559666 issu'd.				
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 15, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	George Watters, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. G. Yeatman, Haskell & Co., C. F. Winthrop, att'y.
100	April 1, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, F. H. Nash.	—, J. C. W. Seymour, cr., Vermilye & Co., Sheldon & Co., E. J. Oakley, cr. J. Bennett, Pt.
100	Canceled Feb. 26, '70, and T. cert. No. 559670 issu'd.				
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	July Away, by J. W. Wright, Webster, Stille, Yost & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 24, 1859	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	—, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop, W. L. Jenkins, cr., Henry Bell & Son.
•100	...do.....	Ap'l 24, 1859	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	—, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	...do.....	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+, J. W. Wright, Rob't, Lewis Johnson, cr., H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, and T. cert. No. 559653 issu'd.				G. W. Stickney, actuary, W. S. Huntington, cr., C. F. Timpson, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				Ross J. Fleming, —ington, cr., A. Lane, cr., D. L. Eaton.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, J. G. Vane, D. H. Cooper, Buckley.
100	...do.....	No power ...	+	Wm. S. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	—, F. H. Nash, D. A. Janney & Co., A. Lane, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 23, 1868	Frank Cousene.	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	F. Conseene, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, J. R. Nott & Co.
100	April 1, '69				J. A. Cone, Perkins, jr., cr.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 27, 186—	Signs	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, D. L. Eaton.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Josh Ross, F. W. Gulager.	—, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., G. F., M. L. Nevins, Moore, Pyatt & Son, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	May 15, '69	M'ch 16, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, D. B. —.	—, by J. W. Wright, W. S. Huntington, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rob't J. Henry.	—, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S.
100	...do.....	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	...do.....	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, T. cert. No. 559667 issued.				H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 23, 1868	+	Wm. J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Squall Lee, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., J. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	...do.....	No power ...	+	J. W. Wright, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	...do.....	No power ...	+	Josh Ross	+, F. W. Gulager, J. Powell & Son., Stuart & Co., 1st Nat'l B'k, Memphis, Tenn.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
John Swimmer, (dead)	17358	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G. ...	K	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
Joseph Swimmer	17359	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sow Taker*	17360	do	do	do	do	do	do
Feather Touter.	17361	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Terrapin, (dead.)	17362	do	do	do	do	do	do
Fos-ke-ka-Shooter.	17363	do	do	do	do	do	do
E. Umphries	17364	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tanna Van	17365	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rider Swimmer.	17366	do	do	A	do	do	do
Little Aaron	17367	do	do	do	do	do	do
Long Aaron	17368	do	do	do	do	do	do
Big Robbin	17370	do	do	B	do	do	do
Go Back	17371	do	do	C	do	do	do
Young Wolf	17372	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wilson Hair	17373	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ce-quo-yer	17378	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ned Gruce	17379	do	do	do	do	do	do
Stephen David	17380	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lewis Hawk	17381	do	do	do	do	do	do
French	17382	do	do	do	do	do	do
Coming Deer	17383	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ellis Johnson	17384	do	do	do	do	do	do
Bill Bird	17387	do	do	do	do	do	do
Bill Katcher	17388	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thompson Beane	17389	do	do	do	do	do	do
Blue Caslownookasky	17390	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Cloud, (dead)	17391	do	do	do	do	do	do

* Original signature of claimant as follows: Taw-che-la-ner, his + mark, above. The following note and the word above afterwards inserted in a different handwriting, before the Indian's name in

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Add'l bounty	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, T. cert. No. 559659 issued.				—, J. C. W. Seymour, S. Van Danzer, Pt.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe, Morge C. Charlesworth.	+ Ben-a-key, E. Scofield, cr., Browning & Co., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	do	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross	+ Crow, McCreery & Co., Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	—, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell, Breesul, H. L. & J. O. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, T. cert. No. 559668 issued.				
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	—, Henry C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 5, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	E. Umphries, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	do	Nov. 28, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Tanna Van, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	do	No power ...	+	P. N. Blackstone, S. H. Bengé.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	—, Henry C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 18, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Simon Brown.	Big Robbin, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Geo. J. Hulse, cr., & John J. Crane.
100	May 31, '70				H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son, Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 22, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	do	Feb. 11, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 19, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Ned Grucc, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Jamney, D. A. Jamney.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 23, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	do	Feb. 16, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, J. M. Bryan & Co., D. H. Cooper, Buckley.
100	do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs	—, D. A. Jamney & Co., C. Hodgman, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Simon Brown.	Ellis Johnson, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co., cr., D. Clark, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, J. D. Darden, J. H. Tucker, W. G. Ray & Co., Geo. Ellis, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 7, 1869	+	R. T. Hanks, Alex. Clapperton.	+ by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., — near, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	do	Ap'l 28, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop, Chas. Parsons, cr., E. Willson, cr.
100	Nov'r 16, '69	No power ...	+	J. W. Wright	—, J. W. Wright, Jay Cooke & Co.
100	do	No power ...	+	John C. Smith	—, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Hun—, J. & J. Stuart & Co.

appears in Mr. Wright's handwriting: "Corrected by placing above, before his name. 'no such man,' power.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
David Gruce.....	17392	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G	C	C. Holmes.	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Ned-Oshe-scawle.....	17393	do	do	do	do	do	do
John R. Riley.....	17394	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Walker.....	17395	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lewis Schontishee.....	17396	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tarapen.....	17397	do	do	do	do	do	do
Moses Schontishee.....	17398	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sattakee Schontishee, (dead.)	17399	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sunday. (dead).....	17400	do	do	do	do	do	do
Shoe Boots, (dead).....	17401	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mastoo-we-yars.....	17402	do	do	do	do	do	do
George Goo-we-scowe.....	17403	do	do	do	do	do	do
Luna McLane.....	17404	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tae Hooster.....	17405	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Baldrige.....	17406	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wilson Artsey.....	17407	do	do	do	do	do	do
At-to-la-hie-Old Corn.....	17408	do	do	do	do	do	do
Nedson Artsey.....	17409	do	do	do	do	do	do
Above, Saw-chn-lar-nar.	17410	do	do	do	do	do	do.B.bond
Alec Get-up.....	17411	do	do	do	do	do	do
Andrew No-wife.....	17412	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mouse.....	17413	do	do	do	do	do	do
Isaac Pott.....	17414	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tarlow Maise.....	17415	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Pidgeon.....	17416	do	do	do	do	do	do

Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Aug. 26, '69	May 10, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	—, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr., Wright.
100	April 1, '70	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rich'd C. Perryman.	—, M. Habber & Co., Scott & Co., D. B. Halsted cr.
100	March 31, '69	Feb. 26, 1869	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. J. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., & Co., T. Banker, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Sam'l H. Drew, D. W. Bushyhead.	+, —, C. Isham, R. W. Ritchie, E. H. Bennet & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 23, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Wm. S. Nash.	Lewis Scontikee, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 6, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr., Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	....do	No power ...	+	F. W. Gulager, John J. Martin.	+, —, F. W. Gulager, E. W. McClure.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, T. cert. No. 559400 issued.				W. Wright, — man, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, T. cert. No. 559399 issued.				Jas. G. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr., C. Sprigg.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	May 1, '69	Dec. 14, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, P. N. Blackstone.	Mastoo-we-yar, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 13, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop & —, Davis & Co., Wm. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 16, 1867	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Luna McLane, by J. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	D. Lauahan, Henry C. Meigs.	—, Howell, Barr & Co., Edw'd C. Danham, acr., H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son. — & Chick, John T. Banker, cr.
100	March 31, '69	Jan'y 12, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, by J. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	Dan H. Ross, John A. Ross.	—, S. B. Robbins & Co., John Worth, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Edw'd J. Brooks.	—, J. H. Eiffert, Henry C. Meigs, F. H. Nash, Rob't J. Fleming, — ington, cr., A. Lane, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 28, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Wm. S. Nash.	Nedson Artesey, by J. W. Wright, Webster Stille, Yost & Co., W. C.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 13, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+, by J. W. Wright, att'y.
100	April 1, '70	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, J. O. Ford & Co., Andrew.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 23, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Andrew No-wife, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, ass't cr., — & Co., Northrop & Chick, J. T. Banker, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				— mar, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Jan'y 7, 1869	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Isaac Pott, by J. W. Wright, W. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 11, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Tarlow Maise, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, D. Lauahan.	—, Howell, Barr & Co., Edw'd C. Dunham, cr.

472 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
George Leach.....	17417	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G....	C	C. Holmes	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
David Frisley, (dead).	17418	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Bull Frog.....	17419	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Chu-wa-looky.....	17420	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Arch Keener.....	17428	...do	...do	D	do	do	do
Wel-ta-gur-gah.....	17429	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
John Skil-e-ate.....	17430	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Charles Punkin.....	17431	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Dah-ner-see-ne.....	17432	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
P. S. Man.....	17436	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Michael Hildebrand..	17443	...do	...do	I	do	do	do
Nelson Terrapin.....	17444	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Bark Nugin.....	17445	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Stephen Spears.....	17446	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Terapiu.....	17447	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Henry Cochran.....	17448	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Meggie.....	17460	...do	...do	K	do	do	do
Jackson Christie.....	17594	...do	...do	G	do	do	do
Levi Walkingstick...	17595	...do	...do	do	do	do	do
Franklin Gritts.....	17596	...do	...do	do	do	do	do

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Ad'dl bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 3, 1868	+	Will P. Ross, Mortar Vaun.	George Leach, by J. W. Wright, att'y. Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., Fink & Nasse, Seney, cr.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69. T. cert. No. 557081 issued.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galtcatcher.	— by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 13, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Chu-wa-looky, by J. W. Wright, att'y. Moses Kelly, cr., & Rich'd King, acr., J. A. Stoddard, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	... do	Dec. 21, 1868	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	Arch Keener, by J. W. Wright, att'y. J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, cr., & E. Willson, cr., Fink & Nasse, Seney, cr.
100	June 30, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galtcatcher.	— by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Jane Davis, J. H. McCleery, cr., D. Clark, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Wm. S. Nash.	John Skileate, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., & Rich'd King, acr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Not reported paid.				H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 31, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Dah-ner-see-ne, by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., & Chick, J. T. Banker, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 30, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Wm. S. Nash.	P. S. Mann, by J. W. Wright, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. A. McCleery, Wm. C. Browning & Co., C. F. Coles, cr., Drexel, Winthrop & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	F. H. Nash	—, Jno. D. Rankin, Suter, Collier & Rankin.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 20, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Nelson Terapin, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeat—, Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, J. T. Banker, cr., D. L. Eaton.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	D. W. Lipe	—, O. W. Lipe, Appleton, Noyes & Co., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 4, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Wm. Hudson.	Stephen Spears, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., & Rich'd King, acr., J. W. Wright, att'y, Huntington, cr.
100	...do	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	Tarapin, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	...do	Dec. 1, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Avery Cochran, by J. W., Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., O. W. Lipe, Geo. C. Kimbrough, G. I. Seney, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	D. A. Bushyhead, Wm. Percival.	—, R. Storer, ag't, J. C. W. Seymour, cr., Beardsley, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Signs	None	Name, Crow McCreery, J & J. Stuart & Co., Jno., W. A. Mannier, Jay Cooke, & Co.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, W. H. Rhea, Graft, H. H. Werner, R. B. Ferris, cr., Staples, Jas. S. Anderson, — pith, R. B. Ferris, cr.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 23, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Franklin Gritts, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.

474 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Isaac Squirrel.....	17597	Oct. 30, '65	3d I. H. G.....	G	C. Holmes	Claimant..	J.W. Wright.
Henry Christie.....	17598	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chas. Walkingstick..	17599	do	do	do	do	do	do
Whetter.....	17600	do	do	do	do	do	do
Walter Down.....	17601	do	do	do	do	do	do
Big Bullet.....	17602	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. Beaver.....	17603	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jos. Proctor.....	17604	do	do	do	do	do	do
John Bear Paw.....	17605	do	do	do	do	do	do
Despiser.....	17606	do	do	do	do	do	do
Throwing Hair.....	17607	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Deerhead, (dead)	17608	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Christie.....	17609	do	do	do	do	do	do
Teacher.....	17610	do	do	do	do	do	do
Little Hawk, (dead)..	17611	do	do	do	do	do	do
Soldier Tolan.....	17612	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Walkingstick..	17613	do	do	do	do	do	do
Tieski Pritchett.....	17614	do	do	do	do	do	do
Judge Otter.....	17615	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thos. Christie.....	17616	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chicken Christie.....	17617	do	do	do	do	do	do
Steel.....	17618	do	do	do	do	do	do
Hawk Wolf.....	17619	do	do	do	do	do	do
Miller Bug.....	17620	do	do	do	do	do	do
Spring Frog.....	17621	do	do	do	do	do	do
Pass.....	17622	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dirt Seller.....	17623	do	do	do	do	do	do

ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS. 475

Adtl hounty.	Statement re- ported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
100	Canceled May 31, '69				J. D. Rankin.
100	Not reported paid.				—dsley, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	W. S. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	Charles Walkinstick, by J., D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeat—
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 20, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Witter, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	+ Howard Cole & Co., J. D. Vermilye, cr. McCarty.
100	...do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	+ F. H. Nash, Wm. J. Lent, F. Ringelenc, cr., E. Wilson, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
\$100	June 30, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C., H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	...do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	—, Henry C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, F. W. Tibbant.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 20, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ —, by J. W. Wright, Haggell & Co., Northrup, Vermilye & Co.
100	...do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, W. S. Nash.	+ —, J. H. Eiffert, J. D. Darden, S. H. Tucker, Wm. L. Jenkins, cr., F. Chandler, cr., H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69. T. cert. No. 559660 issued.				
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	John C. Smith.....	—, J. W. Wright, D. L. Eaton, Wm. S. Hun—
100	Not reported paid.				Beardsley, cr.
100	May 31, '70				J. O. Ford & Co.
100	Ap'l 1, '70	(*)			E. Wilson, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. S. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Wm. S. Nash.	John Walkinstick, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeat—, E. S. Francis, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., — & Co., D. A. Jones.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	Judge Otter, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney & Co., Jas. E. Yeatman, W. Nichols, J. A. Beardsley, cr., John M. Cox.
100	Not reported paid.				Reed, R. B. Ferris, cr., G. J. Seney, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross, W. E. Powell.	+ C. McClellan, August Benke, G. J. H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son.
100	Not reported paid.				— & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 28, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Hawk Wolf, by J. W. Wright, atty, Scott & Medier, W. M. Manner, W. B. Meeker, cr., W. Nichols, J. A. Beardsley, cr., Rob't J. Fleming.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 17, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Miller Bug, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Orr & Lindsley, Johnson, cr., J. L. Worth, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, W. S. Boudinot.	+ C. McClellan, August Benke, G. J.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, Geo. O. Sanders.	—, F. H. Nash, Appleton, Noyes & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	...do	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	—, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, Jas. E. Yeatman, cr., H. W. Ford, cr.

(*) Check with Secretary Treasury.

476 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Young Squirrel (dead)	17624	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G.	G	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
Sold	17625	do	do	do	do	do	do
Water Killer	17626	do	do	do	do	do	do
Mike Pritchett	17627	do	do	do	do	do	do
Aaron	17628	do	do	F	do	do	do
Chas. R. Gourd	17629	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jesse Glass	17630	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jos. T. Glass	17631	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jumper	17632	do	do	do	do	do	do
James Chambers	17671	do	do	L	do	do	do
Jno. Hendricks	17672	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wm. Hendricks	17673	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Thornton	17674	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young Duck Sunday	17675	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam'l Six Killer	17676	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thos. Hendricks	17677	do	do	do	do	do	do
Soldier Six Killer	17678	do	do	do	do	do	do
Frog Six Killer	17679	do	do	do	do	do	do
Willis Hendricks	17680	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young Bird Henry	17681	do	do	do	do	do	do. B. bond
Abot Downing	17682	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jos. Hendricks	17683	do	do	L	do	do	do
Aaron Crittenden	17684	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam'l Still	17685	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dollar Stinging	17686	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Still	17687	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thos. Soo-ma-kee	17688	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. Still	17689	do	do	do	do	do	do
Senica Squirrel	17690	do	do	do	do	do	do

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
100	Ap'l 1, '70	..... (*) .....	.....	.....	J. O. Ford & Co., C. N. Jordan, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 21, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+ ——— by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop, Fink & Nasse, Seney, cr.
100	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	May 1, '70	.....	.....	.....	Aaron, by J. W. Wright, Webster, Stille, Yost & Co., Haskell & Co., Northrop & Chick, J. T. Banker, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 1, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	.....
100	.....do	Nov. 30, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders,	Charles R. Gourd, by J. W. Wright, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co., E. W. McClure, J. & J. Stuart & Co., W. L. Jenkins, cr.
100	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	.....
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Josh. Ross, F. W. Gulager.	———, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 19, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Frank J. Nash.	+ ——— by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 31, 1869	Signs	Frank J. Nash.....	———, by D. L. Eaton, Wm. S., J. & J. Stuart & Co., Rittenhouse, Fowler & Co., G. J. Seney, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, P. N. Blackstone,	———, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 24, 1869	Signs	B. W. Lipe, Morge C. Charlesworth.	———, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Sam'l Shepthar & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs	S. A. Craig	Name, W. H. Rhea, Pratt, Fox & Co., J. & Co.
100	.....do	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	———, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C. Davis, D. L. Eaton.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Signs .....	.....	Name, John W., Allen Copts, & Mir.
100	June 30, '69	Dec. 22, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galcatcher.	+ ——— by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C. Davis, D. L. Eaton.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	W. C. Trent, H. Shields.	+ ———, W. C. Treat, H. L. & ———, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	W. C. Trent, H. Shields.	———, W. H. Rhea, W. Nichols, J. A. Bear ———, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Jan'y 12, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Willis Hendricks, by J. W. Wright, att'y, Wm. C. Richards, E. S. Francis, cr., C. F. Coles, cr., Belcher.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 18, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	———, by J. W. Wright, & Chick, John T. Banker, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs .....	.....	Name, Jacob Staws & Co., Abbot Downey, R., J. O. Ford & Co.
100	.....do	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, P. N. Blackstone.	———, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, E. Willson, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Signs	None.....	Name, W. C. Trent, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	.....do	No power ...	+	Jos. Ross, M. J. Martin.	+ ———, F. W. Gulager, J. C. W. Scymour.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs .....	.....	———, W. F. Rasmus, Pollock, Thompson & Co., Proctor, Greenwood & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	W. C. Trent, H. Shields.	+ ———, Stark & Trent, J. & J. Stuart & Co., Sheldon & Co., E. J. Oakley, cr.
100	May 1, '70	Feb. 10, 1869	-	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	Thomas Soo-wa-kee, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	S. A. Craig	———, W. H. Rhea, Richardson & Co., J. A., Fatty, Mack & Co., H. W. Ford, cr.
100	Not reported paid.	.....	.....	.....	.....

(*) Check with Secretary Treasury.

478 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Otter Scraper.....	17691	Oct. 30, '63	3d I. H. G....	L	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J.W. Wright.
Hammer Thrower.....	17692	do	do	do	do	do	do
Looney Townsend....	17693	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Jackson Wilken.	17694	do	do	do	do	do	do
Alex'r Mixed Water.	17695	do	do	do	do	do	do
Yellow Hammer Wal- ker.	17696	do	do	do	do	do	do
Thos. Walkingstick*.	17697	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Proctor.....	17698	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ezekiel Proctor.....	17699	do	do	do	do	do	do
Pigeon Lit.....	17700	do	do	do	do	do	do
Redder Beaver.....	17701	do	do	do	do	do	do
Head Bull Frog.....	17702	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rider Acorn.....	17703	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Downing.....	17704	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jackson England.....	17705	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. K. Hendricks....	17706	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lewis Blackwood.....	17707	do	do	do	do	do	do
Nelson Foreman.....	17708	do	do	do	do	do	do
Runabout Proctor....	17865	do	do	H	do	do	do
Black Fox Snell.....	17866	do	do	do	do	do	do
Young Bird Snell....	17867	do	do	do	do	do	do
Benj. Snell, (dead) ..	17868	do	do	do	do	do	do
Moses Six Killer.....	17869	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Scott.....	17870	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chas. Thompson.....	17871	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rider For Man.....	17872	do	do	do	do	do	do
Walker, (dead).....	17873	do	do	do	do	do	do
Drapper.....	17874	do	do	do	do	do	do

* Certificate of clerk of court defective; name of claimant does not

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Adtl bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, J. H. Eiffert.	+ ———, F. H. Nash, Chas. Parsons, cr., J. H. McCleery, D. Clark, cr., D. L. Eaton.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 29, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Looney Townsend, by J. W. Wright, D. P. Wright, Geo. F. Linfield, W. E. Stone & Co., A. A. Jones, C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Rich'd Perryman.	+ ———, Howard Cole, R. McCarty, cr., J. A. Beardslley, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Looney Townsend.	———, W. H. Rhea, Richardson & Co., Rittenhouse Fowler & Co., G. J. Seney, cr., Clark & Bro.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	Signs		———, W. C. Trent, Hertsell & Sears, M. G.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	A. S. Daniel	———, Fink & Nasse, Aug't Benecke, Davis & Co., W. H. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 10, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	———, by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., Northrop.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs		———, W. H. Rhea, Richardson & Co., Clipp, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+ ———, J. W. Wright, M. C. Draper, Lewis, Northrop & Chick, J. T. Banker, cr.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	Redder Beaver, by J. W. Wright, att'y. Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	———, F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, A. F. Shapley & Co.
100	May 1, '69	Feb. 25, 1869	+	Henry Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	Rider Acorn, by J. W. Wright, D. A. Janney, D. A. Janney & Co., E. Willson.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, J. H. Eiffert.	+ ———, F. H. Nash, S. M. Hadley, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	....do	No power ...	+	Rob't P. Ross.	+ ———, Crow McCreery & Co., Jno. T. Banker, cr., A. R. Seagrave.
100	....do	No power ...	Signs	None	Name, C. McClellan, August Benecke, cr., G. J. Worth, cr.
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 25, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	———, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, P. N. Blackstone.	———, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son, Rankin, Ellis, cr.
100	....do	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	———, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross	+ ———, E. W. McClellan, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Will P. Ross.	———, C. L. Mitchell, Chas. Brown, S. H. Tinker.
100	Canceled Dec. 23, '69, T.cert. No. 559663 issued.				
100	M'ch 31, '69	Jan'y 27, 186-	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	———, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs.	———, J. W. Wright, Rob't J. Fleming,
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. S. Nash, Jos. Ross.	+ ———, H. L. & J. D., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	———, J. C. W. Seymour, D. B. Halsted, cr.
100	Canceled Feb. 26, '70, T.cert. No. 559664 issued.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+ ———, J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.

appear in body of certificate; name of clerk, D. W. Lipe.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co. Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Dailey Muskrat, (dead)	17875	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G	II C. Holmes.	Claimant . . .	J.W. Wright.
Long Charley	17876	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Pidgeon	17877	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Jack Grasshopper . . .	17878	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Boney Rarin	17879	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Aleck Rood, (dead) . . .	17880	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Runabout Six	17881	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Snipe	17882	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Strainer	17883	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do. B. bond
Thos. Starr	17884	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do. B. bond
James Six	17885	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Chas. Sholder	17886	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Steaphen	17887	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Joe Turtle	17888	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Chas. Turtle	17889	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Sequah Tamer	17890	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Pheasant Tamer	17891	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Eli Tucker	17892	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Mulberry Tucker	17893	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Geo. Snell	17894	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Saturday Vaun	17895	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
James Ellis	17896	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Young Wolf Six Killer	17897	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do. B. bond
Young Dog	17898	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Arch Beamer	17899	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Brusher	17900	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .
Johnson Beamer	17901	do	do	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .	do . . . do . . .

Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Cancelled Dec. 23, '69, T. cert. No. 559662 issued.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	Apr 21, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100	Mich 31, '69	Jan'y 23, 1869	+	Dan. H. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 7, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	Jack Grasshopper, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	—, F. H. Nash, C. C., Jas. A. Jackson, Northrop
100	Cancelled Dec. 23, '69, T. cert. No. 559661 issued.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Dan. H. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	+, F. H. Nash, Chas. Parsons, cr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Jeffry Beck.	—, Brown Bros. & Co.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 10, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+, by J. W. Wright.
100	....do	May 17, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+, by J. Wright.
100	....do	No power ...	+	Rich'd Perryman, Henry C. Meigs.	+, J. Parkinson & Co., E. D. Jones, B. Seaman, cr., J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, D. W. Bushyhead.	—, J. M. Bryan & Co., D. H. Cooper, Buckley, J. H. Eiffert, J. C. W. Seymour, cr., D. B. Halsted, cr.
100	....do	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	—, J. C. W. Seymour, cr., D. B. Halsted, cr.
100	....do	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, John S. Vaun.	—, F. H. Nash, White & Hawley.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Dec. 2, 1868	+	Geo. O. Sanders, P. N. Blackstone.	Charles Turtle, by J. W. Wright, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	—, F. H. Nash, Appleton, Noyes & Co., E. W. McClure, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 17, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+, —, by J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr., Britton & Co., John B. Limeburner, Rich'd King, cr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	Signs		—, Hugh T. Ann, Morrison, Kinsborough & Co., Henry Bell & Son.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, F. H. Nash, H. & R. B. Whittemore & Co., Sharp, C. F. Coles, cr.
100	....do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	—, J. W. Wright, Rob't J. Fleming, Rittenhouse, Fowler & Co., G. J. Seney, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	+, —, C. Isham, A. B., E. Kinney & Co., G. J. Seney, cr., J. Ringline, cr., D. Clark, cr.
100	June 30, '69	Dec. 22, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galtcatcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C., H. Bell & Co., Henry Bell & Son.
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 4, 1869	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	+, by J. W. Wright.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	N. Fish.....	—, Will P. Ross, A. H. Ryan, Simpson & —, J. & J. Stuart & Co.
100	....do	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 3, 1868	+	Henry C. Meigs, O. R. Coodey.	Brusher, by J. W. Wright, att'y, H. Bell & Son, Haskell & Co., Drexel, Winthrop & Co., Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr.
100	Feb'y 4, '69	Nov. 30, 1868	—	P. N. Blackstone, Geo. O. Sanders.	Johnson Beamer, by J. W. Wright, Moses Kelly, cr., Rich'd King, acr., Massey, Crow, McCreery & Co., J. & J. Stuart & Co., Jno. T. Banker, cr.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Broom	17902	Oct. 30, '68	3d I. H. G	H	C. Holmes.	Claimant.	J. W. Wright.
Bark	17903	do	do	do	do	do	do
Archilla	17904	do	do	do	do	do	do
Chickasaw Killer	17905	do	do	do	do	do	do
Lief	17906	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wiley Field	17907	do	do	do	do	do	do
Henry Seabolt *	18501	Dec. 17, '68	do	A	do	do	do
David Ross	18502	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. Silk	18503	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. McIntosh	18504	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wm. Bengé	18505	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam'l Latimore	18506	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ezekiel Latimore	18507	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sam'l Silk	18508	do	do	do	do	do	do
French	18509	do	do	do	do	do	do
Wm. Dirt	18510	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Ridge	18511	do	do	B	do	do	do
Levi Duck	18512	do	do	do	do	do	do
Geo. Ridge	18513	do	do	do	do	do	do
Oo-too-la-ta-nah	18514	do	do	C	do	do	do. B. Bond
Henry Dick	18515	do	do	do	do	do	do
Cying Bear	18516	do	do	D	do	do	do
Kab ner que Keener	18517	do	do	do	do	do	do. B. Bond
Rosin	18518	do	do	E	do	do	do

* Passed to F. H. Nash;

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Add'l bounty.	Statement reported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Albert Barnes, W. C. Powell.	+ C. M. McClellan, J. H. McCleery, cr. Sheldon & Co. E. J. Oakley, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Lewis A. Ross.	Henry C. Meigs, H. L. & J. D. Rankin, — & Co., Northrop & Chick, J. T. Banker, & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	Dec. 6, 1868	+	P. N. Blackstone, Henry Eiffert.	Archilla, by J. W. Wright, att'y, J. O. Ford & Co., Chas. Parsons, E. Willson, cr., D. L. Eaton, C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Frank J. Nash.	— Dan'l Seagrave, G. W. Richardson, J. L. Sheldon & Co. E. J. Oakley, cr.
100	Not reported paid.				
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry McKee, J. H. Eiffert.	— Suter Collier & W. G. Rhea & Geo. Scott & Miller, Jay Cooke & Co., N. Y., Denton D. Stark, J. & J. Stuart & Co., Jno. T. Banker, cr., steamer Fort Smith, per Stockbridge, clerk, S. Ringline, D. Clark, cr., W. H. Mannier, Jay Cook & Co., Jacob Strauss & Co., Stuart & Dickinson, Van Tassel & Britton, Northrop & Chick, Jno. T. Banker, cr., Fort Smith, by Stockbridge, Geo. J. Hulse, cr., H. W. Ford, cr., Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co., A. Lane, cr., Wm. Mannier, Jay Cooke & Co., D. L. Eaton, F. Chandler, cr. [J. W. Wright's indorsement not on check No. 18686.] Hasted, cr.
100	May 1, '69	No power ...			Meyer, Howard Cole & Co., Name, D. Williams, Potter White & Bailey, E. H. Perkins, jr., cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	Signs		— J. M. Bryan & Co., H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, D. W. Bushyhead.	
100	Not reported paid.				
100	May 1, '69	No power ...	+	Henry Eiffert, Geo. O. Sanders.	Wm. Benge, his + mark, witnesses, Geo. O. Sanders & —.
100	May 31, '70				
100	Not reported paid.				
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Rufus Ross.....	+ — E. A. McClellan, J. & J. Stuart & Co., Name, John W. Stapler, W. A. E. Storer & Co., Hastings.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs		— J. W. Wright, Morton Bliss & Co., A. Lane, cr.
100	Nov. 16, '69	No power ...	+	D. P. Wright.....	— J. M. Bryan, List, Norton Bradford, & — J. W. Wright, Rob't J. Fleming.
100	April 1, '70	No power ...	+	Dan. H. Ross, Leonard Wooster.	+ by F. H. Nash, Sus Obermeyer & Wool.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs...	+ by J. W. Wright.
100	March 31, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	
100	Aug. 26, '69	Dec. 18, 1868	+	Lewis A. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	
100	.....do.....	Dec. 14, 1868	+	M. C. Charlesworth, Tom Galecatcher.	+ — by J. W. Wright, Haskell & Co., J. T. Banker, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Frank J. Nash, P. N. Blackstone.	— F. H. Nash, H. L. & J. D. Rankin.
100	Aug. 26, '69	Ap'l 15, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ by J. W. Wright.
100do.....	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Morge C. Charlesworth, Tom Galecatcher.	+ — by J. W. Wright, H. Bell & Co., Haskell & Co., Northrop.

Wright's name not on it.

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Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.
Thos. Cochran	18519	Dec. 17, '68	3d I. H. G.	F	C. Holmes	Claimant	J.W. Wright.
Chas. Silk	18520	do	do	do	do	do	do
Richard Round	18521	do	do	do	do	do	do
Sur-tus-cah-Tah-nor-we. O-yoh-tah-ca	18522	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Feather	18523	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Bowlin	18524	do	do	do	do	do	do
Johnson Bowlin	18525	do	do	G	do	do	do
Wm. Baylock	18526	do	do	do	do	do	do
Josiah Pidgeon †	18527	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Rogers	18528	do	do	do	do	do	do E. Bond
Kul-see-te-hee Writer	18529	do	do	I	do	do	do
Tassle Hammer	18530	do	do	do	do	do	do
Rabit Bunches	18531	do	do	K	do	do	do
Richard Koon	18601	do	do	I	do	do	do
Dan'l R. Gourd	18602	do	do	do	do	do	do
Dry	18603	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jas. Chambers	18604	do	do	do	do	do	do
Walker Deerhead	18605	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jefferson Sickancesky	18681	do	do	L	do	do	do
Benj. K. Hayne	18682	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. Ross	18683	do	do	do	do	do	do
Taylor Sixkiller	18684	do	do	do	do	do	do
Ellis Wagner	18685	do	do	do	do	do	do
Jno. White	18686	do	do	M	do	do	do
Washburn	18687	do	do	do	do	do	do
Joe Bryant	18688	do	do	do	do	do	do
Total							

* Claimant's name
 † Wright's name

A true abstract from the record. (All checks embraced drawn on the assistant treasurer, New York.)

I hereby certify that the foregoing indorsements and dates of powers of attorney are true copies

NEW YORK, November 21, 1871.

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Addl bounty.	Statement re- ported paid.	Date of power.	How signed.	Witnesses.	Indorsements.
\$100	April 1, '70	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Henry Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, N. Hew- ett, Jackson &
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	J. H. Eiffert, Alex. Clapperton.	—, F. H. Nash, D. H. Cooper, Buckley.
100	do	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, Henry C. Meigs.	—, F. H. Nash, Henry Bell & Son, Haskell.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs ...	+ —, J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	—, J. G. Vase, D. H. Cooper, Buckley.
100	March 31, '69	Jan'y 22, 1869	+	Will P. Ross, Henry C. Meigs.	—, by J. W. Wright, H. L. Flynt, cr., C. F. Coles, cr.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. S. Nash, J. H. Eiffert.	+ —, F. H. Nash, W. H. Mannier.
100	do	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton Geo. O. Sanders.	+ —, F. H. Nash, Crow McCreech & Co.
100	May 1, '69	No power ...	+		
100	Aug. 26, '69	May 10, 1869	+	Alex. Clapperton, Geo. O. Sanders.	+ by J. W. Wright.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Wm. Percival, Henry Drew.	—, J. M. Bryan & Co., B. Barr, John J. Lemp.
100	do	Dec. 18, 1868	+	Morge C. Charles- worth, Tom Gal- catcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam. C. Davis.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs, Dan. H. Ross.	+ C. McClellan, Arras & Co., J. D. Vermilye, cr.
50	Not reported paid.				
50	March 31, '69	No power ...	Signs		Name, F. H. Nash, Jas. H. Concannon.
50	May 15, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Alex. Clapperton.	—, F. H. Nash, Steam- er W. C. J. Sycamore, cr., D. B. Halsted, cr.
50	March 31, '69	No power ...	Signs		Name, O. W. Lipe, Lewis Dorscheimer.
50	May 15, '69	No power ...	+	Alex. Clapperton, J. H. Eiffert.	—, F. H. Nash, Scott & Melleer, W. C.
100	June 30, '69	Dec. 16, 1868	+	Morge C. Charles- worth, Tom Gal- catcher.	—, by J. W. Wright, O. W. Lipe, Sam'l C. Davis.
100	Aug. 26, '69	No power ...	+	J. W. Wright	—, J. W. Wright, Wm. S. Huntington, cr.
100	Aug. 31, '70				
100	Aug. 26, '69				
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	Signs		Name, W. F. Rasmus, Pol- lock, Thompson & Co.
100	Feb'y 27, '69	No power ...	+	Geo. O. Sanders, Frank J. Nash.	F. H. Nash, J. H. Cone, R. W. Risley, cr., E. H. Per- kins, jr., cash'r.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	N. Fish, Frank J. Nash.	—, Ross & Co., J. C. W. Seymour, D. B.
100	June 30, '69	No power ...	+	Henry C. Meigs...	—, J. W. Wright, Thos. Lanagan, G. A.

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B. W. BRICE. *Paymaster General.*

THOS. HILLHOUSE. *Assistant Treasurer.*

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.	Ordinary bounty.	Statement reported paid.
Eli Tucker	547	July 11, 1866	3d I. H. G.		C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	July 12, 1866
Thomas Starr	548	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Long Charles	549	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Broom	550	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Lief	551	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Alie Road	552	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Reader Beaver	553	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Ned Bullfrog	554	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
James Chambers	555	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Dollar Stinging	556	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Abot Downing	557	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Prog Six Killer	558	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Hammer Thrower	559	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Hendricks	560	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
John Hendricks	561	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Rider Acorn	562	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Six Killer	563	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Otter Scraper	564	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Thos. Seowaker	565	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
James Still	566	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam. Still	567	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jefferson Tickenesky	568	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Loony Townsend	569	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Taylor Six Killer	570	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
John Thornton	571	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Thos. Walkingstick	572	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Young Bird Henry	573	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Dah ner see ne	574	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackson	575	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Fisher	576	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Theo. Jeremiah	577	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Samplers	578	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Gall Catcher	579	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Calling	580	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jeff. Balor	581	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Ben Catcher	582	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Arch Keener	583	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Ta la la Paw	584	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Snipo	585	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Benj'n Snell	586	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Joe Turtle	587	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Rumbout Six	588	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Beamer	589	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Brushes	590	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.

Bark	591	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Pidgeon	592	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wiley Field	593	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Mulberry Tucker	594	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Drapper	595	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Davis, Du wer lu key	596	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Young Dog	597	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Walker	598	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Six	599	July 12, 1866	do	do	do	do	100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Squah Tomer	600	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chas. Thompson	601	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chas. Turtle	602	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Black Fox Snell	603	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Young Wolf Six Killer	604	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Snell	605	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rider Foreman	606	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chickasaw Killer	607	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Scott	608	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Strainer	609	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chas. Sholder	610	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Ellis	611	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack Grasshopper	612	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Saturday Vann	613	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Geo. P. Pile	617	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
O war las ky	618	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Lacy Trampaboul	619	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Kar ner que Keeuer	620	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Oceola Woodall	621	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Scatter	622	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Long Aaron	623	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Crying Bear	624	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Mixed Water	625	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Humming Bird	626	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Peter Counting Deer	627	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jumper	628	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Young Bird	629	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rider Swimmer	630	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Josiah Vann	631	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Alexander Vann	632	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Edward Starr	633	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Poor Wolf	634	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Shawnee	635	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Beaver Silk	636	do	do	do	do	do	60	Do.
Arch Silk	637	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Obediah Benge	638	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Creek	639	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Mink Downing	640	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Path Killer	640	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Mathew	642	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackin	643	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack Rope	720	July 13, 1866	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Grape Soup	721	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.

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Big Robin.....	722	July 13, 1866	3d I. H. G.....		C. Holmes.....	Jno. W. Wright...	Jno. W. Wright...	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Lacy Beaver Toter.....	723	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Runabout Puff.....	724	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Powell.....	725	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Young Turkey Belt.....	726	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Nick Walker.....	727	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Buck Bushyhead.....	728	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Hiel.....	729	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Joe Heldebrand.....	730	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George.....	731	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tah huh lees ke.....	732	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tick Eater.....	733	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Soup.....	734	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tick a nee skee.....	735	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Thompson.....	736	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jackson so wan kee.....	737	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Seven.....	738	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Star.....	739	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jack Swimmer.....	740	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Sharp.....	741	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Smoker.....	742	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Sharp.....	743	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tom Sunday.....	744	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Ridge.....	745	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Drywater.....	746	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Ridge.....	747	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Grass.....	748	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Dick.....	749	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Levi Duck.....	750	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Adam Feeling.....	751	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Arch Dollar.....	752	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Dir. Eater Big Mush.....	753	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Young Duck.....	754	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Young Beaver.....	755	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jesse Wich.....	756	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wolf Snake.....	757	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Tick Eater.....	758	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Davis Turner.....	759	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Rogers.....	760	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Silas Pigeon.....	761	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jack Rabbit.....	762	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Peter Dry.....	763	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Goodmoney.....	764	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.

Johnson Jug	765	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jones	766	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Oo le skun co.	767	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Ridge	768	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Oo ge lui lo.	769	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Fushago	856	July 14, 1866	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
For lok ko	857	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ene he fix seo	858	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Proctor	1194	July 31, 1866	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Soldier Six Killer	1195	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Kemie do.	1196	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Nelson Foreman	1197	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
James R. Hendricks	1198	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Joseph Hendricks	1199	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Ross	1200	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Pigeon Lit	1201	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Young Duck Suncay	1202	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Still	1203	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
James Dawning	1204	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Aaron Crittenden	1205	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ejikal Proctor	1206	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Benj. K. Huyuin	1207	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Thomas Hendricks	1208	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jackson England	1209	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Lewis Blackwood	1210	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Alex'r Mixedwater	1211	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Yellow Hammer Waker	1212	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Solomon Townsend	1213	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Willis Hendricks	1214	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ellis Hagner	1215	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
David Greece	1216	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ned Greece	1217	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Alex Gehup	1218	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
David Frisby	1219	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Bull Frog	1220	do.	do.	C	do.	do.	100	Do.
Hungry Dick	1221	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Henly Dick	1222	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Blue carlew noo ha sky	1223	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Cloud	1224	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Chun a lookky	1225	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Shoe Boots	1226	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Thompson Beaver	1227	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Bill Bird	1228	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Attahahie Oldcorn	1229	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wilson Artsey	1230	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Stephen David	1231	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ceg no yer	1232	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Lewis Hawk	1233	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Luua McLane	1234	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ellis Johnson	1235	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Coming Deer	1236	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.

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Go Back.....	1237	July 31, 1866	3d I. H. G.		C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Young Wolf.....	1238	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Andrew No Wife.....	1239	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wilson Hair.....	1240	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
James Beansfick.....	1241	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Aaron.....	1242	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wheat Baldrige.....	1243	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
P. S. Man.....	1244	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Jack.....	1245	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Chas R. Goard.....	1246	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Joseph Vann.....	1247	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Lacey Hawkins.....	1248	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Sunday.....	1249	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Chickiller.....	1250	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Closer.....	1251	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jesse Glass.....	1252	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Thompson Horn.....	1253	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Keith.....	1254	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Oo yoh tah ca.....	1255	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Richard Round.....	1256	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Sanders.....	1257	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Neorter Vann.....	1258	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jack Marshall.....	1259	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Joseph T. Gloss.....	1260	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Sammel Bush.....	1261	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Bush.....	1262	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Fishing Hawk.....	1263	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Henry Clay.....	1264	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Coleman.....	1265	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Rabbit.....	1266	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Peter Peyeter.....	1267	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Edward Gumpile.....	1268	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Sudahkee Doublehead.....	1269	Aug. 8, 1866	do.	F	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Fahfie Sky Skiff.....	1270	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Eljah Waters.....	1271	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Bone Eater.....	1272	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Thomas Cochrane.....	1273	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Lewis Crapo.....	1274	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Washington Clay.....	1275	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Diet Seller.....	1276	do.	do.	F	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Archilo Foster.....	1277	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Feather.....	1278	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Oe Squh la cha.....	1279	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Panther Glass.....	1280	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.

Blossom Rogers	1281	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sartus eah-tah-woo-wee	1282	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Nelson Shin	1283	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Squirrel	1284	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Twist	1285	do	do	do	do	do	700	Do.
Live Walkingstock	1286	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackson Christie	1287	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Franklin Gritts	1288	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Bowlin	1289	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Baylock	1290	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Henry Christie	1291	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chas. Walkingstick	1292	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Whetter	1293	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Bearpaw	1294	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Big Bullet	1295	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thos. Christie	1296	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jesse Christie	1297	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Young Bird	1298	do	do	M	do	do	100	Do.
Birtfiller	1299	do	do	G	do	do	100	Do.
John Deerhead	1300	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Despiser	1301	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Hawk Wolf	1302	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Judge Otter	1303	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Little Hawk	1304	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Mike Pritchett	1305	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Joseph Proctor	1306	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Josiah Pidgeon	1307	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Rogers	1308	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rope	1309	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Spring Frog	1310	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Steele	1311	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Soldier Tolau	1312	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Throwing Hair	1313	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Teacher	1314	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Water Down	1315	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Walkingstick	1316	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Young Squirrill	1317	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George goo we scowe	1318	do	do	C	do	do	100	Do.
Jo Hooster	1319	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Bill Kitcher	1320	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Knight	1321	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Leach	1322	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Moose	1323	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Nar-too-we-gay	1324	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ned Ocheseawle	1325	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Osage	1326	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Isaac Pott	1327	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Pidgeon	1328	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Reilly	1329	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Moses Scoutchee	1330	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sunday	1331	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Lewis Scoutchee	1332	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.

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Above Tawchulaney	1333	Aug. 8, 1866	3d I. H. G		C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Tarlow Maeso	1334	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tarapen	1335	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Walker	1336	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Cripnet	1337	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Flute	1338	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Aleck Martin	1339	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Dave Duvall	1340	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Flute	1341	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Jee	1342	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Thos. Swimmer	1343	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Arch Sundry	1344	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Archie	1345	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ben Blackfoot	1346	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jo Bryant	1347	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tom Bull	1348	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Drunkard	1349	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jesse Forman	1350	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	150	Do.
Hatchet Fisher	1351	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Isaac Fisher	1352	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Gutter	1353	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Phillip Israel	1354	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Dave Jackson	1355	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson	1356	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jackson Martin	1357	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jim Johnson	1358	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ka-to-ye-to	1359	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Killer	1360	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Geo. Musgrove	1361	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Turner Pigeon	1362	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Passon	1363	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Joshua Terapin	1364	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Joseph Turkey	1365	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Moses Taylor	1366	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Walkabout Henry	1367	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John White	1368	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Ross	1369	Aug. 9, 1866	do.	K	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Levi Row	1370	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
French Row	1371	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Turley	1372	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Alex. Wolf	1373	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Water	1374	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Bird Bunches	1375	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Rabbit Bunches	1376	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.

Bare Poor Charly	1377	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Stephen Moore	1378	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackson Houseberry	1379	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Naked Head	1380	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackson Brewer	1381	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Bendabout	1382	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
David Blackbird	1383	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Henry Burlington	1384	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chumlesky Bill	1385	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Cockrum	1386	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Frank Cousen	1387	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chicken Roost	1388	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Doubleheaded Adam	1389	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack Doubletooth	1390	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jess Feather	1391	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Feather Tootee	1392	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ellis Hogary	1393	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
July Away	1394	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Turipen	1395	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackson Killer	1396	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Leo	1397	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Squall Leo	1398	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Alex'r Lee	1399	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
French McRemayo	1400	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Lewis Quinton	1401	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ben See	1402	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Squirrel Bill	1403	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Joseph Swimmer, 2d	1404	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack Smith	1405	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Swimmer	1406	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Saw Taker	1407	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Tareater Mose	1408	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Taskoko Shooter	1409	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ephriam Umphries	1410	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Tama Nam	1411	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ben Water	1412	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Geo. W. Ross	1413	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Anderson Benge	1414	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Oscola P. Daniels	1415	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thos. S. Catt	1416	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Little Bird	1417	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Springston	1418	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Nelson Terapin	1419	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Joseph Sanders	1420	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Guess	1421	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Mich'l Heldebrand	1422	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Daniel Red Bird	1423	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Walter Squirrel	1424	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thos. Ballard	1425	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Hark Negin	1426	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Henry Big Mush	1427	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Berry Crittenden	1428	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.

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Curry Petit	1429	Aug. 9, 1866	3d I. H. G.		C. Holmes.	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Wilson Corning	1430	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Creek Robert	1431	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Andrew Crittenden	1432	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Avery Cochran	1433	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack Crittenden	1434	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Diver Grasshopper	1435	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Davison	1436	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Elijah	1437	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Loony Guess	1438	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
John Henson	1439	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Washington Henson	1440	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jacob Henson	1441	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Kulscotcher Writer	1442	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Allen Ross	1443	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Silas D. Ross	1444	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
George Sanders	1445	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Stephen Spears	1446	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
James Shelton	1447	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Ned Timpson	1448	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Terapin	1449	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Tassle Hammer	1450	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Tucker	1451	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
David Tucker	1452	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Worford	1453	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Chas. Walker	1454	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Thos. Wilson	1455	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Wind	1456	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
John Meigs	1457	do	do	B	do	do	do	100	Do.
Roach Young	1458	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Creek	1459	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Thomas Ballard	1460	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Ely Walker	1461	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Sit-a-wako	1462	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Josiah Ridge	1463	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Thomas Glass	1464	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Missels	1465	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Lifter	1466	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Arehilla	1467	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackson Bullfrog	1468	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Boling Henning	1469	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Rob't Crawford	1470	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
George Clark	1471	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Chapo Isaac	1472	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.

Daniel	1473	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jay-che-ehy	1474	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack	1475	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackson	1476	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Franklin Kerr	1477	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Lawlee	1478	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jess Long	1479	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
McCloud	1480	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Henry Nare	1481	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ezekiel Natchin	1482	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Noisey	1483	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Pott	1484	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Panther	1485	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rasin	1486	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rumabout	1487	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Sitawakee	1488	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Smith	1489	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Samsey	1490	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chas. Tohee	1491	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ned Tillosee	1492	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Webber	1493	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sinking Water	1494	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Waters	1495	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Walker	1496	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
William	1497	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Watt	1498	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Nichols B. Woods	1499	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thos. Young	1500	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Joseph Young	1501	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rumabout Proctor	1502	do	do	H	do	do	do	100	Do.
Young Bird Snell	1503	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Moses Six Killer	1504	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Archilla	1505	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Arch Beamer	1506	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Trimmer Christy	1507	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Darley Muskrat	1508	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Barney Ravin	1509	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Joe Sparrowhawk	1510	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Waker	1511	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
David Horn	1512	do	do	D	do	do	do	100	Do.
Joe W. Keener	1513	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Punking Pile	1514	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Black Bird	1515	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Henry Bullington	1516	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Moses Catcher	1517	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Clap Star-mer	1518	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dragon Dowating	1519	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Joseph Downing	1520	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rumabout Fodder	1521	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John	1522	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John L. Ridge	1523	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Swimmer	1524	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.

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George Still	1525	Aug. 9, 1866	3d I. H. G.	D	C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Watson Saunders	1526	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Spirit	1527	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Tom	1528	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Zeeck Tucker	1529	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
David Turpole	1530	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Cornelius Vaun	1531	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wiley	1532	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Woodall	1533	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Geo. W. Elliott	1534	do	do	B	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dry Water Pidgeon	1535	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Su-wa-ke Young Bird	1536	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Richard Bear Paw	1537	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Philip Daniel	1684	Aug. 21, 1866	do	A	do	do	do	100	Do.
Little Aaron	1690	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Riddle Bingo	1691	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Columbus	1692	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Bingo	1693	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
McEhuore Bengo	1694	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Bear Meat	1695	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Bengo	1696	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Charles Blair	1697	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thomas Blair	1698	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
French	1699	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Frog	1700	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Grape Stand	1701	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Glass	1702	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Barrow Hood	1703	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Lee	1704	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ezekiel Latimore	1705	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Little Deer	1706	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
David Ross	1707	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thomas Ross	1708	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Stool	1709	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Silk	1710	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Silk	1711	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wolfe	1712	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Elisha Cochran	1713	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Soap	1714	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Alex'r. Davis	1715	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Downing	1716	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Knight	1717	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Tasel Nute	1718	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Ross	1719	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.

John Todpalo	1720	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Isaac Squetrel	1721	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Pass	1722	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
George Beaver	1723	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chic ken Christie	1724	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Miller Bug	1725	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sold	1726	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Tiesich Pritchell	1727	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Loek Marten	1728	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Pater Yossont	1729	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Phasant Tanner	1730	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Stephen Starr	1831	Oct. 27, 1866	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Joseph Starv	1832	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Arch Van	1833	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Edward Mole	1834	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Gray Horn	1835	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Getting Inn	1836	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Latimore	1837	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John McIntosh	1838	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	109	Do.
John Peter	1839	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thomas Stand	1840	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Swimmer	1841	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Silas Thort	1842	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Nedson Artsey	1843	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Hallbreed	1844	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John L. Shannon	1845	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jesso Bushyhead	1846	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
French	1923	Nov. 14, 1866	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Large	1924	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Law Cut	1925	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rob't Faun Killer	1926	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Deeanco	1927	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Spring Frog Sawnee	1928	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Charles Silk	1929	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thomas Saunders	1930	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Saunders	1931	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Salahuskee	1932	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Juniper	1933	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Arch Bigfoot	1934	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Bronstiek	1935	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Fox Keener	1936	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Stop	1937	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dan'l Keener	1938	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Walter McDaniel	1939	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jess Hungary	1940	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thomas Field	1941	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Duch Draper	1942	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jessy	1943	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Washburn	1944	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Stephena	1949	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Walter Deerhead	1950	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.

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Dan'l R. Guard	1951	Nov. 14, 1866	3d I. H. G		C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Richard Koon	1952	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Dry	1953	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
James Chambers	1954	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Thos. Soap	1955	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Larkin Fawn Killer	1956	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Richard Bengo	1960	Nov. 21, 1866	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Adam	1961	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Matier	1962	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
John Jackson Wilder	2053	Nov. 24, 1866	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Seneca Squirrel	2051	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
John Smith	2055	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Water Killer	2056	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Chas. Punkin	2057	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. March	2058	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
John Hight	2059	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Harry Cutter	2060	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Crying Bear	2217	Dec'r 8, 1866	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Joseph Serimsha	632	July 12, 1866	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
John Pickup	633	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jesse Smoke	634	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Sick Warrior	635	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack Walt	636	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
W. Dirt	1920	Nov. 11, 1866	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Lattakee Scoutibee	1921	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jesse Baldridge	1922	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jeff Tilla	2051	Nov. 24, 1866	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Josy Paris	2052	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Downing Jack, 2d lieut., (pay, \$128.25)	406	April 16, 1867	do	D	do	do	do	100	Do.
Total								60, 100	

A true abstract from the record. Checks all on the assistant treasurer, New York.

B. W. BRICE, *Paymaster General.*

RECAPITULATION.

Abstract of payments made to Jno. W. Wright, special agent for the 1st, 2d, and 3d Regiments of Indian Home Guards.

	Pay.	Ordinary bounty.	Additional bounty.	Total amount.
First Regiment	\$1,237 40	\$63,000 00	\$55,800 00	\$120,937 40
Second Regiment	73 59	40,000 00	37,000 00	77,073 59
Third Regiment	128 25	60,100 00	53,550 00	113,778 25
Total	1,439 24	164,000 00	146,350 00	311,789 24

A true copy from the record. This sum of \$311,789.24 was paid by paymasters on duty in this office upon the original claims. It embraces no payments of claims settled in the Second Auditor's office, and paid upon treasury certificates.

B. W. BRICE, *Paymaster General.*

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
October 27, 1871.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.	Ordinary bounty.	Statement reported paid.
Sam'l Crittenden	770	July 14, 1866	2d I. H. G.		C. Holmes	John W. Wright	John W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Six Downing	771	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Little Hair Big Mush	772	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jolly Watts	773	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
E. No-loy	774	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tuff	775	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Man Killer Catcher	776	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Bark Prince	777	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Arah Bear Paw	778	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Bear Paw	779	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Bird Saunders	780	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Catcher	781	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Chas. Catcher	782	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	109	Do.
Chas. Kah-da-de	783	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Dick Gah-go-we	784	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Hendricks	785	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Huston	786	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Thomas Horn	787	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
James Hammer	788	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jack Jumper, 2d	789	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Little John	790	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Chinohe McCoy	791	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
James McCoy	792	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jackson Prince	793	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Taylor Prince	794	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Simmons	795	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Te-ga-na-ski	796	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Rob't Ross	797	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Merrill	798	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Hieks	799	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Loro	800	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jas. Foster	801	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Benj'n Adair	802	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jacob Bushyhead	803	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Robert Beatie	804	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Creck Jim	805	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Sam'l Crossland	806	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Green	807	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Edward McCoy	808	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
James Merrill	809	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ohmsted Maxfield	810	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Joseph Palston	813	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Henry Paris	814	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jefferson Robertson	815	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Rooney Rattlinggood	816	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jas. Rottingourd	817	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.	Ordinary bounty.	Statement reported paid.
Aaron Tanner	918	July 12, 1866	2d I. H. G.		C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Jas. Tobacco	919	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tyer Mousse	920	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Tiger	921	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Sam'l Squirrill	922	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Still	923	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
George Stand	924	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Se-que-yah-Duck	925	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Adam Stop	926	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jos. Standing Deer	927	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Stork	928	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Swimmer	929	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
James Smith	930	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Rider Rattlinggourd	931	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Reader	932	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Leach Ridgo	933	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Thomas Potts	934	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jesse Pumpkin	935	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Muskrat	936	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Liar	937	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Lacy Gah-lan-do-he-ske	938	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Kau-law-we	939	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Dan'l Kaw-kaw-we	940	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Hitcher	941	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Taylor Hicks	942	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Clark Goingsmoke	943	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Dark Hogshooter	944	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Alexander Drag	945	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John De-rah-da-ski	946	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Rob't Downing	947	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Benj. Chucker	948	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Corupuller Archilla	949	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Chater	950	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Brush	951	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
David Bullfrog	952	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
David Blackfox	953	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Bal Colster	954	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ask Water	956	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Isaac Bullfrog	957	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Alexander Love	958	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Catcher Co-lah-tse	959	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ned Turner	960	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Dick Oldfull	961	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Red Bird	962	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jack Still	963	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ezekiel Blackfox	964	do.	do.		do.	do.	do.	100	Do.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.	Ordinary bounty.	Statement reported paid.
Tantia Tontia.....	1026	July 23, 1866	2d I. H. G		C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
Tail.....	1027	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Jefferson Vann.....	1028	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
James Vann.....	1029	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Keed Vann.....	1030	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Wm. Rock.....	1031	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Pig.....	1032	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Ose.....	1033	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
O-nar-elo-lar.....	1034	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Oo-la-na-sti-ski.....	1035	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Mike.....	1036	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Lacy.....	1037	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
James.....	1038	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Hoister.....	1039	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Hitcher.....	1040	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Fox.....	1041	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Jumper Blackburn.....	1042	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
James Brown.....	1043	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
John Baldrige.....	1044	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Ah-le-sti.....	1045	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Ah-sol-le-elo-ski.....	1046	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
John Ahaw-a-takeo.....	1047	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Cha-na-me-ski.....	1048	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Moses Jack.....	1049	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Wm. Oo-ga-si-nah.....	1050	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Oo-nar-gur-sah.....	1051	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Charles Rogers.....	1052	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Stephen Peach Eater.....	1053	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Richard Bogg.....	1054	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Harry Grummetto.....	1055	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Writer.....	1056	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
John Watogoo.....	1057	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Moose Tineup.....	1058	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
James Tineup.....	1059	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Swallow Standing.....	1060	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Deg-ny-Swimmer.....	1061	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Walker Prince.....	1062	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Peace Maker.....	1063	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Dan'l Muskrat.....	1064	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Johnsa.....	1065	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Walter Horsely.....	1066	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Moses Guess.....	1067	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
John Downing.....	1068	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Joe Coming Deer.....	1069	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Cooking Potatoes.....	1070	do	do		do		do	100	Do.
Chas. Chin-ne-wa.....	1071	do	do		do		do	100	Do.

Jones Big	1072	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Falling Buzzard	1073	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Edward Dellores	1074	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Richard Fencor	1075	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Heavy	1476	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Jack Jackson	1077	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Mixed Water	1078	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Sack-co-tah-na	1126	July 28, 1866	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Sein-mo-harkke	1127	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Moggeo	994	July 23, 1866	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Davis Olar-so-der	995	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ole-skar-no-kar-no-ler	996	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Hieklif	997	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Squah-de-la-che	998	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Gar-lo-sto-sko	999	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Omar-see-gar	1001	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Elar-wee	1002	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
John Haskius	1538	Aug. 9, 1866	do.	H	do.	do.	100	Do.
James Muserat	1539	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Johnson Silver Smith	1540	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ed. Mayfield	1543	do.	do.	F	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ola-neer	1544	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Geo. W. Scraper	1545	do.	do.	D	do.	do.	100	Do.
Henry Scraper	1546	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
David Baldrige	1547	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ah-dah-ha-ko-sko	1548	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Chuc-sa-lo-ta	1549	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Oze-sur-sarder	1550	do.	do.	K	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ar-gar-lo-gar	1551	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Fox Mounso	1552	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Ter-ne-na-lo	1553	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Genge Beamer	1554	do.	do.	I	do.	do.	100	Do.
Nicholas Kolahtse	1555	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
White Water	1556	do.	do.	G	do.	do.	100	Do.
David Dougherty	1557	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Moses Mackey	1558	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Richard Umphrais	1559	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Hector Vann	1560	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Small Wood	1561	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Joseph Crittenden	1562	do.	do.	C	do.	do.	100	Do.
Genge	1563	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Snake Gerity	1564	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wilson Gerity	1565	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Wm. Watts	1566	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Young Deer	1567	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Benjamin Foster	1568	do.	do.	E	do.	do.	100	Do.
Andrew Goodny	1569	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Charles Hicks	1570	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Lewis Hicks	1571	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Daniel R. Hicks	1572	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Tyler Foreman	1573	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.
Chin Equah	1574	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	100	Do.

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Lewis Dumback	1575	Aug. 9, 1866	2d I. H. G.	E	C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright	Jno. W. Wright	\$100	Jan'y 24, 1867
James Mills	1576	do	do	A	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack Thompson	1577	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
James Tallow	1578	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Charley	1579	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Oquamech Wileny	1580	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Glasses	1581	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Mills Jumper	1582	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Rich. Janies	1583	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Path Killer	1584	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Robin Dirt Pot	1585	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Stop Scandy	1586	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Stogges	1587	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Standing Deer	1588	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thompson Jessey	1589	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Te-see-zah-gah	1590	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Hatasutu	1591	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Chuhetta (Iowa)	1643	Aug. 21, 1866	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dan-e-logu-loo-zah	1644	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dane-le-wab-zah	1645	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Cher-war-za-golo	1646	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dawe, (Osto)	1647	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Oo-saw-wo	1648	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Daniel Tucker	1649	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thompsonna	1650	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Al-tayoh-hi	1651	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Arch Spears	1652	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Atolaha, (Big)	1653	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Board	1654	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Char-le-to-ho	1655	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Cah-am-he-zah-tah	1656	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dew scare Bear	1657	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dah-gah-wah-oh-si	1658	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Day-oo-ge-cham-ne	1659	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Girl Catcher James	1660	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Gah-wah-chu-yea-lar	1661	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Josayo	1662	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ler-zot-tshur-to-gush-not-le-ko	1663	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Su-zhyah-lan-no-hesko	1664	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ni-hi-ta-zah-gah	1665	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Oo-da-na-sua	1666	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Onalja, (Henry Black Fox)	1667	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Oo-hy-wat O	1668	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Red Black Fox	1669	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Runabout	1670	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ste-wo	1671	do	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.

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Tsho-wah-norah-ski	1672	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Halford	1673	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Lewis Wolford	1674	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Noo-tur-wo	1675	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Hider Downing	1676	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Beaver Oak Ball	1677	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Big Drum	1678	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Coffo	1679	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dick Crittenden	1680	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Leaves-on-a-tree	1681	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Oak Ball	1682	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Too-qua-fah	1683	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l Walker	1685	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Soldier Halt	1686	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Moses Yauu	1687	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Young	1688	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Gengo Ross	1689	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Oki-stonleha-nughta	1827	Oct. 27, 1866	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Juniper	1828	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Niko	1829	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Uh-na-gay Black Bat	1830	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sam'l E. Huey, Ms	1892	Nov. 14, 1866	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Thomas Bear Paw	1898	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Richard Dick	1899	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
L. M. Chasteen	1900	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Clark Tilargah	1901	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Dee-zoh-uesso To-za Tressy	1902	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sue-zader	1903	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Good Money	1904	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Root	1905	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Been	1906	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Cal-ut-no-leshi	1907	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jackson Muskrat	1908	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sleep Garitto	1909	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
John Snell	1910	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Davis Back	1911	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Soldier Mistletoe	1912	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Saunmy Sacket	1913	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Arder Cherches	1914	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Isaac Dick	1915	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson Gohnquch	1916	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Jessey Jones	1917	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ska-quah	1918	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Sa-wa-cho	1919	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
To-za-ste-ske	1948	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ditto (pay, \$71.50)	1957	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Fish Hawk	1958	Nov. 21, 1866	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
David Davis	1959	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. Thornton	2047	Nov. 24, 1866	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Wm. McCoy	2048	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Ar-near-elcer-nar	2049	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.
Xo-da-ske	2050	do	do	do	do	do	100	Do.

Claimant.	No. of check.	Date of check.	Regiment.	Co.	Paymaster.	Payee.	To whom sent.	Ordinary bounty.	Statement reported paid.
Live	1639	Aug't 21, 1866	2d I. H. G.		C. Holmes	Jno. W. Wright ...	Jno. W. Wright ...	\$100	Jan'y 21, 1867
Wells Daniel	1640	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Saw-ne-coo-yah	1641	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Tear-na-cha-sko	1642	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Rocky Mountain	1893	Nov. 14, 1866	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Jack Christy	1894	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Eagle	1895	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Johnson-na	1896	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
We-le-se-ne	1897	do	do		do	do	do	100	Do.
Total								40,000	

A true abstract from the record. All the checks embraced were drawn on the assistant treasurer of the United States in New York.

B. W. BRICE, *Paymaster General.*

MEMORANDUM-BOOK OF ACCOUNTS,

LABELED

"ALEX. CLAPPERTON, FT. GIBSON."

Memorandum-book of accounts, labeled "Alex. Clapperton, Ft. Gibson."

APPLICATION OF DAUGHTER FOR ADDITIONAL BOUNTY.

STATE OF INDIAN TERRITORY, }
 County of Cherokee Nation, } ss: No bounty of age.

On this 13th day of August, 1869, personally appeared before me, a district judge in and for the county and State aforesaid, Betsy Muskrat, _____ of _____, in the county of Cherokee Nation and State of Indian Territory, who, being duly sworn, declares that she is 35 years of age, and is the daughter of Johnson Muskrat, late of Cherokee Nation, County and State of Indian Territory, who was—

[NOTE BY THE PRINTER.—The parts in *italics* are written in the original with pencil and the parts in [brackets] are erased in the original.]

Names on Mr. Wright's letter, not on book.

EATON, ELIJAH, G, 2.

E. H.

Badger Tron.....	00	Reb.
Rachael Buffalo.....	4 00	
Jas. Elliot.....	9 00	
Geo. Elliot.....	12 00	
Wm. Butler.....	5 00	
Watt Boulin.....	8 00	
Henry Barnes.....	4 15	
Thos. L. Stills.....	4 50	
Ose Hain.....	3 00	
Hebert Banes.....	2 00	No bounty.
Linsey.....	16 00	
Minerva Davis.....	6 00	Blind.
Levy Fish.....	97 00	
H. Mills.....	14 00	
C. Tehee.....	24 00	
Jno. Leehee.....	7 00	
Joe Young.....	6 00	
David Grease.....	5 00	P'd by N.
Holdennam.....	4 00	
Joe Tap.....	7 00	Reb.
Irvin Vam.....	10 00	
Russel Vam.....	2 00	

O taken out by J. W. Wright, at Washington, or no draft here.

D taken out by self, at Gibson.

Passa 195 no discharge.

Jo Cab-san-ga-pa no discharge.

Jones' account for March, 23.50.

Am't of statements taxes, 929.49.

No. of Ch. 17-80, R. Cuthbertson 2276—ass't sures St. Louis.

Pay to Joseph Goldman or order, \$27.80.

A. CLAPPERTON, or order.

Con-ve & Tul-ve fix e co.

Drafts sent to J. W. Wright on the 6th day of Sep., 1867.

Sunke.

Jackson Housebug.

So-whe-by.

Fus-se-ki-ya-ha-jo.

Big Billy.

Elijah Eaton, Company G, 2nd, wants additional bounty paid first.

Wak-se-ho-la-to-ge, Com. A, 1st, wants 1 & 2 bounty.

Oo-sig-fix-se-kok wants 2 bounty, Company A, 1st.

Cah-le-ku, widow of Hal-lok-to-me-mar-reh, Company D, 1st I. H. G., wants second bounty.

Clath-ya-ho-la.

Che-ya-ho-la.

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A COMPANY, 1ST REG.

			No. of rect.
1	Cho-no-ha-goh.....	Oct. 30, 1868.	1, 008
2	Ge-ke-peh.....	Oct. 30, 1868.	1, 361
3	Ho-tul-ke-ya-ho-lah, <i>Nash</i>	Oct. 30, 1868.	442
4	Kap-pe-go-geh, <i>Nash</i>	Do	436
5	Ka-he-ya-ho-lah, <i>Nash</i>	Do	437
6	La-the-fa-ha-goh.....	Do	1, 275
7	Tot-kes-ha-got. 2nd.....	Do	364
8	Ta-me-ga-chi.....	Do	1, 140
9	Gok-got-ho-goh.....	Do	1, 014
10	Pa-llat-keh.....	Do	938
11	Ko-ne-pe-a-ho-la.....	Do	991
12	Go-he-ma-rah.....	Dec. 17, 1868.	256
13	Kag-ga-fix-e-koh.....	Do	1, 095
14	Gon-we-pax-ha-keh.....	Do	939
15	Albert Grayson.....	Do	412
16	Tus-ke-ha-go.....	Do	927
17	No-kor-ho-pep-seh.....	Do	1, 009
18	Armstrong.....	Do	1, 338
19	Affa-llo-keh.....	Do	721
20	Ge-lo-ke-ya-ho-lah.....	Do	997
21	Fi-he-mat-lat.....	Do	1, 012
22	Me-ke-ha-go.....	Do	1, 004

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A COMPANY, 1ST REG.

23	Me-ha-keh.....	Dec. 17, 1868	928
24	Ok-gon-ho-pa-ke-geh.....	Do	1, 076
25	Ya-lie-ma-ran.....	Do	1, 015
26	Sek-ka-neh.....	Do	660
27	Wat-ke-keh, <i>pai d</i>	Jan. 12, 1869	1, 193
28	Kag-ger-me-koh.....	Do	1, 306
29	Kag-ga-he-mot-tip.....	Do	
30	A-tas-ha-goh.....	Jan. 26, 1869	1, 319
31	No-ko-se-ho-lah.....	aa Jan. 13, 1869	996
32	Con-sot-ha-joh.....	aa Do	992
33	Fas-hash-e-ma-la.....	aa Do	[1033]
34	Ok-ga-ne-ya-hi-lah.....	aa Do	1, 002
35	Ho-nep-ha-got.....	aa Do	698
36	Arche-a-holo.....	aa Feb. 2, 1869	1, 139
37	Meit-sah.....	aa Do	1, 141
38	Jo-fix-e-ko.....	aa Do	1, 013
39	Kot-so-ma-la.....	aa Do	353
40	Dickey, <i>not collected</i>	[aa]	
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"B" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
1	Bradley Sam	aa	Feb. 2, 1869	[1116]
2	John		No bounty.	
3	Thomas	aa	Feb. 2, 1869	780
4	Westley		Dec. 17, 1868	1, 239
5	Cha-be-ki-ke		Oct. 30, 1868	718
6	Nok-sak-har-jo		Do	810
7	Tom-me		Do	783
8	Henry		Do	868
9	Lof-fi-chee		Do	720
10	So-mis-che, 2nd		Do	710
11	Jah-kay		Do	706
12	Ola-te-ha-jo		Do	71
13	Cho-was-te-a-lac-co		Do	830
14	Soe-see		Do	679
15	Oge-ya-ho-la		Do	662
16	Co-as-sot-fix-e-ko		Do	1, 070
17	I-ma-me		Do	752
18	Pigeu		Do	750
19	Sol-ya-che-ki		Do	1, 353
20	Billeh		Do	713
21	Ola-ti-ke		Do	751

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"B" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
22	Nok-nee		Oct. 30, 1868	715
23	Os-fa-ni-ke		Do	[695]
24	Me-ko-ha-jo		Do	735
25	Jim		Do	830
26	Picket		Do	865
27	Its-chas-wa		Do	792
28	Ma-git-ha-go		Do	843
29	Tol-lo-che		Do	711
30	Chet-to-ha-jo		Do	776
31	Cho-fa-la-fix-e-ko		Do	864
32	Che-pa-ne		Do	809
33	Fus-ha-jo, 2nd		Do	699
34	Fus-ha-jo, 3d		Do	806
35	Fus-hach-chee		Do	800
36	Kat-so-fix-e-ko		Do	803
37	No-kos-ko-juk-ne		Do	708
38	Ene-hi-fix-e-ko		Do	836
39	Fon-nok-ke		Do	701
40	Sa-mis-che, 1st		Do	807
41	Sim-i-na-che		Do	802
42	Pa-lus-har-jo		Do	818

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"B" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	43	Ja-cop-pee	Oct. 30, 1868	744
	44	Billy Up-ke	Do	669
	45	Tom	Do	716
	46	Mo-see	Do	754
	47	Ya-ha-har-jo	Do	714
	48	Wax-se-har-jo-me-jooa. <i>Nash</i>	Do	427
	49	Ket-ash-teh	Do	749
	50	Ja-la-ti-ho. <i>Nash</i>	Do	440
	51	Ah-ha-lok-fix-e-ko	Do	1,206
	52	Ge-ko-pe	Do	172
	53	Hoth-li-po-yah	Do	712
	54	Arth-lan-har-jo	Do	774
	55	Wax-se-ha-jo		822

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"C" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	1	Co-har-se-mart-leraa	Feb. 2, 1869	356
	2	Chi-saaa	Do	1,351
	3	Chu-ko-lis-ha-jo, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Dec. 17, 1868	Paid.
	4	En-e-ha, <i>Nash</i>	Do	457
	5	Hawkins George .....aa	Feb. 2, 1869	844
	6	Joseph Sugar .....aa	Do	1,011
	7	Ok-ta-ha-jo-chee, <i>p'd by Nash</i> .....aa	Do	1,366
	8	Ok-ti-yah-che-mik-ko	Dec. 17, 1868	1,250
<i>Dead.</i>	9	Pea-nel, <i>paid by Ross</i>	Do	Paid.
<i>Dead.</i>	10	Samuel Sullivan, <i>not collected</i>	2 aa.	
	11	Tim-mah-te .....o	Dec. 17, 1868	
	12	Ta-bi-a-lis-chee	Dec. 17, 1868	267
	13	Ene-ha-fix-e-ko	Oct. 30, 1868	
	14	Jack Colonel	Do	347
	15	E-ne-ha-ha-go	Do	50
	16	Lar-bith-che	Do	1,067
	17	Dix-on	Do	121
<i>Dead.</i>	18	E-mart-lo-cheeo	Do	C.O.I.A.
	19	Jacob	Do	1,785
	20	Co-ar-sart-fix-e-co	Do	1,326
	21	Char-lo-har-jo, <i>Nash</i>	Do	444

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"C" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	22	I-spar-ne-ha-jo	Oct. 30, 1868	69
Dead.	23	Co-so-fix-e-ko, \$50, D. 5	Do	C. O. I. A.
	24	Chuc-chant-e-na-ha, <i>Nash</i>	Do	458
	25	Cum-seh	Do	1, 245
	26	Jefferson, 2d	Do	1, 110
Dead.	27	Oak-chi-e-mart-ler	Do	C. O. I. A.
	28	Chuc-cus-e-yar-ho-lar	Do	358
	29	Co-chus-fix-e-ko	Do	1, 352
	30	E-chu-pie-kee	Do	1, 265
	31	Wat-ka	Do	1, 365
	32	Co-chus-ha-jo, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	319
	33	Richard Perryman	Do	724
Dead.	34	Que-kas-fix-e-co	Do	C. O. I. A.
	35	Tally	Do	958
	36	Tus-ie-ta-ho-ler	Do	268
	37	Tul-se-fix-e-ko	Do	602
	38	Barnwell David	Do	1, 308
	39	Big Billy, <i>D. S. to J. W. W</i>	Do	Paid.
	40	To-was-e-mar-ler	Do	96
	41	Dennis	Do	845
	42	Ar-slum-ha-jo	Do	1, 066

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"C" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.	Date of draft.	No. recd.
Dead.	43	Cart-che-hart-la-lager, \$100, D. S	Oct. 30, 1868	C. O. I. A.
	44	Oak-or-les-ser, <i>Ross</i>	Do	457
	45	Ab-har-lar-math-te	Do	235 & 1
	46	Owe-wo-ka	Do	53
	47	Jacob Perryman	Do	Paid.
Dead.	48	Chis-ki-li-ki, D. S	Do	
	49	Jim Perryman	Do	134
	50	Ab-a-har-la-ge-marth	Do	270
	51	Hul-butler, \$50	Do	234
	52	Joe Beaver, <i>Nash</i>	Do	459
	53	Tou-ma-ha, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	334
	54	Le-chum-e-fix-e-ko	Do	29
	55	Jerry	Do	893
	56	Cow-bitb-che-ha-jo, <i>Nash</i>	Feb. 2, 1869, aa	460
	57	Fowl-li-gi	Dec. 17, 1868	1, 325
	58	Tot-ko-bi-be	Do	1, 356
	59	Ho-tul-go-en-ha-luced	Do	1, 311
Dead.	60	Oak-chi-e-fix-e-ko	Do	
	61	Che-lo-ke-yar-ho-ler	Feb. 2, 1869	994

"D" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.	Date of draft.	No. of rect.
	1	Abb Nevins, <i>paid</i>	Feb. 2, 1869	461
	2	Bob	Do	336
	3	Charley Choat	Dec. 17, 1868	
	4	Charley Perry, <i>Nash</i>	Feb. 2, 1869	462
	5	Eli	Dec. 17, 1868	767
	6	Josiah Watson	Do	1,251
	7	John-neh	Do	1,333
	8	Johnson Robinson	Do	768
	9	Lo-hah	Do	396
	10	Ne-bal	Feb. 2, 1869	369
	11	Peter Bruner	Dec. 17, 1868	1,298
	12	Po-no-che	Do	1,334
	13	Sim Basset	Do	1,297
	14	Tom Barnard	Do	909
<i>Dead.</i>	15	Tas-ko-nah, D. S.	Oct. 30, 1868	
<i>Dead.</i>	16	Henderson Grayson, D. S.	Do	
<i>Dead.</i>	17	John Hiosteba, D. S.	Do	
	18	In-la-fix-se-ko	Do	377
	19	Cha-la-ha-jo	Do	736
	20	Os-sats-ya-hol-lah	Do	355
	21	Os-sa-ha-jo	Do	
		<i>Owes \$30 to Lizzie's mother.</i>		

"D" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	22	Tu-ke-ba-che-ha-jo	Oct. 30, 1868	1,367
	23	Charley West	Do	1,115
	24	Jack Magilbra	Do	88
<i>Dead.</i>	25	Et-kat-ha-jo, D. S.	Do	
	26	At-tas-fix-se-ko	Do	378
	27	Kun-kate-mar-rep	Do	<i>Paid.</i>
	28	Ah-loe-ha-jo-che	Do	176
<i>Dead.</i>	29	En-cah-keh, D. S.	Do	
<i>Dead.</i>	30	John Lewis	Do	
	31	Jeff Smith	Do	163
	32	No-kas-fix-se-ko	Do	361
	33	Hol-lok-tot-che	Do	175
	34	John Dyer	Do	1,327
	35	Tap-ko-sa-ha-jo	Do	197
	36	Cho-fix-sik-koh	Do	1,255
	37	Thla-la-ya-ho-la	Do	102
	38	Ok-ca-ye-mar-reh, <i>Nash</i>	Do	463
	39	Tabee	Do	288
	40	Pa-ho-se-mar-reh	Do	1,254
	41	Silas	Do	1,166
	42	Spa-hi-ga	Do	1,292

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"D" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.			
<i>Dead.</i>	43	Ema-ha-jo, D. S	Oct. 30, 1868		
	44	Kat-se-ha-jo-che	Do		177
	45	Hap-poor-kin-ne-hah	Do		362
	46	Chis-se-mik-ko	Do		38
		2 B. paid Nash			841
	47	Johnson Factor.....aa			464
	48	Simon Wolf	Dec. 17, 1868		1,158
	49	Ko-now-wa-ha-jo	Do		277
	50	Tul-wu-ne-ha-rok-ko	Do		1,335
	51	Al-pat-ta-ha-jo, Nash	Do		465
	52	Hal-lat-pe-ne-la-ruk-ko	Do		1,337
	53	Marshall Kelley	Do		Paid.
	54	Ena-hen-ne-kah	Do		357
	55	Lo-so-fix-se-ko	Do		1,293
	56	Green Magilbra	Do		244
	57	Ossa-hen-ne-ha	Do		1,310
	58	George Lodley	Do		1,159
					1,328
59	York Magilbra.....aa	Jan. 13, 1869		233	
60	Daniel Magilbra.....aa	Do		876	
61	George Grayson.....aa	Feb. 2, 1869		1,323	
62	Ah-chu-le.....aa	Do		157	
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"F" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.			
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"G" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	1	Ho-tul-to-fix-se-ko, <i>Nash</i> , 1st	Oct. 30, 1868	474
	2	Joe-dah, see Co. H	Do	
	3	Johnson	Do	55
	4	Jo-la-fix-se-ko, 2nd	Do	1, 132
Dead.	5	Kat-so-fix-se-ko, 1st	Do	1, 069
	6	David McQuinn, D. S	Do	
	7	E-mat-la-gup-ko, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 183
	8	As-or-luk-ho-jo	Do	925
	9	Slof-kee	Do	886
	10	Joe-kah	Do	
	11	John-ne-ha	Do	1, 230
	12	Ko-ok-ko-gee	Do	1, 136
	13	Jo-fix-se-ko	Do	1, 347
	14	Te-lar, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 202
Dead.	15	So-bee	Do	1, 134
	16	James Grayson, D. S	Do	Paid.
	17	Jo-me-ko	Do	1, 128
1, 175	18	Lit-te-fix-se-ko	Do	1, 061
	19	Ko-no-ha-jo, <i>paid</i>	Do	[1131] 1, 175
	20	Chis-or-wikee	Do	1, 133
	21	Ah-ha-luk-e-ah-ho-lo, <i>paid</i>	Do	[1137] 1, 174

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"G" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	21	Ya-ho-lo-chee	Oct. 30, 1868	1, 127
	22	Frank, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 184
	23	Ah-ha-loc-fix-e-co	Do	1, 059
	24	Wan-kee	Do	5
	25	Was-se-ha-jo, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 177
	26	Wat-see	Do	[1, 139] 1, 111
	27	Willey	Do	367
	28	No-kns-fix-se-ko, 1st	Do	1, 138
Dead.	29	William Grayson	Do	230
	30	Loe-moc-tu-ho-ho-la, D. S	Do	
	31	Pin-no-chee	Do	672
	32	No-kns-fix-se-ko, 3d	Do	
	33	Sim-ah-la-chee	Do	1, 131
	34	Fush-ha-jo-ge	Do	1, 135
	35	Ko-swit-le-fix-se-ko	Do	937
	36	Kat-ne-neat-la	Do	1, 060
	37	Ho-peltch-hin-ne-ho-chee	Do	131
	38	Mik-e-mat-la	Do	1, 062
	39	Fosh-much-e-ho-la	Do	1, 057
Dead.	40	Lo-chee-fix-se-ko	Do	1, 137
	41	Cle-lo-e-ah-ho-la, \$50, D. S	Do	C. O. I. A.
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"G" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

	Name of soldier.		
43	Ko-or-set-fix-se-ko	Oct. 30, 1863	1,058
44	Walter Grayson	Do	188
45	Henry Grayson	Do	159
46	John Francis	Do	252
47	Tok-ah-de-ah-ho-la.....	Do	1,130
			[1125]
48	Ok-san-fix-se-ko	Do	87
49	Fik-se-nuk-chee	Do	1,189
50	O-such-ha-jo.....	Do	1,001
51	Thlo-kus-ha-jo	Do	1,125
52	Ote-ko-ho-la, 1st, <i>paid</i>	Do	1,234
53	Tum-ne-mat-lo-chee.....	Do	1,190
54	Ote-e-ko-e-ho-la, 2nd.....	Do	
55	Hillis-ha-jo	Do	1,065
56	E-mat-te-ha-jo	Do	995
57	John-e-nart-ler, (O. K.).....	Do	1,063
58	Mik-o-nup-pa	Do	[1189]
59	Up-pen-ne	Dec. 17, 1868	1,129
60	Ya-ha-gha, <i>Nash</i>	Do	424
61	Hardy Stidham, <i>Nash</i> aa	Jan. 13, 1869	Paid.
	2d B. <i>paid</i>		& 840
62	Ya-ha-fix-se-co..... aa	Do	821
63	Ah-lue-fix-e-co.....	Oct. 30, 1868	1,126
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"H" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

	Name of soldier.		
1	Dennis Herrod..... aa	Feb. 2, 1869	125
2	Sam Barnett..... aa	Do	135
3	Tis-leh..... aa	Do	1,330
4	Sam-sen, No. 1.....	Oct. 30, 1868	399
5	La-to-ya-hol-la.....	Do	1,256
6	Sugar George.....	Do	799
7	Ak-fees-co-geh.....	Do	339
8	Fos-ha-ge-ha-jo.....	Do	1,360
9	Tow-neh.....	Do	760
10	Fish.....	Do	
11	Sam-meh.....	Do	158
12	Fa-lan-keh.....	Do	286
13	Ah-ge-ya-holla.....	Do	1,071
14	E-niar-lah.....	Do	140
15	Sam-sen, No. 2.....	Do	342
16	Ah-pe-kee-mek-ko, <i>Nash</i>	Do	475
17	Met-lah.....	Do	22
18	Mek-ko-hat-kee.....	Do	755
19	Me-knl-la.....	Do	757
20	David McQueen.....	Do	381
21	Alick Minack.....	Do	382

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"H" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
Dead.	22	Mek-ko-gop-koh	Oct. 30, 1868	756
	23	Na-poh-ge-fix-e-co	Do	162
	24	It-has-ya-bo-la	Do	759
	25	Ish-poh-ko-koh	Do	400
	26	Fik-se-ka-ha-jo	Do	1, 355
	27	O-yes-ha-jo	Do	371
	28	Sum-na-keigh-ta, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 185
	29	Shuck-chil-ho-e	Do	1, 072
	30	So-ko-se-lok-geh	Do	37
	31	Go-e-la-ha-goh, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 205
	32	Wa-tel-lah	Do	112
	33	Jim-meh, <i>Nash</i>	Do	439
	34	Queh-McLeesh	Do	1, 296
	35	Mek-ko-gat-teh	Do	398
	36	Kan-at-ha-jo, No. D	Do	
	37	Jon-neh, p'd to Nero	Do	1, 336
	38	Tal-has-se-ha-jo	Do	1, 204
	39	Go-mek-kel-poh, <i>Nash</i>	Do	476
	40	Tom-ma-ha-goh, No. 2	Do	1, 346
	41	Tee-wee	Do	338
	42	Ya-ta-ka-ha-jo	Do	108

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"H" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
Dead.	43	Low-weh	Oct. 30, 1868	935
	44	Co-we-ha-joh	Do	1, 056
	45	No-ko-se-mar-lah, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 203
	46	Yat-o-chee-stake, D. S.	Do	
	47	Ne-ha-fix-e-co	Do	
	48	Petah, No. 2	Do	936
	49	Cho-fix-e-co	Do	337
	50	Petah, No. 1	Do	183
	51	Res-po-ko-ha-joh	Do	758
	52	Go-e-lah	Do	344
	53	Gal-leh, <i>refer to J. W. D. letter, D. S.</i>	Do	
	54	Go-e-ker-ha-jo	Do	
	55	Billy, No. 1	Do	863
	56	Simon Brown	Do	149
	57	Simon Berryhill, <i>Nash</i>	Do	426
	58	Ya-hol-loh, <i>Nash</i>	Do	477
	59	Billy, No. 2	Do	340
	60	Ya-hol-la-ha-joh	Do	395
	61	Is-pe-ne-ha-clok-ko	Dec. 17, 1868	765
	62	Jo-e-dah	Oct. 30.	761
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"I" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.			
<i>Dead.</i>	1	Napoleon Childress	Oct. 30, 1868	231	
	2	Tom Cousins, D. S	Do	Paid.	
	3	Hol-me-ha-jo	Do	1,362	
	4	Tulsy-ya-ho-la	Do	1,019	
	5	Tony	Do	160	
	6	Pompey Perryman	Do	35	
	7	Sun-o-kee-che	Do	1,089	
				[1,089]	
	8	Par-lo	Do	147	
	9	Sepah, <i>paid</i>	Do	1,225	
	10	Peter Mornieux	Do	287	
<i>Dead.</i>	11	Tulsy-har-cho, \$50, D. S	Do	C. O. I. A.	
	12	Stik-of-fo-nee	Do	1,101	
	13	Al-lak-har-cho	Do	998	
	14	Daniel Childress	Do	63	
	15	Watty	Do	1,075	
	16	Isaac Lannok-kee	Do	142	
	17	Pa-hoce-fix-se-ko	Do	1,000	
	18	Ho-tol-kee-yo-so-la	Do	1,102	
	19	Che-tum-ho	Do	[<i>Paid.</i>]	
					196
		20	Tom	Do	934
	21	O-kee-la-cah	Do	349	

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"I" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
<i>Dead.</i>	22	Te-wee	Oct. 30, 1868.	260
	23	George, <i>Nash</i>	Do	478
	24	Tucker	Do	292
	25	Tal-mo-tus-fix-se-ko	Do	1,194
	26	Na-ha-kep	Do	372
	27	Peter Collins	Do	-----
	28	Reuben Childress, <i>dead</i> , D. S	Do	Paid.
	29	O-che-har-cho	Do	1,098
	30	Kas-sah	Do	1,329
	31	Kun-sar-tee	Do	1,317
	32	Oc-ti-ah-dree	Do	1,318
	33	Jim	Do	141
	34	Wak-se-mic-co-chi, <i>Nash</i>	Do	479
	35	Hele-shots-gah	Do	-----
	36	Daniel Miller	Do	72
	37	Jim-kah	Do	957
	38	Sam-meh, <i>Nash</i>	Do	480
	39	Las-meh	Do	1,300
	40	Thomas Berryman	Do	835
	41	John Grace	Do	Paid.
	42	Toe-o-lur-tee	Do	348

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"I" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
<i>Dead.</i>	43	Ne-hur-rak-kol-fix-se-ko, D. S.	Oct. 30, 1868.	Paid.
	44	Sup-po-yeah-geh	Do	916
	45	Luk-tam-mi-cor-che, <i>Nash</i>	Do	435
	46	Ke-dar-kee, <i>paid</i>	aa Feb. 2, 1869.	1,226
	47	Joseph Painter	aa Do	397
	48	Henry Grayson	aa Do	1,073
	49	Edmund Butler	aa Do	1,339
	50	Salom Lewis, \$100 <i>paid</i>	aa 1214	419
	51	Daniel Grayson	Dec. 17, 1868.	1,074
	52	John White	Do	303
	53	Me-law-ee	Do	1,097
	54	Ho-tul-kee	Do	341
	55	Sanford Perryman	Do	151
<i>Dead.</i>	56	Joseph K. Perryman, D. S.	Do	-----
	57	Josiah Perryman	Do	300
	58	Jem Mek, \$50	Do	439
<i>Fees, \$11.</i>	59	Ets-pa-fix-se-ko, \$60	aa Jan. 13, 1869.	1,359
	60	John Perryman,	aa Feb. 2, 1869.	1,105
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"K" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
<i>Dead.</i>	1	Fox	aa Feb. 2, 1869.	870
	2	Co-fa-na	aa Do	481
	3	Charley, <i>Nash</i>	Dec. 17, 1868.	482
	4	Charles Brown	Do	1,142
	5	Lincoln, <i>Nash</i>	Do	483
	6	Jim Long, <i>Nash</i>	Do	484
	7	He-tah-con-wa, <i>Nash</i>	Do	485
	8	Ya-pi-lah-eo-fee-na, \$100, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	9	Ion-ne-she-ah	Do	1,152
	10	Captain John, <i>Nash</i>	Do	486
	11	Ja-tah-wa-thla-na	Do	1,269
	12	Jak-ka	Do	694
	13	We-le-at, <i>Nash</i>	Do	487
	14	Kanthla-Wanthla	Do	777
	15	Sue-see, <i>Nash</i>	Do	488
	16	Buck-John, <i>Nash</i>	Do	489
	17	Shar-fah	Do	1,148
	18	Tah-eo-to-ne, <i>Nash</i>	Do	491
	19	Willie	Do	346
	20	Wa-gen-nah	Do	836
	21	Gon-la-yo-quana	Do	Paid.
	22	Lee-mah	Do	832

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"K" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	23	Ne-fus-kee	Dec. 17, 1868.	709
	24	Tul-wa-fix-e-ko, <i>J. W. Wright</i>	Do	Paid.
<i>Dead.</i>	25	Hen-ten-na	Do	1, 153
	26	He-sa-lah, D. S.	Do	
	27	Ga-gee, <i>Nash</i>	Do	491
	28	Fus-so-keh	Do	391
	29	Etun-na, <i>J. W. Wright</i>	Do	Paid.
	30	Ah-la-con-thla-na, 477	Do	492
	31	Barnnett, Timothy, 1st	Do	1, 145
	32	Con-we, <i>J. W. Wright</i>	Do	Paid.
	33	Marshall Marsh	Do	1, 257
	34	Mar-she	Do	Paid.
	35	Tah-wa-thla	Oct. 30, 1868.	1, 228
	36	Tiger, <i>Nash</i>	Do	493
	37	Tah-con-on-na, <i>Nash</i>	Do	494
<i>Dead.</i>	38	Ya-la-co-quan-na, \$100, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
<i>Dead.</i>	39	Yah-tah-on-na	Do	1, 150
<i>Dead.</i>	40	Yah-lah-kan, \$100, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	41	Sein-me-pskte	Dec. 17, 1868.	745
	42	Mark Sims	Do	495
	43	Co-toe-hay, <i>Nash</i>	Do	496
	44	Co-co-we, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 178
				[1, 153]

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"K" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	45	Co-toe-see, <i>Nash</i>	Dec. 17, 1868.	497
	46	Con-pe-thlo-na, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 114
				[1, 114]
	47	Che-hess-lat, <i>Nash</i>	Do	498
	48	Co-quan-na, <i>Nash</i>	Do	4, 991
	49	Co-toe-ah	Do	1, 150
	50	Co-cah-thla-nah, <i>Nash</i>	Do	500
	51	Co-toe-na	Do	501
<i>Dead.</i>	52	Davis, John	Do	409
	53	De-co-we-na, D. S.	Do	
	54	Robert Brown	Do	502
				[743]
	55	Brown, Samuel	Do	503
	56	Barnnett, Timothy, No. 2	Do	1, 146
	57	Co-sho-wa, <i>Nash</i>	Do	504
	58	Cah-cah-sun-fat	Do	1, 155
	59	Car-chil-lee	Do	692
	60	Cah-pe-co-na	Do	1, 268
	61	Che-me-he-che	Do	1, 226
	62	Peter Porter	Do	1, 144
	63	Pa-cha-nah	Do	1, 270
	64	Shar-na-kee	Do	1, 143
<i>Dead.</i>	65	Chas-co-te-ten-na, <i>Nas</i>	Do	504
	66	Shaquana, \$100, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.

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K COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	67	So-fah-la	Dec. 17, 1868.	1,267
	68	Sak-co-fah-na, No. 2, <i>Nash</i>	Do	506
	69	Soffe-na	Do	1,149
	70	Sak-ko-ta, <i>Nash</i>	Do	507
	71	Roland Goliah, <i>Nash</i>	Do	508
	72	Cah-tab-ka-na	Do	1,147
	73	Char-ta-ta, <i>Nash</i>	Do	509
	74	Che-wa-ka, <i>Nash</i>	Do	510
	75	Co-ka-sa	Do	930
	76	Tobe, <i>Nash</i>	Jan. 26, 1869.	511
	77	Con-calh-cah-na, <i>Nash</i>	Do	512
	78	Majo, <i>Nash</i>	Do	513
	79	Co-tu-hay	Do	1,151
	80	Wat-ko-ah-ho-lah	Do	837
	81	Mack	Jan. 13, 1869.	871
	82	O-cla-ctiee	Do	770
<i>Dead.</i>	83	Passa, D. S.	Feb. 9, 1869.	Paid.
<i>Dead.</i>	84	Jo-cah-san-ga-pa, D. S.	Do	
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E "E" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
<i>Paid by N.</i>	1	James Kernel	Feb. 2, 1869.	466
	2	Love Jimboy	Do	907
	3	Spa-he-cha	Oct. 30, 1868.	1,108
	4	Dick	Do	89
	5	Wah-ne	Do	389
	6	Cle-se-meh, <i>Nash</i>	Do	467
	7	Thomas Hawkins, D. S.	Do	
	8	Ne-ha-lok-ko, <i>Nash</i>	Do	468
	9	Tal-sey, <i>paid</i>	Do	1,227
	10	Jo-was-taw-ye	Do	1,123
	11	Dick Burney	Do	39
	12	Daniel	Do	1,017
	13	Tom-me-ya-ho-la	Do	1,287
<i>Dead.</i>	14	John Adam, D. S., <i>Jno. Adams</i> , \$100	Do	C. O. I. A.
	15	Te-wee	Do	388
	16	Es-mi-lee, <i>paid</i>	Do	1,233
	17	Hiller-e-mar-ler	Do	678
	18	Ko-nip-ha-jo	Do	983
	19	Pal-ham-me	Do	817
	20	Jacob	Do	295
	21	John	Do	179

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"E" E COMPANY, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
<i>Dead.</i>	22	Tom, <i>paid</i>	Oct. 30, 1868.	1, 192
	23	Soh-poh-nee	Do	1, 289
	24	John-ney, <i>Nash</i>	Do	438
	25	Pen-ha-jo, D. S.	Do	
	26	Wax-se-ha-jo	Do	232
	27	Char-tay-fix-se-ko, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 210
	28	Co-cha-lo-ma-ta	Do	981
	29	Co-ha-co-chee	Do	1, 109
	30	A-hos-tam-kee	Do	1, 280
	31	Elijah Miller	aa Feb. 2, 1869.	1, 295
<i>Dead. Paid by N.</i>	32	David Burney	aa Do	1, 294
	33	Doc Brady, <i>Nash</i>	aa Do	469
	34	Cabin Fraser	aa Do	875
	35	Tom Bear	aa Do	1, 349
	36	John Cousins	aa Do	965
	37	Samuel Jones	aa Do	1, 350
	38	Ko-ni-fix-eko	aa Do	1, 343
	39	Ke-ette	aa Do	470
	40	Matby, <i>by Nash</i>	aa Do	Paid.
	41	Stewart McKinney, <i>pd. to Wid Nash</i> ..	aa Do	471
	42	So-whe-ley, D. S. to J. W. W.	Dec. 17, 1868.	Paid.
			<i>When So-poh-nee comes, give him So-whe-ley's draft.</i>	

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"E" COMPANY, E, 1ST REG.

		Name of soldier.		
	43	No-cos-ha-jo	Dec. 17, 1868.	1, 307
	44	Ne-he-me-ko	Do	472
	45	Mot-a-legy-Barnet, <i>paid</i>	Do	343
	46	Ho-lar-tak	Do	1, 369
	47	Ko-nip-e-a-ho-la	Do	867
	48	Le-war-lar	Do	801
	49	Grooner Perryman	Do	410
	50	Nin-ne-chup-pe-ha-jo, <i>paid</i>	Do	1, 191
	51	Yart-to-war-har-jo, <i>Nash</i>	Do	425
	52	Span-ne-ma-le	Do	Paid.
	53	Ne-ha-luc-que-chee	Feb. 9, 1869.	982
	54	Jackey, no bounty		

"F" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

	Name of soldier.				
1	Jon-neh, no bounty	Dec. 17, 1868.	773		
2	James David				
3	Lar-pee, no bounty				
4	Ma-thla-ke, no bounty				
5	Manuel	Oct. 30, 1868.	829		
6	Pa-ha-se			Do	716
7	Ah-hah-luk-e-mat-la			Do	784
8	Robert Add			Do	875
9	Billy			Do	658
10	Wax-se-ho-la			Do	275
11	Wolf			Do	823
12	Sin-le-ti-ke			Do	
13	So-ho-jo-chee, No. 1			Do	1,068
14	Oti-ah-se-fix-e-ko			Do	820
15	Nak-fa-ha-jo			Do	815
16	Oti-ah-cho-che			Do	869
17	Na-ko-se-mat-ta-we			Do	693
18	Pa-has-ha-jo			Do	812
19	Ma-to			Do	704
20	Chi-to-ha-jo			Do	814
21	Oi-sat-see	Do	723		

"F" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

<i>Dead.</i>	22	Mith-kup-ha-jo	Oct. 30, 1868.	707		
	23	Pa-nuk-ko-ge, <i>Nash</i>			Do	433
	24	Jacob			Do	133
	25	Ma-pi-he			Do	824
	26	As-san-ha-jo			Do	769
	27	Ce-co-pa-che			Do	193
	28	Chit-oh-fix-se-ko			Do	779
	29	Po-se-ah-ho-la			Do	1,197
	30	So-fix-se-ko			Do	702
	31	Lo-ah-lo			Do	
	32	Ya-fix-se-ko			Do	710
	33	Willey			Do	390
	34	So-ha-jo-chee, 2nd			Do	1,286
	35	Sim-ma-he			Do	839
	36	Ta-ko-se-fix-se-co			Do	705
	37	So-ha-jo			Do	663
	38	Po-ha-se-mat-to-se			Do	747
	39	Oc-John-ha-jo			Do	766
	40	Ma-ho-si-ke, <i>Nash</i>			Do	434
	41	Mi-eh-pa			Do	771
	42	Pa-hos-fix-se-ko			Do	700

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"F" COMPANY, 1ST REG.

	43	Ka-puts-se-fix-se-ko	Oct. 30, 1868.	819
	44	As-san-wa	Do	813
	45	So-Phillip-ha-jo	Do	763
	46	Tus-se-ki-ya-ha-jo	Do	827
	47	Jo-la-fix-sc-ko	Do	816
	48	Kup-pa-che-ha-jo	Do	762
	49	Long Johu, <i>Nash</i>	Do	473
	50	Ka-puts-se-ya-ho-la	Do	697
	51	Robert Johnson	Do	255
	52	John Harley	Do	1,016
	53	Sa-ne-chee	Do	379
	54	So-ya-o-la	Do	826
	55	The-ha-jo	Do	92
	56	Pas-co-fo-chee	Do	194
	57	Kot-so-lar-ne	Do	703
	58	Abert-ha-jo	Do	753
	59	Ho-tul-te-fix-se-ko	Do	696
	60	Pa-hos-ha-jo	Do	811
	61	Fus-ha-jo	Do	638
	62	Oc-san-wa	Do	778
	63	Che-zarp-kah	Do	Paid.

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F COMPANY, 1ST REG.

	64	Cot-so-ha-jo-se	Oct. 30, 1868.	661
	65	William Warford	Do	392
[Cap.]	[66]	[Albert Flanders, <i>not on</i>]	[Dec. 17, 1868.]	
	67	David	Do	775
	68	Joseph	Do	764
	69	Mathla-na-ke, no bounty		
	70	No-kos-yo-ue		722
	[71]	[Albert Ha-jo]		
	71	A-luk-e-ho-la		781

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George Hall, no bounty.

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"A" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Robin Matoy, no bounty		
	2	Rocky Mountain	Dec. 17, 1868	
	3	Stop-seondy	Oct. 30, 1868	1,117
	4	Robin Dirt-Pot	Do	1,218
	5	Thompson, Jesse	Dec. 17, 1868	1,215
Dead.	6	Jack Thompson, D. S	Do	Paid.
	7	Janus Mills	Do	1,120
	8	Path Killer	Do	1,219
	9	Mills Jumper, <i>Nash</i>	Do	514
	10	Glass	Do	383
	11	Charley	Jan. 28, 1869	1,094
	12	James Tallow	Dec. 17, 1868	606
	13	Levi	Jan. 28, 1869	597
	14	Standing Deer	Dec. 17, 1868	607
	15	Oganiah Wileny	Do	
	16	Stagger	Oct. 30, 1868	350
	17	Peck, James	Dec. 17, 1868	1,271
Lahe.	18	John Wa-ta-sa-ta	Oct. 30, 1868	608
	19	Te-su-ya-gah	Do	
	20	Young Pig, <i>Nash</i>	Jan. 15, 1869	515
	21	Kah-se-he-le	Do	904

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"A" Co., 2ND REG.

	22	Kah-shee-no-he	aa	Jan. 13, 1869	1,217
	23	McNair Lewis	aa	Do	1,281
	24	Wm. Mills	aa	Do	1,083
	25	David McKinsey	aa	Do	
	26	Peter Oganiah	aa	Do	961
	27	Trotting Wolf	aa	Do	420
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"B" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Rnnabout	aa	Oct. 30, 1868	719
	2	Ste-we		Do	1,229
	3	Tsho-wah-nor-ah-ski		Do	276
	4	Wm. S. Wofford		Do	917
	5	Josaye, <i>Nash</i>		Do	516
	6	Tu-yeh-gah-lan-no-pes-ki		Do	979
	7	Oo-da-wa-sa-a		Do	384
Dead.	8	Jack Christie, <i>no heirs</i> , D		Do	
Dead.	9	Eagle, D. S.		Do	
Dead.	10	John-son-na, <i>no heirs</i> , D		Do	
	11	We-le-se-ne		Do	1,047
	12	Ona-ga-Henry Black Fox		Do	314
Dead.	13	Oo-lay-wat-tie, D		Do	Paid.
	14	Red-Black Fox		Do	942
	15	Gaw-wah-chee-yoo-lar		Do	1,348
	16	Da-oo-ge-chan-ne		Do	923
	17	Girl-cather James		Do	988
	18	Char-le-ti-he, <i>p'd by Ross</i>		Do	328
Dead.	19	Dew-scare-bear, D		Do	
Dead.	20	Atola-he, (Big,) D		Do	
Dead.	21	Lewis Wooford, D		Do	Paid.
	21½	Samuel, <i>Nash</i>	aa	No. 980 Dec. 16, 1868	419 1st B 417

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"B" Co., 2ND REG.

	22	Board		Oct. 30, 1868	65
	23	Dave, (Osti,)		Do	1,232
	24	Oo-sow-we		Do	782
	25	Daniel Tucker		Do	139
	26	Thompson-na		Do	297
Dead.	27	Ah-ta-yoh-hi, \$50, D. S., <i>no heirs</i>		Do	C. O. I. A.
	28	Ni-hi-ta-ŷah-gah, <i>p'd by Ross</i>		Do	330
Dead.	29	Arch Spears, D		Do	Paid.
	30	Cah-nor-he-yah-tah		Do	673
Dead.	31	Will Daniel, <i>no heirs</i> , D		Do	
Dead.	32	Te-ca-na-cha-ske, D		Do	<i>No heirs.</i>
	33	Chu-he-tla, (Iowa,)		Do	80
	34	Danele Wah-yah		Do	1,040
	[35]	[Danele-galso-yah,] <i>not filed</i>		[Do]	[923]
	36	Chu-war-ya-gale, <i>Nash</i>		Do	517
	37	Sen-yet-tshoo-te-quah-na-tle-ke		Dec. 17, 1868	262
	38	Jumper, <i>Nash</i>	aa	Jan. 28, 1869	578
Dead.	39	[Wi] Ki, D		Oct. 30, 1868	
	40	Oki-stan-tsha-nugh-ta, <i>Nash</i>		Dec. 17, 1868	519
	41	Uh-nah-gay, (Black Bat)		Oct. 30, 1868	68
	42	Dah-gah-wak-ah-si		Do	226
Jon.	43	Gan-ne-coo-yah, <i>Ross</i>		Dec. 17, 1868	451

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"C" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	James Hammer	Oct. 30, 1868	186
	2	William Watts	Dec. 17, 1868	1,354
	3	Little John	Oct. 30, 1868	1,113
	4	Samuel Crittenden	Do	285
	5	Le-ga-na-ski	Do	922
	6	Thomas Bear Paw	Do	408
	7	Chinobe McCoy	Do	1,309
	8	Cha-kah-la-de	Dec. 17, 1868	595
	9	Bird Saunders	Do	518
	10	Young Deer, <i>Ross</i>	Oct. 30, 1868	454
	11	Dick-gah-ga-we	Do	1,161
	12	Snake Garity	Jan. 28, 1869	519
	13	Charles Catcher	Oct. 30, 1868	1,187
	14	Wm. Hendricks	Do	370
	15	Little Hair Big Mush	Do	
	16	George	Do	
	17	Joseph Crittenden	Feb. 19, 1869	1,216
	18	Huston	Jan. 28, 1869	
	19	Six Downing	Oct. 30, 1868	793
	20	E-no-ley	Do	45
	21	Wm. Simmons	Do	101

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"C" Co., 2ND REG.

Dead.	22	William Catcher	Dec. 17, 1868	1,340
	23	Taylor Prince, no bounty		
	24	Man Killer Catcher	Oct. 30, 1868	375
	25	Thomas Horn	Do	77
	26	Jackson Prince	Do	596
	27	Bark Prince, D	Do	Paid.
	28	Jolly Watts, <i>Nash</i>	Do	520
	29	Arch Bear Paw	Do	207
	30	George Bear Paw	Do	406
	31	Wilson Garity, D. S.	Do	Paid.
	32	Ned-ose-he-se-aw-le, <i>not collected, 2 aa</i>		
	33	Jack Jumper, No. 2	Oct. 30, 1868	227
	34	James McCoy	Dec. 17, 1868	242
	35	Snff	Oct. 30, 1868	977
36	James Taylor	Dec. 16, 1868	[1068]	

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"D" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Charles Pritchett, <i>Nash</i>	Oct. 30, 1868	521
	2	Dick Crittenden	Do	1,220
	3	Three Killer	Do	883
	4	Sand	Do	896
	5	Creek Johnson	Do	796
	6	Tah-la-sah	Do	1,081
	7	David Miller	Do	887
	8	Chee-sa-le-ta	Do	1,320
	9	Henry Scraper, <i>Nash</i>	Do	431
	10	Runner	Do	1,249
	11	Ah-dah-ha-lors-ske	Do	51
	12	Archilla Raincrow	Dec. 17, 1868	298
	13	Coffee	Oct. 30, 1868	1,082
	14	Lacy, p'd.	Do	1,243
	15	Sa-wa-ner	Do	654
	16	Beaver Oak Ball	Do	856
	17	Samuel Walker	Do	955
	18	Get-up, <i>Nash</i>	Do	522
	19	Peach Eater, Six Killer	Do	900
	20	Deer-in-the-water	Do	730
	21	Flying	Do	890

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"D" CO., 2ND REG.

Dead.	22	Oak Ball.....	Oct. 30, 1868	1,080
	23	Soo-wa-kee.....	Do	1,221
	24	Hider Downing.....	Do	808
	25*	Noo-tur-wee.....	Do	882
	26	Fish Hawk.....	Do	611
	27	Cold-weather Jack, \$50, D. S.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	28	Leaves-on-the-tree.....	Do	726
	29	Big Drum.....	Do	852
	30	David Israel.....	Do	283
	31	David Baldrige.....	Do	905
	32	Stay-at-home.....	Do	84
	33	Loo-qua-tah.....	Do	1,363
	34	Thomas Butler, <i>not collected, not filed</i>		C. O. I. A.
	35	John Raincrow, <i>not collected, not filed</i>		C. O. I. A.
	36	Nee-ta-gur-gah.....	Oct. 30, 1868	610
	37	John Skelcate.....	Do	128
	38	Grecee.....	Dec. 17, 1868	609
	39	William Maners.....	Do	682
	40	Thomas Sanders.....	Do	878
	41	George W. Scraper.....	Do	523
	42			

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"E" CO., 2ND REG.

Dead.	1	Eli Sanders.....	Oct. 30, 1868	899
	2	Lislen Schneider.....	Do	691
	3	Jacob Bushyhead.....	Do	366
	4	Edward McCoy.....	Do	946
	5	Wm. McCoy.....	Do	612
	6	Joseph Polston.....	Do	842
	7	Henry Paris.....	Do	
	8	Chin-equah.....	Do	598
	9	Robert Batu.....	Do	191
	10	William Green, <i>Nash</i>	Do	524
	11	Rufus West.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	12	Richard Robertson.....	Do	148
	13	Lewis Dunback.....	Do	223
	14	Richard Dick, D. S., <i>no heirs</i>	Do	
	15	Looney Rathingourd.....	Do	Paid.
	16	James Rathingourd.....	Do	155
	17	James Foster.....	Do	254
	18	William Thoruton, D. S.....	Do	Paid.
	19	Benjamin Adair.....	Do	180
	20	George Love.....	Do	30
	21	Robert Ross.....	Do	165
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"E" CO., 2ND REG.

Dead.	22	John Hicks.....	Oct. 30, 1868	614
	23	Jesse Sanders.....	Do	1,222
	24	Lewis Hicks.....	Do	915
	25	Benjamin Foster, \$50, D.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	26	Tyler Foreman.....	Do	898
	27	L. M. Chasteen, D.....	Do	
	28	William Merrill, D. S.....	Do	Paid.
	29	Lewis Thornton.....	Dec. 17, 1868	241
	30	Creek Jim.....	Do	251
	31	Samuel Crepland.....	Do	Paid.
	32	James Merrell..... aa	Jan. 28, 1869	897
	33	Andrew Cordrey..... aa	Do	1,276
	34	Jefferson Robertson, <i>p'd by Ross</i> aa	Do	318
	35	Olmstead Maxfield..... aa	Do	354
	36	Charles Hicks.....	Jan. 1, 1869	613
	37	Daniel R. Hicks.....	Do	413
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"F" Co., 2ND REG.

Dead.	1	Da-de-sta-ski, D. S.	Oct. 30, 1868	1,372
	2	Dee-yoh-nee-se-To-ya-nee-sy	Do	105
Dead.	3	Soldier Holt, <i>traded out</i> , D. S.	Do	
	4	Clark Te-lar-gah	Do	924
	5	Thomas Rooster	Do	17
	6	Alek Sweet-killer	Do	525
	7	Louis Spoon	Do	1,322
	8	Saddle Blanket	Do	971
	9	Ed Mayfield	Do	204
Dead.	10	Mouse, D.	Do	
	11	Mathew	Do	78
	12	Ground Hog, D. S.	Do	Paid.
	13	Thomas Taylor	Do	94
	14	Te-ya-ste-ske	Do	1,370
	15	Bob, <i>Ross</i>	Do	456
	16	Lame	Do	1,273
	17	Wash Shepard	Do	15
	18	Dutch Canoe	Do	401
	19	Charles 1st	Do	405
	20	Charles 2nd, <i>Ross</i>	Do	452
	21	Harry, p'd by Ross. D. S., to J. W. W.	Do	1,331 Paid.

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"F" Co., 2ND REG.

	22	Grummet	Oct. 30, 1868	66
	23	George Lasly	Do	615
Dead.	24	Ohlaner, \$50, D. S.	Dec. 17, 1868	C. O. I. A.
	25	Austin Simblen	Do	1,160
Dead.	26	Gu-lah-stah	Do	
	27	Moses Vann	Do	414
	28	Simblen	Do	202
	29	Sue-ya-der, <i>Nash</i>	Do	526
	30	Charles Seabott	aa Dec. 16, 1868	1,163
	31	Squa-da-lee-chee	aa Jan. 23, 1867	1,124

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"G" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Samuel Smoke	Oct. 30, 1868	263
	2	Squirrel Ta-noo-wi	Do	620
	3	Osi	Do	616
	4	John Ross	Do	402
	5	John Ah-an-ah-la-ke	Do	271
	6	Ah-sol-la-sti-ski	Do	600
	7	William Os-gar-si-note	Do	1,304
	8	William Christie	Do	1,025
	9	Tantia Tonia	Do	20
	10	George Ross	Do	224
	11	White Water, <i>Nash</i>	Do	526
	12	William Young	Do	75
	13	David Dougherty, D.	Do	No heirs.
	14	Stephen Peach Eater	Do	46
	15	Richard Bogg, <i>Nash</i>	Do	527
	16	Cha-na-nn-ski	Do	1,107
Dead.	17	Moses Jack, D. S.	Do	
	18	Oo-nar-gur-sah	Do	599
	19	Charles Rogers	Do	618
	20	Good Money	Do	182
	21	Young Beamer, <i>no heirs</i>	Do	

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"G" Co., 2ND REG.

	22	Cah-na-no-le-ski	Oct. 30, 1868	1,301
	23	Arch Christie	Do	1,024
	24	Johnson Robbin	Do	47
	25	Bull Frog	Do	Paid.
	26	Fox, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	311
	27	Hoister	Do	106
	28	James, <i>paid</i>	Do	1,176
	29	Lacy	Do	1,112
	30	Moses Mackay	Do	173
	31	Ola-na-sti-ski	Do	1,324
	32	Pig	Do	
	33	Root	Do	1,302
	34	Sun-ke, by J. W. W., D. S.	Do	Paid.
Dead.	35	William Rock, D. S.	Do	Paid.
Dead.	36	Too-na-he, \$50, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	37	Richard Umphrees	Do	345
Dead.	38	Jefferson Vann, \$50, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	39	Hector Vann, <i>Nash</i>	Do	426
	40	George Drum	Do	619
	41	Writer	Do	1,099
	42	Jones Brown	Do	60

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"G" Co., 2ND REG.

	43	Mike	Oct. 30, 1868	617
Dead.	44	Small Wood, \$50, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
Dead.	45	Oo-nar-clo-lar, D. S.	Do	
	46	Hitcher	Do	854
	47	John Baldrige, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	316
	48	Ab-li-sti, \$50, D. S., <i>do not pay</i>	Do	C. O. I. A.
	49	Tail	Do	115
	50	Moses Wool	Dec. 17, 1868	1,260
	51	Tom Daylight	Do	249
	52	James Vann	Do	1,371
	53	Jumper Blackburn	Do	1,364
	54	Ea-far-gan-sta Bird	Do	828
Dead.	55	Reed Vann	Jan. 28, 1869	1,332
	56	Harry Grummitte	Do	Dead.
	57	John Beau	No bounty.	
	58			
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"H" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Steam Walker	Oct. 30, 1868	Paid.
	2	Peace Maker	Do	137
	3	Joe Corning Deer	Do	920
	4	Young Wolf	Do	428
	5	Jackson Muskrat	Do	1,173
	6	James Muskrat	Do	1,168
	7	Daniel Muskrat	Do	1,211
	8	Moses Guess	Do	1,213
	9	Sleep Garatie	Do	1,034
	10	Johnson Silversmith	Do	1,172
	11	Heavy	Do	40
	12	John Hoskins	Do	83
	13	Degeny Swimmer	Do	Paid.
	14	Walter Horsefly, <i>Nash</i>	Do	528
	15	Mouse Tin Cup	Do	1,050
	16	Nelson Wright	Do	1,042
	17	Walker Prince	Do	1,198
	18	Cooking Potatoes	Do	623
Dead.	19	Swallow Standing, D. S.	Do	
	20	John Snell	Do	1,087
	21	Falling Buzzard	Do	621

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"H" Co., 2ND REG.

	22	Jones Rig	Oct. 30, 1868	Paid.
	23	John Downing	Do	1,236
	24	Richard Fencer, <i>Nash</i>	Do	529
	25	Young P. Wolf, <i>Nash</i>	Do	530
	26	Mixed Water	Do	1,241
	27	Jack Jackson, <i>Nash</i>	Do	531
<i>Dead.</i>	28	Edward Allbones, D. S.	Do	
<i>Dead.</i>	29	John Wright, D S	Do	
	30	Adam Russell, [<i>see old book</i>]	Do	936
<i>Dead.</i>	31	Asa Carter, D	Do	
<i>Lipe.</i>	32	John Wadigoo	Dec. 17, 1868	622
	33	James Tin Cup	Do	1,046
	34	John-sa	Do	225
	35	Charles Chun-we-wa	Do	891
<i>Dead.</i>	36	James Cooking	aa Dec. 17, 1868	Paid.
	37	George Watt	aa Jan. 28, 1869	1,032
	38	James Wright	aa Do	1,242
	39	Camp Doras	aa Do	1,052
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"I" Co., 2ND REG.

<i>[Dead.]</i>	1	Arch Proctor, D	Oct. 30, 1868	956
	2	Red Bird	Do	945
	3	Catcher Col-ah-tse	Do	1,290
<i>Dead.</i>	4	Isaac Bull Frog, D. S.	Do	No heirs.
<i>Dead.</i>	5	George Beamer, \$50, D	Do	C. O. I. A.
	6	Jack Still	Do	792
	7	Diek Oldfield	Do	664
<i>Dead.</i>	8	Alexander Love, \$50, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	9	Ned Keener	Do	294
	10	Davis Park	Do	1,051
				[1,050]
	11	Rider Rathinggourd	Do	670
<i>Dead.</i>	12	Liar, D.	Do	<i>Dead.</i>
<i>Dead.</i>	13	James Tobacco, D., <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	Paid.
	14	Clark Going-snake, <i>Nash</i>	Do	532
	15	Soldier Mustle-toe, <i>Nash</i>	Do	533
	16	Stork	Do	626
<i>Dead.</i>	17	Samuel Squirrel, D., <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	Paid.
	18	Bat Colster	Do	1,237
	19	David Blackfox, <i>Nash</i>	Do	534
	20	Brush	Do	394
	21	David Bullfrog	Do	1,029

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"I" Co., 2ND REG.

<i>Dead.</i>	22	Lawny Tucker, D	Oct. 30, 1868	
	23	Cornpuller Archilla, <i>Nash</i>	Do	535
<i>Dead.</i>	24	Reader, \$50, D. S	Do	C. O. I. A.
	25	Aaron Tanner	Do	1,036
<i>Dead.</i>	26	Johnson Muskrat, D	Do	
	27	Hitcher	Do	281
	28	Tyer Mouse	Do	1,041
	29	Ask Water	Do	290
	30	Joseph Standing-deer	Do	296
	31	Adam Stop	Do	1,039
	32	Dark Hogshooter	Do	266
	33	John Still	Do	791
	34	James Smith	Do	624
<i>Dead.</i>	35	Robert Downing, \$50, D. S	Do	C. O. I. A.
	36	Thomas Potts	Do	1,282
	37	Taylor Hicks	Do	625
	38	Leach Ridge	Do	1,209
	39	Adam Proctor	Do	953
	40	Ezekiel Blackfox	Do	686
	41	Watt Russell	Do	1,195
	42	Swinnner	Do	960

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"I" Co., 2ND REG.

	43	Jesse Pumpkin	Oct. 30, 1868	229
	44	We-le-ne E. George	Do	1,212
	45	Nickolas Holatsee	Do	1,053
			Do	[1,045]
	46	Chester, or Cheiter	Do	1,264
	47	Will Cochran	Dec. 17, 1868	690
	48	John Tigar	Do	913
	49	Alexander Dray	Do	855
<i>Dead.</i>	50	John Derahdaskie, D. S	Do	<i>No heirs.</i>
	51	Lacy Gahlannoheske	Do	1,299
	52	Daniel Kaw-kaw-we	Do	944
	53	Leque-yah-Duck, <i>Nash</i>	Jan. 28, 1869	536
<i>Ross.</i>	54	George Stand	Do	450
	55	Isaac Young Blood, <i>Nash</i>		537
	56	William Hawkawwe, <i>not</i>		
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K Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Meggee	Oct. 30, 1868	654
	2	Young Wat-ko-lar-har	Do	627
<i>Dead.</i>	3	Su-wa-chee	Do	1,344
	4	Willet Charley, \$50, D. S	Do	C. O. I. A.
	5	Wa-ste	Do	
	6	Wo-yer-ne-der	Do	964
	7	Wilson Ner-dar-wee	Do	967
	8	Ole-skar-ne-kar-ne-ter	Do	1,341
	9	Black Haw	Do	941
	10	Ko-da-ske	Do	717
	11	Lacy	Do	1,086
	12	Fox Mouse	Do	943
	13	Elar-wee	Do	
	14	Black Fox	Do	86
	15	Ter-ne-no-le, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	317
<i>Dead.</i>	16	Sam-se-wa-te	Do	<i>Paid.</i>
	17	Ska-quah	Do	1,169
	18	Ser-kee, <i>Nash</i>	Do	538
	19	Johnson Go-la-quah	Do	1,090
	20	Dan-gar-no-he-la	Do	912
	21	De-gar-chi-no-ster	Do	1,291
	22	De-so-yo-he	Do	918

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"K" Co., 2^N REG.

			Oct. 30, 1868	
	23	Jerry Jones	[Do]	1,026
	24	Bird Jones	Do	1,037
	25	Watt-Ner-dar-wee	Do	1,023
	26	Davis Olar-so-der	Do	1,044
	27	Ogah-ska-noo-dè	Do	
	28	Ar-gar-lu-gar	Do	973
	29	Wat Feeling, <i>Nash</i>	Do	539
	30	Ar-der-cher-che	Do	1,279
<i>Dead.</i>	31	Isaac Dick, D. S.	Do	<i>No heirs.</i>
	32	Onar-su-gar	Do	970
	33	Ne-gar-wee	Do	1,342
	34	Oyo-sur-sar-der	Do	972
	35	Adam Mouse	Do	43
	36	John Wickliff	Do	974
	37	Do-sar-wo-le-dar	Do	1,288
	38	Isaac-Chu-no-ger-der	Do	228
	39	Do-yon-ne-se	Do	919
	40	Wat Christa	Do	1,022
	41	Der-ne-no-le-sque-che	Dec. 17, 1868	628
<i>Rec'd 1st b'ty</i>	42	David Davis	Jan. 28, 1869	1,043
<i>1531.</i>				
	43	Sqah-de-le-che	Oct. 30, 1868	968
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"A" Co., 3RD REG.

			Oct. 30, 1868	
	1	Long Aaron		1,033
				[984]
	2	Little Aaron	Do	984
	3	Rider Swimmer	Do	956
	4	James Glass	Do	1,088
	5	Frog, <i>Nash</i>	Do	540
	6	Arch Silk, <i>dead</i>	Do	11
<i>Dead.</i>	7	Thomas Stand, D	Do	
	8	James Swimmer	Do	787
<i>Dead.</i>	9	Beaver Silk, D. S.	Do	<i>No heirs.</i>
\$40	10	Scatter, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
\$40	11	Edward Starr, D	Do	C. O. I. A.
	12	Shawnee	Do	987
	13	James Creek	Do	
	14	Alexander Vann	Do	727
	15	Grape Stand	Do	41
	16	Jackin	Do	4
	17	Jumper	Do	989
	18	Getting Inn	Do	649
	19	Stool	Do	1,079
	20	Mathew	Do	120
	21	John Peter	Do	1,077

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"A" Co., 3D REG.

	22	Barrow Hood	Oct. 30, 1868	831
	23	Poor Wolf	Do	44
	24	Mixed Water	Do	184
	25	Wolf	Do	
	26	Mink Downing	Do	985
	27	Peter Corning Deer	Do	7
	28	Little Deer	Do	1,154
Dead.	29	Johnson Young Bird, D. S.	Do	
	30	Richard Bengé	Do	858
	31	Obediah Bengé	Do	859
	32	Thomas Blair	Do	850
	33	John Bear Meat, <i>Nash</i>	Do	425
	34	McElmore Bengé	Do	860
	35	George Bengé	Do	393
	36	Edward Mole	Do	983
Dead.	37	John Path Killer, D.	Do	
	38	Charles Blair	Do	849
	39	Columbus	Do	861
	40	Crying Bear	Do	957
	41	Riddle Bengé	Do	264
\$40. Dead.	42	Humming Bird, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.

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"A" Co., 3D REG.

	43	Arch Vann	Oct. 30, 1868	1,018
	44	Josiah Vann	Do	368
	45	Joseph Starr	Do	985
	46	Stephen Killer	Do	962
	47	Henry Seabott	Dec. 17, 1868	541
	48	David Ross	Do	743
	49	George Silk	Do	1,182
Dead.	50	John McIntosh, D. S.	Do	
	51	William Bengé	Do	542
	52	Samuel Latimore, <i>Nash</i>	Do	543
Dead.	53	Ezekiel Latimore, D.	Do	No heirs.
	54	Samuel Silk	Do	1,122
	55	French	Do	1,078
	56	William Dirt	Do	592
	57	John Lee	Jan. 28, 1869	785
	58	Thomas Ross, <i>Nash</i>	Do	544
	59	Gay Thorn	Do	1,240
	60	Silas Thorn	Do	683
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"E" Co., 3D REG.

	1	Jack Swimmer	Oct. 30, 1868	107
	2	John Ridge	Do	999
	3	Young Duck	Do	187
	4	Jack Rope	Do	959
	5	George W. Elliot, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	[788] 322
	6	Young Turkey Belt	Do	93
	7	Richard Bear Paw	Do	978
	8	Peter Dry, <i>Nash</i>	Do	545
	9	Sick Eater, <i>Nash</i>	Do	546
	10	Big Robbin	Do	161
	11	John Heel	Do	547
	12	John Dry Water	Do	911
	13	Jesse Wich	Do	
	14	Lacy Beaver Toter	Do	289
	15	John Thompson	Do	665
	16	Davis Turner, <i>Nash</i>	Do	548
	17	Tah-huk-leske	Do	1,005
	18	Adam Feeling	Do	261
Dead.	19	Grass, D	Do	Paid.
Dead.	20	George Sick Eater, D. S.	Do	Paid.
	21	George Seven	Do	360

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"B" Co., 3D REG.

	22	Wolf Snake	Oct. 30, 1868	212
	23	Soup	Do	374
	24	John Sharp	Do	246
	25	Sharp, <i>Nash</i>	Do	430
	26	Smoker	Do	
	27	Jackson Su-wa-ke	Do	116
	28	Johnson Goodmoney, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	321
	29	Tom Sunday	Do	32
	30	Grape Soup	Do	1,238
	31	Joe Hildebrand, <i>Ross</i>	Do	453
	32	Johnson Jug	Do	9
	33	Nick-Walker	Do	667
	34	Powell	Do	265
Dead.	35	Runabout Puff, <i>p'd by Ross, D.</i>	Do	Paid.
	36	Dry Water Pigeon	Do	150
	37	Levi Duck	Dec. 17, 1868	685
	38	George Ridge	Do	243
	39	Johnson Ridge	Do	889
	40	Tic-a-nee-skee	Jan. 28, 1869	682
	41	Jones	Oct. 30,	676
	42	O-ge-bul-ee	Oct. 30, 1868	908

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"B" Co., 3RD REG.

	43	O-le-skum-ec	Oct. 30, 1868	677
Dead.	44	Silas Pigeon, D. S.	Do	
	45	Buck Bushyhead	Do	1,305
	46	Eater Big Mush	Do	939
	47	Young Beaver	Do	327
	48	Harry Cutter	Do	593
	49	Arch Dollar	Do	797
	50	George	Do	1,171
\$40. [Dead.]	51	Su-was-ke Young Bird, D	Do	C. O. I. A.
	52	John Starr	Do	310
	53	John Rogers, <i>Nash</i>	Do	549
\$60 ss.	54	Jack Rabbit	Do	
	55	Johnson Dick	Do	1,170
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"C" Co., 3RD REG.

	1	Thompson Beane, <i>Nash</i>	Oct. 30, 1868	550
Dead.	2	Shoe Boots, D. S.	Do	<i>Dead.</i>
\$40. Dead.	3	Sunday, D.	Do	C. O. I. A.
\$40. <i>Dead.</i>	4	Saltakee Scoutihee, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	5	Mosey Scoutihee	Do	734
	6	Terapen	Do	146
	7	Lewis Scoutihee	Do	2
	8	John Walker	Do	940
	9	John R. Riley, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	326
	10	Ned Ochescawle	Do	1,358
	11	David Greece, <i>Nash</i>	Do	551
<i>Dead.</i>	12	John Cloud, D.	Do	<i>Paid.</i>
	13	Blue Carlownoohasky	Do	<i>Paid.</i>
	14	Bill Ketcher, <i>Nash</i>	Do	552
	15	Bill Bird	Do	1,093
	16	Ellis Johnson	Do	138
<i>Dead.</i>	17	Corning Deer, D. S.	Do	<i>Dead.</i>
	18	French	Do	731
	19	Lewis Hawk, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	315
	20	Stephen David	Do	279
	21	Ned Greece	Do	386

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"C" Co., 3RD REG.

	22	Cequoyee, <i>Nash</i>	Oct. 30, 1868	553
	23	Wilson Hair, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	320
	24	Young Wolf, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	333
	25	Go Back	Do	554
	26	Hungry Dick	Do	42
	27	Osage	Do	222
	28	Chu-wa-looky	Do	272
	29	Bull Frog	Do	646
\$40. <i>Dead.</i>	30	David Frisley, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	31	George Leach	Do	213
	32	John Pigeon	Do	732
	33	Tarlow Maisie	Do	353
	34	Isaac Pott	Do	192
<i>Dead.</i>	35	Mouse, \$40, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	36	Andrew No Wife	Do	207
	37	Alec Get-up	Do	1,227
	38	Above-Saw-chul-anar	Do	680
	39	Nedson Artsey	Do	3
	40	At-to-la-hie-old-corn	Do	733
	41	Wilson Artsey	Do	1,321
	42	Jesse Baldrige	Do	248

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"C" Co., 3RD REG.

	43	Joe Hooster	Oct. 30, 1868	729
	44	Luna McLane	Do	404
	45	George Goo-we-seowe	Do	648
	46	Mar-too-we-gar	Do	100
	47	Henry Dick	Dec. 17, 1868	647
	48	Oo-too-latanah	Do	594
<i>Dead.</i>	49	Daniel Nickojack	Dec. 28, 1868	
	50	George Knight, <i>Nash</i>	Jan. 28, 1869	555
	51			

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"D" CO., 3RD REG.

	1	Jeff Balow, <i>Nash</i>	Oct. 30, 1868	556
	2	Ben Catcher, <i>Nash</i>	Do	557
	3	George P. Pile	Do	104
	4	Elisha Cockeran	Do	36
	5	Punkin Pyle	Do	247
	6	Joe W. Keener	Do	98
	7	Johnson Fisher	Do	130
	8	Oecola Woodall, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	324
	9	Samuel Spirit	Do	210
	10	Calling	Do	269
	11	Joseph Scrimsha	Do	91
	12	Moses Catcher	Do	278
	13	Saunder	Do	79
	14	George Soak	Do	95
	15	Jess Smoke	Do	Paid.
	16	George Swimmer	Do	278
	17	Jackson, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	313
	18	John, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	323
\$40. Dead.	19	Large, No. D.	Do	C. O. I. A.
Dead.	20	John L. Ridge	Do	880
	21	Gall Catcher, D. S.	Do	Paid.

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"D" CO., 3RD REG.

	22	Clar-star-mer	Oct. 30, 1868	206
Dead.	23	David Horn	Do	
	24	Cornelius Vann, <i>Nash</i>	Do	558
	25	Tasel Nale	Do	218
Dead. \$40.	26	Henry Buffington, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	27	O-war-las-ky	Do	58
	28	Wiley	Do	220
	29	Sick Warrior	Do	103
Dead.	30	Jack Watt, D	Do	Paid.
Dead.	31	Runabout Fodder, <i>p'd by Nash, D. S.</i>	Do	Paid.
	32	John Pickup	Do	432
	33	Talalah Pan	Do	1,038
	34	Tom, <i>Nash</i>	Do	559
	35	Lacy Trampabout	Do	642
	36	Zeck Tucker	Do	152
	37	Joseph Downing, <i>Nash</i>	Do	560
	38	George Downing	Do	18
	39	Dragon Downing	Do	259
	40	Samuel Knight	Do	73
	41			
	42	David Tadpole	Do	643

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"D" CO., 3RD REG.

	43	John Tadpole	Oct. 30, 1868	99
	44	Dah-ner-sa-ne	Do	203
	45	Charles Pumpkin	Do	
Dead.	46	Arch Keener	Do	169
	47	Chur-mer-que	Jan. 13, 1869	1,345
Dead.	48	Humming Bird	Rejected.	
	49	Crying Bear, D. S.	Dec. 17, 1868	1,368
	50	Ka-ner-que Keener, <i>Nash</i>	Do	561
	51	William March	Jan. 23, 1869	90
	52	James Ross	Do	237
	53	George Still, <i>Nash</i>	Do	562
	54	John Hight,	Do	No heirs.
	55	Alexander Davis	Do	422
	56	Watson Sanders	Do	1,188
	57	Black Bird	Do	969
	58	William Woodall	Feb. 4, 1869	357
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"E" Co., 3RD REG.

Dead.	1	Ezekiel Natches	Oct. 30, 1868	214
	2	Sit-a-wa-ha	Do	403
	3	Boling Huming	Do	1,246
	4	Nicholas B. Woods	Do	903
	5	Poach Young	Do	76
	6	Thomas Young	Do	253
	7	Law-lee, D. S.	Do	
	8	Samuel Creek	Do	28
	9	Mussels	Do	644
	10	Thomas Ballard	Do	111
	11	Spring-frog Sawnee	Do	1,235
	12	Thomas Glass	Do	153
	13	Josiah Ridge	Do	190
	14	Litter, <i>Nash</i>	Do	563
	15	Low-Cut	Do	657
	16	Archilla	Do	25
	17	Jackson Bullfrog	Do	34
	18	Daniel	Do	1,030
	19	Decanee, <i>Nash</i>	Do	443
	20	McCloud	Do	689
	21	Jess Long	Do	1,248

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"E" Co., 3RD REG.

§40. Dead.	22	Char-le-tee-hee	Oct. 30, 1868	24
	23	George Clark	Do	966
	24	Sinking Water	Do	208
	25	Henry Nave	Do	174
	26	Noisey	Do	26
	27	Panther	Do	143
	28	George Potts	Do	119
	29	Ned-Tel-lo-see	Do	127
	30	Eli Walker	Do	185
	31	Frank Kerr	Do	168
	32	Robert Crawford	Do	195
	33	Runabout	Do	221
	34	Samsey	Do	564
	35	John Smith	Do	795
	36	James Sit-a-wa-ka	Do	21
	37	Robert Franklin	Do	
	38	Williams, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	39	William Webber	Do	59
	40	George Waters	Do	387
	41	Watt	Do	82
42	George Walker	Do	154	

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"E" Co., 3RD REG.

	43	Joseph Young	Oct. 30, 1868	156
	44	Crapo Isaac	Do	653
	45	Iye-Che-Chy, <i>Nash</i>	Do	641
	46	Jackson	Do	1,247
	47	Jack	Do	27
	48	Rosin	Dec. 17, 1868	644
	49	Robert Fawn Killer	Oct. 30.	659

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"F" Co., 3RD REG.

	1	Aaron	Oct. 30, 1868	33
	2	Charles R. Gourd	Do	14
Dead.	3	Jesse Glass, D. S.	Do	
	4	Joseph T. Glass	Do	1, 157
	5	Junper, <i>Nash</i>	Do	565
	6	Oo-squa-le-te-cha	Do	1, 274
	7	Twist, <i>Nash</i>	Do	566
	8	Thompson Horu	Do	236
	9	Lacy Hawkins	Do	990
	10	Johnson Jack, <i>Nash</i>	Do	567
	11	Achilla Foster	Do	1, 315
	12	Su-lah-tus-kie	Do	365
	13	James Beaustick	Do	853
	14	Rabbit	Do	1, 266
\$40. Dead.	15	Elijah Waters, D	Do	C. O. I. A.
	16	John Sunday	Do	170
	17	Johnson Sanders	Do	
\$40. Dead.	18	Peter Proctor	Do	C. O. I. A.
	19	Su-dah-lee Double Head	Do	975
	20	John Coleman	Do	113
Dead.	21	Washington Clay	Do	

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"F" Co., 3RD REG.

	22	Edward Gunpile	Oct. 30, 1868	132
\$40. Dead.	23	Fishing Hawke, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	24	Morter Vann	Do	380
	25	Samuel Beaverstick, D. S.	Do	
	26	P. S. Man	Do	16
	27	Chick-illie	Do	1, 045
	28	Tah-tiu-sky-skiff	Do	351
[Dead.]	29	Johnson Feather, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Dec. 17, 1868	325
	30	Oo-yoh-tah-ca	Do	1, 150
	31	Sur-tus-cah-Tah-woo-we	Do	862
	32	Richard Round	Do	1, 165
	33	Charles Silk	Do	1, 181
	34	Thomas Cockruu, D.	Do	
	35	William Adam	No bounty.	
Dead.	36	William Bush	No bounty.	
	37	Squirrel	Feb. 1, 1869	
	38	Nelson Shin	Do	205
	39	Panther Glass	Do	1, 103
	40	Thomas Sanders	Do	447
	41	John Sanders, <i>Nash</i>	Do	567
	42	Lewis Crapo, <i>Nash</i>	Do	568

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"F," 3RD REGIMENT.

	43	Jack Marshall	Oct. 30, 1868	1, 263
	44	Keith	Do	645
\$40. Dead.	45	Henry Clay, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	46	Cesar	Do	1, 167
	47	Arch Big Foot	Do	1, 118
	48	Wheat Baldrige	Do	746
	49	Joseph Vann	Do	654
	50	Bone Eater	aa	1, 007
	51	Blossom Rogers, <i>Nash</i>	aa	569
	52	Dirt Seller	aa	838

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"G" CO., 3RD REG.

	1	Mike Pritchett	Oct. 30, 1868	81
	2	Water Killer	Do	
<i>Dead.</i>	3	Young Squirrel, D	Do	Paid.
	4	Sold	Do	640
	5	Dirt Seller, <i>see testimony</i>	Do	[1,199]
	6	Pass	Do	1,031
	7	Spring Frog	Do	1,283
	8	Miller Bag	Do	136
	9	Hawk Wolf	Do	178
	10	Steele	Do	
	11	Chicken Christie	Do	1,259
<i>Dead.</i>	12	Thomas Christie, D	Do	
<i>Dead.</i>	13	Judge Otter; no draft; <i>see if paid</i>	Do	126
		<i>I do not think that this is paid.</i>		
	14	Tieski Pritchett	Do	126
	15	John Walkingstick	Do	122
	16	Soldier Tolan	Do	1,092
<i>Dead.</i>	17	Little Hawk, <i>Ross p'd wid., D</i>	Do	Paid.
<i>Dead.</i>	18	Teacher, D. S.	Do	1,373
<i>Dead.</i>	19	Jesse Christie, D	Do	
<i>Dead.</i>	20	John Deerhead, <i>Ross p'd wid., D</i>	Do	Paid.
	21		[Do]	

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"G" CO., 3D REG.

\$40.	22	Throwing Hair, D. S.	Oct. 30, 1868	C. O. I. A.
	23	Despiser	Do	1,272
	24	John Bearpaw, <i>Nash</i>	Do	570
	25	Joseph Proctor	Do	1,196
	26	George Beaver	Do	640
	27	Big Bullet	Do	1,277
	28	Walter Down	Do	1,262
	29	Whitter	Do	385
	30	Charles Walkingstick	Do	123
	31	Henry Christie	Do	
\$40. <i>Dead.</i>	32	Isack Squirrel	Do	
	33	Franklin Gritts	Do	376
	34	Levi Walkingstick	Do	1,278
	35	Jackson Christie	Do	1,121
	36	William Baylock, <i>Nash</i>	Dec. 17, 1868	571
	37	Walter Deerhead, <i>Nash</i>	Do	572
	38	Johnson Bowlin	Do	1,258
	39	Josiah Pigeon	Do	573
	40	John Rogers	Do	1,091
	41	Fox Keener		129
	42	Rope		788

542 ALLEGED FRAUDS AGAINST CERTAIN INDIAN SOLDIERS.

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"H," 3RD REGIMENT.

	1	Charles Turtle	Oct. 30, 1868	491
	2	Sequah Tanner	Do	1,035
	3	Pheasant Tanner, <i>Nash</i>	Do	574
	4	Eli Tucker	Do	1,252
	5	Mulberry Tucker	Do	1,199
	6	George Snell	Do	894
	7	Saturday Vann	Do	1,096
	8	James Ellis	Do	639
	9	Young Wolf Six Killer, <i>Nash</i>	Do	575
	10	Young Dog	Do	675
	11	Arch Beamer	Do	1,084
	12	Brusher	Do	215
	13	Johnson Beamer	Do	23
	14	Broom	Do	1,316
	15	Bark	Do	1,104
	16	Archilla, <i>Nash</i>	Do	576
	17	Chickaw Killer	Do	668
	18	Lief	Do	
	19	Wiley Field	Do	1,200
	20	Joe Turtle		1,186
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"H," 3RD REGIMENT.

	22	Steaphen	Oct. 30, 1868	687
	23	Charles Sholder	Do	1,027
	24	James Six	Do	1,207
	25	Thomas Starr, <i>Nash</i>	Do	577
	26	Strainer, <i>Nash</i>	Do	573
	27	Snipe	Do	921
	28	Runabout Six	Do	1,203
\$40. Dead.	29	Alik Rood, D	Do	C. O. I. A.
	30	Boney Raven	Do	1,253
	31	Jack Grasshopper	Do	67
	32	Pidgeon	Do	332
	33	Long Charley, <i>Nash</i>	Do	579
\$40.	34	Darley Muskrat, D	Do	C. O. I. A.
	35	Dropper	Do	993
Dead.	36	Walker, \$40, D	Do	C. O. I. A.
	37	Rider Foreman	Do	666
	38	Charles Thompson	Do	1,006
	39	John Scott	Do	976
	40	Moses Six Killer	Do	282
\$40. Dead.	41	Benjamin Snell, D. S	Do	C. O. I. A.
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"H," 3RD REG.

	43	Young Bird Snell	Oct. 30, 1868	748
	44	Ruuabout Procter	Do	1,048
	45	Black Fox Snell	Do	1,035
	46	Johnson Stop	aa	892
	47	John Waker	aa	804
	[48]	[Davis Junerlukey]		

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"I" Co., 3RD REG.

	1	Diver Grasshopper	Oct. 30, 1868	
	2	Harry Big Mush	Do	329
	3	James Shelton	Do	901
	4	George W. Ross	Do	171
	5	Little Bird	Do	216
Dead.	6	Anderson Bengé, <i>p'd by N. to widow, D.</i>	Do	<i>Paid.</i>
	7	Thomas Scott, <i>Ross</i>	Do	455
	8	Walter Squirrel	Do	114
Dead.	9	Charles Walker; <i>see O. B.; D.</i>	Do	
	10	Thomas Wilson	Do	19
	11	Daniel Keener	Do	117
	12	Jacob Henson	Do	64
Dead.	13	John Henson, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	14	Jack Crittenden	Do	895
	15	Berry Crittenden	Do	851
	16	Silas D. Ross	Do	219
	17	Daniel Red Bird	Do	1,100
	18	John Springston	Do	74
	19	William Guess	Do	258
	20	Creek Robert	Do	118
	21	Allen Ross	Do	274
	22	Walter McDaniel	Do	62

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"I" Co., 3RD REG.

\$40.	23	Joseph Sanders, D. S.	Oct. 30, 1868	C. O. I. A.
	24	Ned Simpson	Do	656
	25	John Smith	Do	211
	26	William Tucker	Do	1,303
	27	George Sanders	Do	638
	28	David Tucker, D. S. to J. W. W.	Do	<i>Paid.</i>
	29	Looney Guess	Do	198
	30	Thomas Ballard	Do	70
	31	Wilson Corning	Do	359
	32	Curry Petit	Do	164
	33	Washington Henson	Do	167
	34	Wind	Do	144
	35	Samuel Worford, <i>Nash</i>	Do	580
	36	Elijah	Do	10
	37	Davidson	Do	601
	38	Andrew Crittenden	Do	85
	39	Avey Cochran	Do	31
	40	Terapin, <i>Nash</i>	Do	581
	41	Stephen Spears	Do	56
	42	Bark Nugin	Do	1,106
	43	Nelson Terapin	Do	48

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"I" Co., 3RD REG.

	44	Michael Hildebrand	Oct. 30, 1868	1,201
	45	Rue-su-te-hee-Writer	Dec. 17, 1868	962
Cap.	46	White Catcher	Do	
\$50.	47	James Chambers	Do	411
	48	Tassel Hammer	Do	637
\$50.	49	Daniel R. Gourd	Do	209
\$50.	50	Dry, <i>Nash</i>	Do	582
Dead. \$50.	51	Richard Koon, <i>Coon, no heirs, D.</i>	Do	
	52	Johnson Halfbreed, no bounty		

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"K" Co., 3RD REG.

	1	Thomas Field, no bounty		
	2	Levi Roe	Oct. 30, 1868	873
	3	John Ross	Do	293
	4	French Roe	Do	874
	5	Lewis Quinton	Do	872
	6	Ben Lee	Do	881
	7	Squall Lee	Do	12
Dead.	8	Johnson Lee, \$50, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	9	Alex'n Lee	Do	1,164
	10	Jackson Killer	Do	1,054
	11	Ellis Hoggary	Do	848
	12	Jess Hungry, <i>Nash</i>	Do	441
	13	Jess Feather	Do	728
	14	Jack Doubletooth	Do	245
Dead.	15	Phillip Daniel, D.	Do	
	16	Duck Draper, D.	Do	Paid.
	17	Frank Consene	Do	6
	18	Bear Poor Charley	Do	1,010
	19	Jackson Brewer	Do	1,055
	20	David Blackbird	Do	
	21	Harry Buffington, <i>Nash</i>	Do	583

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"K" Co., 3RD REG.

	22	Jack Smith, no bounty		
	23	Bendabout	Oct. 30, 1868	825
	24	Chumlusky Bill, <i>Nash</i>	Do	584
	25	Squirrel Bill, <i>Nash</i>	Do	535
	26	July Away	Do	124
Dead. \$40.	27	Doublehead Adam, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	28	Jackson Housebury, D. S.	Do	Paid.
	29	George Water	Do	109
\$40. Dead.	30	Stephen Mose, D.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	31	John Tulsey	Do	635
	32	Naked Head	Do	636
	33	Bind Bunches, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	312
	34	Tanna Vann	Do	8
	35	Eaprum Umphris	Do	61
	36	Tos-ke-ka-Shooter	Do	1,119
\$40. Dead.	37	Johnson Terrapin, D.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	38	Feather Tontee	Do	1,160
	39	Sow Taker	Do	1,049
	40	Joseph Swimmer, 2nd	Do	725
\$40. Dead.	41	John Swimmer, D. S.	Do	C. O. I. A.
	42	Chicken Roost	Do	1,028

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"K," 3RD REG.

	43	Rabbit Bunches	Dec. 17, 1868	1,261
	44	Ben Water	aa	857
Ross.	45	James Cockrum, <i>Ross</i>	aa	453
		James Vann, no bounty		

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"L," 3RD REGIMENT.

	1	Nelson Fareman	Oct. 30, 1868	1,064
	2	Lewis Blackwood	Do	291
	3	James R. Hendricks	Do	926
	4	Jackson Englaud	Do	1,231
	5	James Downing	Do	1,223
	6	Rider Acorn	Do	373
	7	Ned Bull Frog	Do	954
	8	Reader Beaver	Do	217
	9	Pigeon Lit	Do	910
	10	Ezekiel Proctor	Do	947
	11	Thomas Walkingstick	Do	879
	12	Yellow Hammer Walker	Do	948
	13	Alex'n Mixed Water	Do	949
	14	John Jackson Wilden	Do	877
	15	Johnson Proctor, <i>Nash</i>	Do	586
	16	Looney Townsend	Do	13
<i>Dead.</i>	17	Hammer Thrower, D. S.	Do	
	18	Otter Scraper	Do	1,224
	19	Senica Squirrel	Do	
	20	George Still	Do	794
	21	Solomon Townsend, <i>Nash</i>	aa	587

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"L" Co., 3RD REG.

	22	Thomas Soosakee	Oct. 30, 1868	352
	23	James Still	Do	790
	24	Dollar Stinging	Do	847
	25	Samuel Still	Do	651
	26	Aaron Crittenden	Do	1,021
	27	Joseph Hendricks	Do	834
	28	Abot Downing	Do	906
	29	Young Bird Henry, <i>Nash</i>	Do	588
	30	Willis Hendricks	Do	250
	31	Samuel Six Killer	Do	929
	32	Young Duck Sundy	Do	634
	33	John Tharnton	Do	805
	34	William Hendricks	Do	631
	35	John Hendricks	Do	833
	36	James Chambers	Do	940
	37	Jefferson Tickaweesty	Dec. 17, 1868	653
	38	Taylor Six Killer	Do	952
	39	Ellis Wagner	Do	846
<i>Dead.</i>	40	John Ross, D	Do	Paid.
	41	Benjamin K. Hayne	Do	650
\$50.	42	Thomas Soap	Jan. 7, 1869	
\$50.	43	Larking Four Killer	Jan. 7, 1869	1,179

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"L" Co., 3RD REG.

	44	Frog Six Killer	Oct. 30, 1868	950
	45	Soldier Six Killer	Do	951
	46	Thomas Hendricks	Do	632

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"M" Co., 3RD REG.

	1	Gutter	Oct. 30, 1868	
	2	Phillip Israel	Do	284
	3	Jim Johnson	Do	1,244
	4	Joshua Terapin	Do	189
	5	William Flute, <i>Nash</i>	Do	589
	6	John Flute	Do	681
	7	Mose Taylor	Do	57
	8	Joseph Turkey, <i>Nash</i>	Do	429
	9	Johnson	Do	628
	10	Dave Jackson, <i>Ross</i>	Do	454
	11	Tom Bull	Do	
Dead.	12	Ben Blackfoot, D	Do	Paid.
	13	George Archie, [<i>Nash</i>]	Do	885
	14	Drunkard	Do	<i>P'd.</i>
Dead.	15	Hatchet Fisher, D	Do	Paid.
	16	Young Bird	Do	630
	17	John Ice	Do	97
	18	Tom Swimmer	Do	257
	19	William Criptel	Do	54
Dead.	20	Alick Martin, \$40	Do	C. O. I. A.
	21	Jesse Paris	Do	280

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"M" Co., 3RD REG.

	22	Dave Duval	Oct. 30, 1868	166
	23	Turner Pigeon, <i>Nash</i>	Do	590
	24	Peter Passon	Do	181
	25	John Passon	Do	110
Dead.	26	George Musgrove, <i>p'd by Ross</i>	Do	331
	27	Jackson Martin, D	Do	Paid.
	28	Lock Morten, <i>Nash</i>	Do	591
	29	Ka-lo-ye-to	Do	629
Dead.	30	Jessey, D	Do	Paid.
Dead.	31	Isaac Fisher, D. S., <i>no heirs</i>	Do	<i>Dead.</i>
	32	Jesse Foreman	Do	52
	33	Washburn	Dec. 17, 1868	674
	34	John White	Do	299
	35	Jo Bryant	Do	798
	36	William Martier	Jan. 26, 1869	671
	37	Walkabout Henry		1,284
	38	Jeff Tilla		

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"A" Co., 1ST REG.

	1	Tal-mo-giv-ha-gob		
	2	A-ha-llk-if-fore-ka		
	3	Ah-ha-loc-a-ho-la		
	4	Ce-say-gil		
	5	Co-ac-co-che, <i>m</i>		
	6	Cho-che-ma-ta		
	7	Cho-e-la		
	8	Fas-la-goh		
	9	Fah-yak-ne-ho-lab		
	10	Hor-ne-ho-yeh		
	11	Hen-ne-hi-ma-rah		
	12	Ho-tul-ke-mal-lak		
	13	Ho-tul-ke-fix-o-koh		
	14	Ko-me-ha-goh		
	15	Lister		
	16	Mah-lles-sseh		
	17	No-pai-pai-geh		
	18	No-ko-se-lee		
	19	Oh-le-pe-sa-ha-goh		
	20	Pa-la-ge-ha-go		
	21	Pa-lase-ha-go, <i>m</i>		
	22	Pa-lie-hay-yet		

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A Co., 1ST REG.

	No-co-fix-e-co	Father.	
	Char-cher-mik-ko	Father.	C. O. I. A.
	Sime-hai-kee	Widow.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	No-co-se-le-hen-jo	Father.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	Lup-ho-ker	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Cinta	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	Nancy	Wid.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	Nancy Marshall	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Salley	Do	C. O. I. A.
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	J. W. D	Do	
	J. W. D	Do	
	J. W. D	Do	
	Chow-ho-hee	Mother.	
	Oe-cot-ha-jo	Father.	Deserter.

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"A" Co., 1ST REG.

	Te-he-lla-theh		
	Ya-se-coh-ha-go		
	Wat-k-ko-fix-se-koh		

95

"A" Co., 1ST REG.

	Le-wah-kok-te	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	Robert	Son.	

96

"B" Co., 1ST REG.

	1 Ko-nok-ko-chee		
	2 Cho-cot-bee-yo		
	3 Ah-be-ga-has-go		
	4 Che-pa-na		
	5 Cot-tro-chee		
	6 No-has fix-se-ko		
	7 Oge-jup-ko		
	8 Ske-chum-na		
	9 Pah-lee		
	10 Tack-a-lou-ga		
	11 Fus-ha-jo ; sister was last claimant ; bad		
	[12] [Johnson]	[2 bts.]	

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"B" Co., 1ST REG.

	Fus-hutch-che	Gd.	
	Isse-he-ha-ha	Do	
	J. W. D	Do	
	Co-ac-co-ge	Do	
	Nanny	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Mul-ka-buck-a	Gd.	
	Hock-touch-e	Wid.	
	Lap-pil-ee	Gd.	
	Sototch	Heirs.	
	Scipio Barnett	Gd.	
	Sealy; <i>mother was sick when claim was made out.</i>	Mo.	[C.O.I.A.]

98

"C" Co., 1ST REG.

	1 Co-wet-a-ha-go		
	2 Billy		
	3 Book		
	4 Co-sur-fix-se-co		
	5 E-mart-la-ha-go		
	6 Ich-har-se-yar-ho-ler		
	7 Jack		
	8 Mik-ke-martler		
	9 Hor-man		
	10 Pin-ne-mart-ler, <i>m</i>		
	11 John Steadhim		
	12 Tim-is-che-chee		
	13 Thussie-ca-ha-jo		
	14 Man-not-tee		
	15 A-lok-ya-ho-la		
	16		

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"C" Co., 1ST REG.

\$100.	Susey	Wid.	
	Co-no-ha-zo	Father:	
	Dolly Book	Mother.	
	Sie-gin-nah	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	[Yalker] John Harrison, <i>dead</i> , \$100	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Lookey Magilbra	Gd.	
	Rachel Yarcher	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Co-nip-e-mart-ler	Gd.	
	Sally	Wid.	
	Jok-kos-e-ko	Father.	
	Sampson Steadhim	Father.	C. O. I. A.
	Hime-see	Wid.	
	J-yo-be	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Es-par-na-ha-jo	Father.	
	Sally	Wid.	C. O. I. A.

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D Co., 1ST REG.

1	Bob Grayson.....		
2	George.....		
3	Kat-cof-fa-la-rah.....		
4	Hal-lok-to-me-mar-rih.....		
5	Ak-ta-yah-a-mar-ret.....		
6	At-ta-ya-ho-lat.....		
7	Al-lust-e-fix-e-ko.....		
8	Co-mon-che.....		
9	Co-wat-co-ge-ha-jo.....		
10	Es-fa-na-hop-pa-yeh.....		
11	Fas-lut-ce-ha-coh.....		
12	Farner.....		
13	Gaio-la-ha-jo.....		
14	Hel-lis-fix-se-ko.....		
15	Hen-nuch.....		
16	Hok-ke-les-hop-ha-he-rah.....		
17	Is-lar-tis-che.....		
18	John.....		
19	John-neh.....		
20	Kot-cus-ha-coh.....		
21	Ko-muth-ha-jo.....		
[22]	[Ko-neh-ha-jo,] e 1 filed.....		

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D Co., 1ST REG.

	Lucinda Grayson.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Sally.....	Mo.	
	Ann.....	Mo.	
	Cah-le-kee.....	Wid.	
	J. W. D.....	Gd.	
	Kin-tah.....	Wid.	
	J. W. D.....	Gd.	
	Ne-ha-ya-ho-la.....	Father.	
	Mutter-chur.....	Wid.	
	Maper.....	Do	
	It-cut-ha-jo.....	Gd.	
	Sal-low-na.....	Mo.	
	J. W. D.....	Gd.	
	J. W. D.....	Do.	
	No-sa.....	Mo.	
	Lou-we-sa.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Ma-na-che-k.....	Mo.	
	Tick-se-ho-la.....	Do.	
	J. W. D.....	Gd.	
	J. W. D.....	Do.	
	J. W. D.....	Do.	
	[Yah-nee].....	[Wid.]	[C. O. I. A.]

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"D" Co., 1ST REG.

23	Kupte.....		
24	Long Sam.....		
25	Mek-ko-ya-hol-lah.....		
26	Me-hit-ces-ka-ha-coh.....		
27	Nak-kas-hats-ceh.....		
28	Ok-ca-ye-ne-ha-rok-k.....		
29	Re-ca-ne-ha-coh.....		
30	Willis.....		
31	Ya-ko-se-fix-se-ko.....		
32	Ya-ha-e-mar-rests-ceh.....		

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D Co., 1ST REG.

	J. W. D	Gd.	
	O-such-ha-jo	Gd.	
	[Ne-ha-cloe-co-chip-co]	[Father.]	
	Co-ti-che	(Minor, 11 y'rs.)	
	Al-pat-ta-ha-jo	(Guardian.)	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	Tiffey	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Cho-kiffer	Do	
	Me-wa-ki	Do	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	It-cat-ha-jo	Do	
	It-cut-ha-jo	Do	
	Sa-ne	Mo.	C. O. I. A.
	<i>Make out none for guardians.</i>		

104

"E" Co., 1ST REG.

C. O. I. A.	1	[An-har-lue-gar-hallar;] <i>filed</i>	
	2	No-cos-fix-se-koh	
	3	A-hah-tak-fix-e-ko	
	4	Corney Timothy	
	5	Chis-ki-lik-hal-ye-chee	
	6	Her-kee-alies Hay-key	
	7	James Harrison	
	8	Kos-le-teize	
	9	Harry McIntosh	
	10	Pen-hats-yo, No. 2, <i>m</i>	
	11	Sam	
	12	Te-wallis-chee	
	13	[Wild Cat;] <i>filed</i>	
	14	Wan-keh	
	15	Tof-kee	
	16	Ar-tus-se-ma-lar	
	17	[Carts-che-hur-nue-ko;] <i>bad</i>	
	18		

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"E" Co., 1ST REG.

		[Tilda, \$100]	[Wid.]	C. O. I. A.
		Tel-mo-chas-mie-co	Gd.	
		Wiekey	Mo.	
		Joseph Corney	Father.	
		Much-i-ki-ia-yer	Mo.	
		Is-fia-ger	Wid.	
		Sarah	Mo.	
		Wiekey	Do	
Molly.		Roady McIntosh	Do	C. O. I. A.
		[Simpson Grayson]	Gd.	
		Sar-nee	Mo.	
<i>Disallowed.</i>		E-mart-ler-ha-jo	Gd.	
		[Molly]	[Wid.]	C. O. I. A.
		Ista-he-ye	Mo.	
		Ne-ha-mie-co	Father.	
		Si-mar-ta	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
		[En-fitta: <i>bad</i>]	[Wid.]	

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F Co., 1st REG.

1	So-ho-yo		
2	Billy Hogan		
3	Tus-ta-mik-hut-ke		
4	So-fix-se-ko		
5	Ah-bi-ak-ha-zo		
6	Ge-Bainey, <i>no heirs</i>		
7	Jackson Conrad		
8	So-kat-ha-yo		
9	Stuart		
10	Tim-me		
11	Tot-ka-ha-se		
12	Wax-se-ha-jo		
13	No-co-se-ah-ho-la		
14	Ko-ot-see		
15			

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"F" Co., 1st REG.

	Par-hos-fix-se-ko	Gd.	
	Sos-ko-kee	Do	
	Sen-lo-war	Wid.	
	Un-cla-we	Do	
	Mas-hoi-e	Do	
	Ya-ha	Gd.	
	Martha Rogers	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Ok-te-co-chok-one	Wid.	
	Looskey	Do	
	Kah-la-neh	Do	
	De-la-ko-gee	Do	
	Ma-que-a-gue	Do	
	Fce-nee	Do	
	Te-th-lic-ke	Do	C. O. I. A.

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"G" Co., 1st REG.

1	Hin-ne-ho-gub-ko		
2	Echo-e-la-fix-e-ko		
3	Pas-lof-ha-zo		
4	Ep-pi-k-keh		
5	Fush-nitch-e-fix-e-ko		
6	Hin-ne-ho-chee, 2nd		
7	Io-la-fix-e-ko		
8	Io-ha-zo		
9	Jack Hawkins		
10	Jo-waste-ya-hol-lak		
11	Ko-se-fix-e-ko		
12	Sit-tif-ha-zo		
13	Mus-ker-chee		
14	Ha-ber-che-ha-jo		
15	No-kus-fix-e-ko, No. 2		
16	Ne-ha-ha-zo		
17	Ho-kus-ya-ho-la		
18	Ho-kus-me-ko		
19	Ho-kus-hutch-see		
20	Ose-ah-ho-la		
21	Och-ees-ha-zo		

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"G" Co., 1ST REG.

	Sahr	Wid.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	J. W. D	Do	
	Pa-ta-ho-la	Do	
	J. W. D	Do	
	J. W. D	Do	
	J. W. D	Do	
	J. W. D	Do	
	Lizzie	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Sol-tark-hark-kee	Wid.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	<i>Child's name is Betsy—9 years old.</i>		
	Sit-tee	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	To-cus-ka-jo	Gd.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	No-co-silla	Father.	
	Mis-teh-a-kee	Wid.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	Ko-nip-e-mar-ler	Father.	
	Tim-nock-ho-ye		
	Tuck-wee-hick-chee	Wid.	C. O. I. A.

110

"G" Co., 1ST REG.

22	Ok-ta-che-mat-la		
23	Rock-kos-ko-ne-rah		
24	Sasse-see		
25	Sam-meh		
26	Tar-bic-see		
27	Taf-utch-ka		
28	Thoe-ya-lic-chee, <i>is not on the rolls</i>		
29	Yah-tee		
30	Ya-ha-ha-yo		
31	Ya-cho-lic-cha		

111

"G" Co., 1ST REG.

	Min-na-ti-chee	Mother.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	J. W. D	Do	
	Lizzie	Mother.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	Betsy	Mother.	
	Sar-ho-nee	Do	
	Ne-co-silla	Father.	
	Jefferson	Gd.	
	Ka-pu	Mother.	

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"H" Co., 1st REG.

	1	Kan-tella-ha-zoh		
	2	Go-was-ta-ye-mek-ko		
	3	Sem-me-po-wa-ze		
	4	Tom-ma-ha-joh, No. 3		
	5	Ali-ha-ble-ma-lah		
	6	Ak-ta-ya-ge-ha-yoh		
	7	Fol-lat-teh		
	8	Go-e-ka-ha-yoh		
	9	Ge-lok-ka-ha-yoh		
	10	Go-fal-lup-fix-e-co		
	11	Kap-ne-mek-ko	No heirs.	
	12	Ko-neh		
	13	Ka-gi-fix-e-ko		
	14	Ne-or-ha-yoh		
	15	Pa-has-fix-e-ko	Betsy mother.	
	16	Reed Joseph		
	17	Se-te-ha-yah		
	18	Wa-sen-tah		
	19	Ka[h]-pek-ge-he-goh		
	20	Ho-meh		

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"H" Co., 1st REG.

		Fick-lum-mi-gee	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Nelly	Do	
		Fow-we-che	Do	C. O. I. A.
		Lo-kil-ha-jo		
		J. W. D	Gd.	
		Som-me-hose	Mother.	
		Co-tow-se	Gd.	
		Mas-se-ho-ko	Do	
<i>Of the Kiat.</i>		He-ah	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Co-tow-see	Do	C. O. I. A.
		Lo-ar-kay	Do.; is dead.	
		Louisa	Do	C. O. I. A.
		J. W. D	Gd.	
<i>Living.</i>		Keen-sah	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Oche-ye-ho-la	Father is dead.	
		Mounday Jurant	Gd.	
		Me-hil-ho-yeh	Mother.	
		So-fa-lok-kee	Do	
		Ish-chim-bah	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Cat-si-ah-To-holo	Father.	C. O. I. A.

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"I" Co., 1st REG.

	1	Os-sot-hat-shut-go		
	2	E-mar-tlo-che		
	3	Ah-pe-kar-fix-se-ko, m.		
	4	Alik		
	5	Col-leh		
	6	Ena-him-e-ha		
	7	Fo-ke-lo-ke		
	8	Isaac, m.		
	9	Jackson		
	10	Jo-la-fix-se-ko		
	11	Ko-ha-se-mar-tald		
	12	Tom-meh		
	13	Wat-se-ha-jo		
	14	John Walker		
	15	Washington		
	16	Tul-y-tus-ta-neggee		
			Child dead.	

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"I" Co., 1st REG.

[Dinah.]	Que-lis-sah	Gd.	Worthless.	
	Ho-tul-ka-ya-ho-la	Do		
	So-hul-kee	Wid.		
	[Tsa-tsa-ki, mother]	[Gd.]		
	To-foo-lee-chee	Mother.		
	Kolme-ha-jo	Gd.		
	Ne-ho-mak-te	Father.		
	Rhiner	Mother.		
	Jenny Jackson	Wid.		
	Eliza	Do		C. O. I. A.
	Kissoo, <i>dead</i>	Do		
	Adam	Gd.		
	Milla	Wid.		C. O. I. A.
Pin-sa	Mother.			
Wattie	Gd.			
Haffer Poor	Wid.			

116

"K" Co., 1st REG.

1	Jack Barnett		
2	Isaac		
3	Tim-my		
4	He-le-in-ta		
5	Car-cah-pa-na		
6	Spinna		
7	Ah-peh-her-ner		
8	Ke-ler-ver		
9	Pisser		
10	Ka-sac-co-ta-na		
11	Co-ke-thla-na		
12	Sum-p-ke		
13	Toh-gah-to-na		
14	Charles Clinton		
15	Con-pah-pah-na		
16	Tah-con-thla		
17	James Johnson		
18	Char-co-ke-we. Rejected; not on rolls		
19	De co chos na. <i>L. O. G.</i>		
20	Wm. Barnett		

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"K" Co., 1st REG.

\$100.	La-char-Barnett	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	Ann Brown	Wid.	
	Wiley	Gd.	
	Susee, &c	Gd.	
	John Sheah, \$100	Gd.	
	Pok of lash-Sponna	Wid.	
	Nen-sen-nee	Wid.	
	Ks-ko-thlo-na	Wid.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
	Wa-te-thla	Mother.	
	Sa-con-we	Father.	
	Ho-stee-ta-she	Wid.	
	J. W. D., John Birch	Gd.	
	Winna	Mother.	
	(Conwee) Tah-pau-ah-ony, Mother	Father is dead.	
	Charles Brown	Do	
Pa-con-thla	Wid.	C. O. I. A.	
Kitty Char co ki we	Wid.		
Prince	Gd.		

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"A" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Hungry		
	2	Ah-yeh-too-kah		
	3	Ska-ya-chah		
	4	Jack Walkingstick		
	5	Joe Wilson		
	6	Robert Peel		
	7	Shade		
	8	George Hall		
	9	West Beamer	c	
	10	Swimmer		
	11	Dick Little		
	12	Small Dirt Pot		
	13	White Path Jug		
	[14]	[Track Staton]		
	15	Charles Bootes		<i>Disallowed.</i>

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"A" Co., 2ND REG.

		Tawsal	Gd.	
		Nelly Peak	Do	
		John Big Leg	Do	
		Little John	Do	
Dead.		Nannie Wilson	Daughter.	
		Jane Wilson, 25 June, '69	Wid.	
		Katy Peel	Do	
		Oo-her-wo-stul	Gd.	
		Milly Hall	Do	
		<i>Rose Black Bird, [Betsy Beamer,] dead.</i>	[Wid.] Gd.	
\$100.		<i>[Akey,] dead, \$100; Sackinny Christie.</i>	Gd. [Do]	C. O. I. A.
		Peggy Dick	Do	
		Arley small dirt pot, &c	Children.	
<i>Ask for dis.</i>		Katy White Path Jug	Wid.	
		[Jane Stinton]	[Wid.]	
<i>Do</i>		Anna Bootes	<i>Not on rolls.</i>	
			Wid.	

120

"B" Co., 2ND REGIMENT.

	1	Asike		
	2	Ja-ne-se-ne-galir-no-kis-ki		
	3	At-to-la-he-osti		
	4	Cah-no-no		
	5	Chu-saw-luntes		
	6	Moses Brown		
	7	Oo-wah-ha-sa-hi, <i>deserter</i>		
	8	Te-coo-te-ski		
	9	Te-cee-ne-e-ski-oosti		
	10	Wilson Drum		
	11	Wah-yah-gro-loo-ne		
	12	Oo-ga-da-ga-the		

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121

"B" Co., 2ND REG.

<i>Bad.</i>	Warlisy	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Nancy Johnson	Do	
<i>No bounty.</i>	Chee-squah-ne-gol-la.....	Do	
	Jackson Bullfrog	Gd.	
	Nancy	Wid.	
	Anna Brown	Mother.	
	[Sally] Walker Deer-head.....	Gd.	
	Dalsa	Wid.	
	Betsey	Do	
	Estu-Dau-Drum	Do	
Chee-co-na-la	Do		
Jinnie.....	Do		

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"C" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Starr Squirrell		
	2	Packing ham		
	3	David Harris		
	4	Jim Benge		
	5	David Miller		
	6	Cheo-he-sa-tah	L. O. G.	
	7	James Height		
	8	Watts Johnson		
	9	Stephen		
	10	Ned Wicked		
	11	James Dirt Seller	Bad.	
	12	Studd	Bad.	

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"C" Co., 2ND REG.

<i>Played out.</i>	}	Peggy Wilson	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
		Sarah Terapin	Do	
		John Big Leg	Do	
		Betsy Benge	Mother.	
		Jane Miller	Do	
		Dick	Gd.	
		War-le-yroker	Wid.	
		Betsy Watts	Do	
		Awee	Do	
		Oo-tah-ye-Wicked	Do	
		Aun	Wid.	
		<i>No bounty.</i>	Nancy.....	

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"D" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Lacy Wilson	
	2	Tra-ga-no-sah	
	3	Going to Mill	
	4	William Bird Chopper	
	5	Watt	
	6	Stephen Oo-l-sto	
	7	Crawler Dick	
	8	Whaler	
	9	Crawler	
	10	Washington Raincrow	
	11	Samuel	
	12	Runabout	
	13	Pelican	
	14	Shepaw	
	15	John Raincrow	

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"D" Co., 2ND REG.

<i>P'd by Agent.</i>	Peggy Wilson	Wid.	
	Ca-lee-kee	Do	
	Kut-to-cloy-ye	Do	
	Michael Carey, dead	Gd.	
	[Andrew Crittenden]		
	Arley Watt	Wid.	
	Leaves on the tree	Father.	
	Betsy Crawler	Mother.	
	Liddy Downing	Gd.	
	Betsy Crawler	Wid.	
	Rachel Raincrow	Mother.	
	Stee-kee-kee	Father.	
	Chee-coo-wee	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Betsy Sanders, \$100	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
Cullookce	Do	C. O. I. A.	
Rachel Raincrow	Wid.		

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"E" Co., 2ND REG.

1	Robertson Water		
2	James West		
3	David Hendrick		
4	William Walker		
5	Jack Woodward	m	
6	Richard McCullar		
7	John M. Riley		
8	George Tieska		
9	William Vickerry		
10	John Foster		
11	Ross Adair		
12	War Eagle		
13	Che-chu-nah-tah		

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E Co., 2ND REG.

<i>Mo. Nancy West.</i>	Susan Robertson	Wid.	
	Rufus West	Father.	C. O. I. A.
	Jaue Hendricks	Wid.	
	Sarah Walker	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Lizzie Woodward	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Mary Miller	Mother.	
	Nancy Riley	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Cathrine Tieska	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Eliza Vickering	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Nancy Six Killer	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Mary Gage	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Sarah Eagle	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Chu-ne-que	Father.	

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F Co., 2ND REG.

1	Johnson.....		
2	Oo-sar-lar-ner-her		
3	A-hun-chee		
4	Canoe Arch		
5	Cal-yo-lee		
6	Cak-lower-has-key		
7	Jusk-iy-oyee		
8	Squirrel Ground		
9	Tass Moses		
10	Ash Hopper		
11	Clerk		
12	E-Genge		
13	Key Dougherty		
14	Tucah-loges-kie		
15	Lovitt		
16	Henry Vann.....		
17	Bob Lowrie		
18	Tah-yo-la-la-neer		
19	Wah-who-who		
20	Torn-corn-silk.....		
21	Judge Glass		
22	Eli Lowrie		

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"F" Co., 2ND REG.

Dead. \$100.	Betsy Stooper Tree	Gd.	
	Nancy Johnson, \$100.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Uc-ter-yah	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Osi Saunders, \$100.....	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	Lansy Canoe	Wid.	
	Lansee Canoe	Gd.	
	Lydia Swimmer	Do	
	Asley Harris.....	Mother.	
	Lansy Canoe	Do	
	Darkey	Do	
	Betsy Hopper.....	Do	
	Alsa Bear	Do	
	Nakey E. Genge	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Jenny Dougherty.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Lucy Dougherty.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Patsy Lovitt	Do	
	Susan Vann	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Fanny Lowrie.....	Mother.	
	Betsy	Wid.	
	Akee	Do	
Peggy Cornsilk.....	Do		
Nelly Glass.....	Do	C. O. I. A.	
Milly Lowrie. See page 182	Do	C. O. I. A.	

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"G" Co., 2ND REG.

1	Dry Water		
2	John Young Chicken.....		
3	Tiger		
4	Go Back		
5	Long Starr		
6	Ca-na-wa-sa-ski		
7	Daniel Ross		
8	Charles Big Drum		
9	Edward Lee.....		
10	Nu-cher-wi		
11	Tal-ker		
12	Oo-ls-too	<i>Disallowed.</i>	
13	Oo-cah-sit		

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"G" Co., 2ND REG.

L. O. G.	Betsy Dry	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Iua-li-uke	Mother.	
	Sally Tiger	Wid.	
	Chut-so-lar-ter	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	Warle-Long Starr	Wid.	
	Anna Brown	Do	
	Naomi Ross	Do	
	Ester Weldridge	Child.	
	Betsy Matoy	Wid.	
	J. W. D	Gd.	
Katty Gritts, <i>disallowed</i>	Gd.		
Anna Oo-ls-too	Wid.		
Gull-oo-ky	Mother.		

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"H" Co., 2ND REG.

1	Wilson Silver Smith	Aug. 18.
2	Clay Wash	
3	Dick Leach	
4	Did apple Edward	
5	Hog Shooter	
6	Isaac Jeffrey	
7	Nicholas Scrapper	
8	Path Smoke	
9	O-sa-ne-John Sooty	
10	Leaf Peligan	
11	Fleetwood Charles	
12	Oo-saw-we	
13	Dah-yah-yah	
14	Johnson Springson, <i>m</i>	
15	Lacy Sim Mons	
16	Dry Hunter	

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"H" Co., 2ND REG.

\$100.	Aga Wilson	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Caw-lee-tesa, \$100	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Polly Leach		
	Standy Water	Father.	
	Kesa	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Oo-kur-yarster	Wid.	
	Ta-ka Nicholson		
	Lureasa Path		
	Susannah po Sooty		
	Louisa Pelican		
	Lucinda Fleetwood	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Ona-Lay-oke		
	Anna	Wid.	
	Sarah Springston	Mo.	
	Waliny Sim Mons	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Peter Hunter et al.	Gd.	

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134

"I" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	Ga-na-ga	
	2	Thirsty Tiger	
	3	Bird Turner	
	4	Beaver Leach	
	5	Crawling Humming Bird	
	6	Cockrane Wind	
	7	Dog Little	
	8	Falling John	
	9	Henry John	
	10	Rooster Jefferson	
	11	Skah-gin-nee	
	12	Welt	
	13	Walker Nicholas	
	14	Welsh John	
	15	Bear Sweet Bee	
	16	Davidson	
	17	Howling Wolf	
	18	O-lee-nec-nah	
	19	Os-on-we-Back	
	20	Charles Fleetwood	
	21	John Dick	

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"I" Co., 2D REG.

		Akee	Wid.
		Catie Vann, gd. (Dirt Thrower Tiger)	
		Betsy Sniike	Wid.
		Gah-de-way	Do
		Selah Leach	Do
<i>L. O. G.</i>		Lydia Humming Bird	Gd.
		Akey Cockrane	Wid.
		Cha-wa-you-kah	Mother.
		Susan Falling	Wid.
		George Beamer	Gd.
		Wati-ie	Mother.
		Annie Hanye	Wid.
		Susee	Do
		Susannah Tuckeater	Gd.
		Young Welsh	Wid.
		Sally	Do
		Cha-ym-lim-tah	Wid.
		Ezekiel Blackfoot	Do
		Guv-da-kee	Do
		Wal-e-wa-ka	Do
<i>Ask for dis.</i>		Lucinda Fleetwood	Do
		Martha Israel	Gd.

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"K" Co., 2ND REG.

	1	O-dar-ne-gor-der	
	2	O-yo-dla	
	3	John Davis	
	4	O-let-no-ti-ski	
	5	Go-ne-cher-squa-le	
	6	George Starr	
	7	Sam Sharp	
	8	Ske-ne-yah	
	[9]	[Wa-ka-ko]	
	10	Wilson-Ter-gi-ski	
	11	Young Wolf	
	12	Young Duck	
		Isaac Hawk	

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"K" Co., 2ND REG.

	John Ko-lar-we.....	Father.	
	Oo-sti-yo.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	A-ta-chi-ta.....	Do	
	Betsy O-ler-no-ti-ski.....	Do	
	Tah-nee.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Katy Starr.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Misi Sharp.....	Do	
	Too-kah.....	Do	
	[Ti-ynl-see].....		
	Betsy Ter-gi-ski.....	Wid.	
	Sarah.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Elsa Duck.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Nah-ye-see-Hawk.....	Wid.	

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"A" Co., 3RD REG.

	1 Wilson.....		
	2 Ridge.....		
	3 Potatoe.....		
	4 Mike Waters.....		
	5 Joseph Ostilo.....		
	6 Trotting Wolf.....		
	7 Samuel Baldrige.....		
	8 John Vann.....		
	9 Black Bird.....		
	10 James Pristy.....		
	11 Burnt.....		
	12 Ben Wilson.....		
	13 William Bump.....		
	14 Charles Turner.....		
	15 [Lowly Middle Stuker].....		
	16 Musk Mellon Stand.....		
	17 Knob.....		
	18 Hammer.....		
	19 Hickory.....		§85.
	20 Every Sort.....		
	21 Head Terrapin.....	E. O. G.	
	22 Waiter.....		

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"A" Co., 3RD REG.

§85.	An-sa-ge.....	Mother.	
	James Glass.....	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	[Smith Christie] <i>Lookee Christie</i>	Gd.	<i>Dead.</i>
	Jenny Wolf.....	Wid.	
	Nancy Ostillo.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Luku Trotting Wolf.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Anna Baldrige.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Joseph Vann.....	Father.	
	Anna Blackbird.....	Mother.	
	Te-car-no-hele-Christie.....	Father.	
	Wah-ne-nor-ki.....	Wid.	
	Nancy Ben Wilson.....	Do	
	Jane Path Killer.....	Gd.	
	Akey.....	Mother.	
	Ca-bu-kah.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Lydia Stand.....	Gd.	
	Money Cryer.....	Gd.	
	Margaret Hammer.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
Martin.	[James Creek].....	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	Nakey Every Sort.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Susannah Peach Eater.....	Gd.	
	Cah-law-nur-ski.....	Wid.	

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"A" Co., 3RD REG.

	Tucker Joseph.....		
	Shave Head James, m.....		
	Clay, More.....		
	Charles Bear Paw.....		
	Moses Vaun.....		
	Samuel Killerworth.....		
	Joseph.....		
	Red Ellis.....		
	Samuel Elias.....		

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"A" Co., 3RD REG.

John Jute, Gd.	Cely Tucker.....	Wid.	
	[Watly Shave Head].....	Do	
	Nancy More.....	Mother.	
	Margaret Bear Paw.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Jane Sukee-kee.....	Gd.	
	Jane Killernith.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Akey.....	Mother.	
	Ca-ho-cah.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Ellen Elias.....	Wid.	
		Wid.	
		Wid.	
		Wid.	
		Wid.	

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"B" Co., 3RD REG.

	1 Tom Gourguan.....		
	2 John Bear.....		
	3 [Red Ellis; see Co. No. 30;] <i>see Co. A</i>		
	4 Martin.....		
	5 Buck Thomas Spike.....		
	6 Flute Joe Reese.....		
	7 Foreman Jack.....		
	8 Good Money Eli.....		
	9 Lying Water.....		
	10 Mush Mellon.....		
	11 Otter Lifter.....		
	12 Water Hunter.....		
	13 Blue.....		
	14 Crying Bear.....		

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"B" Co., 3RD REG.

	Betsy.....	Mother.	
	Ah-gah-uook.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	[Ca-po-kah].....	Do	
	Ag-ge-lo-ke.....	Do	
	Tula-na-sa.....	Do	
	Lydia Reese.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Chee-yan-stah.....	Mother.	
	Chee-na-ye Good Money.....	Widow.	C. O. I. A.
	Money Taylor.....	Father.	C. O. I. A.
	Te-sa-tas-key.....	Do	
	Nani Otter Lifter.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	A-nu-key.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Colonhasky & others.....	Sons, &c.	
	Chick-ka-you-ah.....	Wid.	

[1]	[Joseph Butler,] <i>m</i>	
2	George Adams.....	
3	Buck Eli.....	
4	Butler Judge.....	
5	Char-we-skah.....	
6	Tom Hammer.....	885.
7	Johnson Olaheater, <i>m</i>	
8	Jaybird Raft.....	
9	Lacy William.....	
10	Leach Nick.....	
11	O-wau-soty.....	
12	O-walter-sam.....	
13	Young Puppy.....	
14	Rail Jackson.....	
15	Su-wake-Tou.....	
16	Tobacco pouch Jim.....	
17	Tadpole Crossing.....	
18	Tar-law-sha-Joe.....	
19	Weaver George, <i>m</i>	885.
20	Joseph Butler, <i>m</i>	

	[Hetty Butler].....	[Wid.]	<i>Deserter.</i>
	Lydia Adams.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	George Eli.....	Gd.	
	Nathaniel Fish.....	Gd.	
	Lucy.....	Mother.	
	Lydia Su-wa-kee.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Chee-wa-tah.....	Do	
	Toona Jay Bird.....	Do	
	Peggy Johnson.....	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Sacking.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
<i>Application, &c., from 63, signed by Ta-ka-Hammer.</i>	Nancy Owansoty.....	Do	
	Car-ter-kayer.....	Mother.	
	Ce-ka-ya-puppy.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Frog Six Killer.....	Gd.	
<i>From 63.</i>	Auna Rail.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Lydia Su-wakee.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Charles Tobacco pouch.....	Father.	C. O. I. A.
	Sarah Tadpole.....	Wid.	
<i>Dead.</i>	Lydia Tar-law-sha-Joe.....	Do	
	Stephen David, [Nathaniel Fish] ..	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	Hetty Butler.....	Wid.	

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"D" Co., 3RD REG.

	1	Hammond Thomas.....	
	2	Woodall Robert.....	
	3	Big Talker.....	
	4	Hog George.....	c
	5	Black Haw.....	
	6	Bull Frog.....	c
	7	Big Side John.....	
	8	Downing Alex'n.....	
	9	Downing Dull.....	
	10	Double Jack.....	
	11	Henry Samuel.....	
	12	Kah-ye-skin-he.....	c
	13	Killer Ned.....	
	14	Lifter.....	
	15	Old John.....	c
	16	Sid-a-wa-jo.....	
	17	Sour John William.....	
C. O. I. A.	18	Tucker Dick.....	c
	19	Washington.....	
	20	Black Haw.....	
	21	Rabbit.....	
	22	Dirt Eater.....	c

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"D" Co., 3RD REG.

	Liddy Hammond.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Betsy Woodall.....	Mother.	
	La-to Big Talker.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Betsy Hog.....	Do	
(Claimed by Takey Black Haw, moth- er & guardian.)	Sarah Black Haw.....	Gd.	
	Diana.....	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Jeff Ballew.....	Gd.	
Elisha.	Cockran, [Nancy Downing].....	Wid.	Gd.
	Polly Downing.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Relsar Double.....	Do	Deserter.
Retain \$40 for C. Vann.	Betsy Henry.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	McKever Anna, [Tabquah Dickmer].....	Mother.	
Anne [Tabquah.]	Humming Bird.....	Father.	Dead.
	Anna.....	Mother.	Dead.
	Alsey.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Diana.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Almee.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Nelly Sour John.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Cha-way-on-kah.....	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Anne Tuckiver.....	Do	
	Sarah Black Haw.....	Wid.	
	Anne Tuckiver.....	Mother.	
	Jack Canoe.....	Father.	

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"E" Co., 3RD REG.

1	Sidney Justice.....		
2	Jesse Lastly.....		
3	Serug Bark.....		
4	Bendabout.....		
5	Stealer Josiah.....		
6	Walker John.....		
7	Beans.....		
8	Cade Williams.....		
9	Davis Jesse.....		
10	Emery Peter.....		
11	Hanna.....		
12	Harjo Charles.....		
13	Jumper.....		
14	James.....		
15	Sein George.....		
16	Watt James.....		
17	Waner Jarne.....		
18	Mis-te-la.....		
19	Sickery John..... ^c		
20	Wm. Webber.....		
21	Crawler.....		

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"E" Co., 3RD REG.

	Betsy Justice.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	James Lastly.....	Father.	
	Deer Hunter.....	Gd.	
	Moses Bendabout.....	Do	
	Katy Steele.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Akey Walker.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Teacher Smith.....	Gd.	
	Ailey.....	Do	
<i>c.</i>	Mair-niv-ia-Davis.....	Wid.	
\$85.	Cloud Tick String.....	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	Charltee.....	Father.	
	Poly Harjo.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Nancy Jumper.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
\$85.	Bear Brown.....	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	John Shin.....	Father.	
	Peggy Ski-n-ga.....	Gd.	
	Nancy Waner.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Wa-bi-ya.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Jaue-See-kee-kee.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
<i>Cap.</i>	Margaretta Webber.....	Do	
<i>No bounty.</i>	Katy Crawler.....	Dang.	

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"F" Co., 3RD REG.

1	Drinker Walkingstick		
2	Ave Vann		
3	Israel Sit-cowne		
4	Knight Killer; bad		
5	Rooster George		
6	Duck John		
7	Big Feather Tyler		
8	Brush George		
9	Cornelius		
10	Foster Daniel		
11	An-we-cab-lee		
12	Charles Otter		
13	Charles Timberly	<i>m.</i>	
14	Camp Chicken		
15	Dick Matier		
16	David Canew		
17	Diver Harris		
18	Elis Nathaniel	<i>c.</i>	
19	Hoop-in-see-cab-we		
20	Hovel Richard		
21	Lowery Squirrel		
22	Sit-ta-wa-ga-Johnson		

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"F" Co., 3RD REG.

	Betsy Walkingstick	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Sally Vann	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Tah-ya-nee	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Diana Killerwith	Do	
	Snsan Rooster	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Mariah Duck	Do	
	Anna Big Feather	Mother.	
	Lizzie Brush	Wid.	
	[Watee,] <i>Gan Cha, dead</i>	[Do] <i>Gd.</i>	
	Sealy Foster	Do	
	Sally Cryer	Do	
	Judge Otter	Gd.	
	Katty	Wid.	
	Chicken Roost	Father.	
	Ellen Ellis	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Cutler Yonce	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Law see	Do	
	Big Ellis	Father.	
	Alla Ellis	Dead.	
	Hollow	Father.	C. O. I. A.
	Nancy Hovel	Wid.	
	Polly Lowery	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Wal-kin-nie	Do	

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"F" Co., 3RD REG.

23	Turner James		
24	Wa-hen-che		
25	Wa-las-key		

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F Co., 3RD REG.

	Tyner	Father.	
	Nancy Wa-han-che	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Arley Wa-las-key	Wid.	C. O. I. A.

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"G" Co., 3RD REG.

1	Grimmet Wm. or Little		
2	Four Killer Hawk		
3	Christy Joesley		
4	Ab-net-sa		
5	Bowlin John		
6	Baldrige Benjamin		
7	Bottom Walker		
8	Catcher Running		
9	Christie William		
10	Doctor		
11	Fields George		
12	Hopper Joseph		
13	Six-Killer John		
14	Sanders Benjamin		
15	Smith George	Form 63 signed.	
16	Shade Johnson		
17	Fire Back		

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"G" Co., 3RD REG.

<i>No day. By Take.</i>	Ahleah Little Grimmet	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Wilson	Gd.	
	Anna Christie	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Oo-cha-lute	Gd.	
	Johnson Bowlin	Father.	
	Sarah Oo-we-die-ka	Mother.	
	Tianee	Wid.	
	Nancy Catcher Running	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Jesse Christie, <i>no heirs.</i>	Father.	<i>Dead.</i>
	Nelly Doctor	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Nancy Chicken Hawk	Mother.	
	Betsy Hopper	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Martha Six Killer	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Nannie Sanders	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Sally Smith	<i>Wid.</i>	<i>Dead.</i>
[Jack Smith]	[Gd.]		
Elizabeth Shade	Wid.	C. O. I. A.	
Lucy Fin Back	Dang.		

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"H" Co., 3RD REG.

1	George Hilderbrand		
2	Jackson Bird		
3	John Walsh		
4	Brown Henry		
5	Back Heavy		
6	Downing Wolf		
7	Elijah		
8	Guskey Johnson		
9	Hoyt Hinman B		
10	Pig-Mike		
11	Smoke		
12	Stop Wassody		
13	Tucker Samuel		
14	Wolfe Crying		

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H Co., 3RD REG.

Wattee.	Liena Hilderbrand	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Jenny Bird	Do *	
	Celia Welsh	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Katey Brown	Mother.	
	[Ner-ka-wa]	[Father.]	C. O. I. A.
	Ellen Starr	Mother.	
	Mother		C. O. I. A.
	[Oo-was-chil-unte]	[Father.]	
	Nakey Elijah	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Charlotte Guskey	Do	
	Luey Keys	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	[Millo Hoyt]	[Father.]	
	Darky Pig Mike	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Lot-tut-ti-ye	Do	
Rutaky Stop	Do	C. O. I. A.	
Nancy Tucker	Do		
Takee	Do		

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"I" Co., 3RD REG.

	1 Samuel Colston		
	2 George Downing		
	3 Hair Nicholas		
	4 Grease		
	5 Bolin Edward		
	6 Crittenden Nick	c.	
	7 Dry Jumper		
	8 Gooseby Joseph	c.	
	9 Henson Grubb		
	10 Morgan Henry		
	11 Osage Jackson, <i>filed</i>	<i>Filed.</i>	
	12 Old		
	13 Poor Boy Samuel		
	14 Proctor James	c.	
	15 Price Joseph		
	16 Rogers Marcellus		
	17 Smoke John		
	18 Swinger Moses		
	19 Walkingstick Samuel		
	20 Worm		
	21 Arnold Jesse		

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"I" Co., 3RD REG.

Sally.	Katy Colston	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
	Polly Downing	Wid.	
	Lucinda Hair	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Kah-ho-kee	Do	
	Catherine Bolin	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Taky [Andy] Crittenden	Mother dead.	
	Leddy Jumping Dry	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Mary Ann Gooseby	Do	
	Robert Creek	Father.	C. O. I. A.
	Patsy Glass	Wid.	
	Arley Osage	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	O-cho-wa	Do	
	Jemiana Poor boy	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Cha-wa-you-kah	Mother.	
Annie.	Sally Price	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Sally Price	Gd.	
G. O. G.	James Shelton	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Anna Swinger	Wid.	
	E-Walkingstick	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Thomas Wilson	Father.	
Thomas Scott	Gd.	C. O. I. A.	

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"K" Co., 3RD REG.

	1	Cole Cully		
	2	Culy Bug	m.	
	3	Peacheater George		
	4	Ellis Harling		
	5	David Consene		
	6	Buffalo Walkabout		
	7	Buffalo Tom		
	8	Bunches Hammer		
	9	Chicken Ned		
	10	Cockrum Watt		
	11	Firethrower Henderson		
	12	Fish Watt		
	13	Hicks George		
	14	Killer Lowly		
	15	Liver Ave		
	16	Legg John	m.	
	17	Muskrat William		
	18	Watt Spade		
	19	Otterlitter David		
	20	Shooter Strike Shin		
	[21]	[Toutisky Shakerbush]		[Pay to widow.]

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"K" Co., 3RD REG.

		Susan Cole Cully	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Susy Cooley	Mother.	
		Walisa Peacheater	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Jane Harlan	Do	C. O. I. A.
		Charlotte Conseene	Do	C. O. I. A.
		Lydia Walkabout	Do	C. O. I. A.
		Lydia Walkabout	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
		Anna Bunches Hammer	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Darkee	Do	
		Lydia Cockrum	Do	C. O. I. A.
		Watty Firethrower	Gd.	
		Ta-chu-Fog	Do	
		Leaves on the tree	Father.	C. O. I. A.
		Mariah Lowly	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Sally Liver	Do	C. O. I. A.
		<i>Susan Kulle sco we</i>		
		[Oo-squah-luke]	Gd.	
		Ah-gnom-sa	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
L. O. G.		Tom Spade	Gd.	
		Tutie	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
		Tulesky Shooter	Gd.	
[Fanny.]		[Sarah Oowe dilka]	[Mother.]	

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"K" Co., 3RD REG.

	21	Scunta Dryhead		
	22	Shakinbush Fonisky		
	23	Thrower Chickasaw		
	24	Talisky Shine		
	25	Deer in the Water		
	26	John Wolf		

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"K" Co., 3RD REG.

Deserter.	Lucinda Dryhead	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Sarah Oo-we-dilka	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Sarah Chickasaw	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Ellen Shine	Do	
	De-ta-key-as-ke	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Elika Nettletoter	Gd.	

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"L" Co., 3RD REG.

	1 Acorn Writer		
	2 Poor Boy		
	3 Cummings Ned	<i>m.</i>	
	4 Drager Osa	<i>m.</i>	
	5 Henry Bushyhead		
	6 Humming Bird Wm.		
	7 Long Eli		
	8 Looking out Ned	<i>m.</i>	
	9 Rock Jackson		
	10 Sanders Archibald		
	11 Six Killer Opossum		
	12 Thornton Wm. B.		
	13 Thornton Stephen		
	14 Woodall Andrew		
	15 Johnson Going wolf		<i>Paid twice.</i>

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"L" Co., 3RD REG.

	Sarah Acorn	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Elly Poor Boy	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Sally Cummings	Mother.	
	Aking Dragger	Wid.	
	Diana Bushyhead	Do	
	Daniel Webster	Gd.	
	Nake Long	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Rachel Looking out	Do	
	Betsy Hog	Mother.	
	Lucinda Still Sanders	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Chaw-ay-ouka	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Mary Ann Thornton	Do	C. O. I. A.
	W. G. Thornton	Father.	C. O. I. A.
	Margaret Woodall	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Sarah Going Wolf	Wid.	

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"M" Co., 3RD REG.

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	1 Catching Sunday		
	2 James Beavertail	<i>m.</i>	
	3 Mitchell Williams		Feb. 23.
	4 Barrow Jack		
	5 Banjo Ned is played out		
	6 Conseene Dave		
	7 Crawler		
	8 Ca-sa-la-na		
	9 Christie Jim	<i>c.</i>	
	10 Downing Lewis		
	11 Fields Jim		
	12 Hicks Sam; paid by Ross to wid		
	13 Pike John		
	14 Passon Stephen		
	15 Pigeon		
	16 Puller David		
	Thomas Sanders	<i>m.</i>	

<i>From 63.</i>	Nelly Catching Sunday	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Lucinda Beavertail	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Elizabeth Sanders	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
	Anna Barrow	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Peter Passon	Gd.	
	Darcus Buffington	Mother.	
	Cheaw-ser	Wid.	
	Ta-wa-ga-Casselawa	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Johnson Christie et al.....	Children.	
	Mary Musgrove	Mother.	
	Mary Fields	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Rachel Hicks	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Susan Pile.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Margaret Passon.....	Do	C. O. I. A.
	Toonie Pigeon	Do	C. O. I. A.
	David Jackson	Gd.	
Eli Sanders	Father.		

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G. W. Jackson,
M. [S.] 1st Kas.
Cap. Williams.

1	Alick Martin	M	3rd	\$40	Betsy	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
2	Oak-ehi-e-fix-e-ko	C	1st		Ha-kee	Do	
3	Oak-ehi-e-marth	C	1st	\$55	Sim-ka	Do	C. O. I. A.
4	Que-kas-fix-e-co	C	1st	\$55	Se-mo-whoa	Do	C. O. I. A.
5	Tim-mah-te	C	1st		Es-nuel-ah	Do	
6	E-mart-lo-cheo	C	1st	\$55	Wet-see	Do	C. O. I. A.
7	Peter Collins	I	1st		Annie	Do	
8	Rufus West	E	2nd	\$40	Nancy West	Do	C. O. I. A.
9	Peter Proctor	F	3	\$40	Nancy Proctor	Do	C. O. I. A.
10	Isack Squirrel	G	3		Catherine Squirrel	Do	
11	La-ah-lo	F	1st		Susan Lo-ah-lo	Do	
12	John Adam	E	1st	\$100	Adam	Father.	C. O. I. A.
13	John Ross	L	3d		Lucy Ross	Wid.	Paid.
14	Charles Walker	I	3d		Lucy Walker	Wid.	
15	John Path Killer	A	3		Jane Path Killer	Wid.	
16	Thomas Christie	G	3		Anna Christie	Mother.	
17	Teacher	G	3		Qua-ka	Mother.	1373
18	Joseph K. Perryman	I	1st	m	Samuel Perryman	Father.	
19	Tas-ko-nah	D	1st		Fo-lot-ho-ka	Mother.	
[20]	[Teacher]	[G]			[Qua-ka]	[Mother.]	
21	En-cah-keh	D	1st		Fo-lok-ho-ka	Mother.	

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	22	Reuben Childress	I	1st
	23	George Tick Eater	B	3
	24	William Thornton.....m..	E	2
	25	Gall Catcher	D	3
	[26]	[Su-was-ke-Young-Bird]	[B]	[3]
	27	Willett Charley	K	2
	28	Cla-loc-ab-ho-la.....	G	1st
	29	Talsy-har-cho	I	1st
	30	Alick Rood.....m..	H	3
	31	Darley Muskrat.....	H	3
	32	Et-cat-ha-jo	D	1st
	33	Jesse Christie.....	G	3rd
	34	Phillip Daniel	K	3
	35	Will Daniel.....	B	2
	36	Thomas Stand	A	3
	37	James Grayson	G	1st
	38	Johnson Terrapin.....m..	K	3
	39	Moses Jack	G	2
	40	Benjamin Foster	E	2
	[41]	[Alick Martin]	[M]	[3]
	42	Coming Deer	C	3
	43	Benjamin Snell.....	[E] H	[2] 3

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		Sophia Childress	Wid.	Paid.
		Tick Eater	Father.	
		Amos Thornton	Father.	Paid.
		Jency Gall Catcher	Wid.	Paid.
		[Tucker-he-was-ke-Young Bird]	[Wid.]	
\$50		Alcy	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$50		Diana	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$50		Se-la	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$40		Polly Rood	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$40		Too-nah-yie Muskrat.....	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Sal low-na	Wid.	
		Kate Christie	Wid.	
		Patsy Daniel	Wid.	
		Nelly Daniel.....	Wid.	
		Ah-gih-lor-hi Stand	Wid.	
		Judy Grayson	Wid.	Paid.
\$40		Wa-kee	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
		Kar-ne-yoke	Wid.	
\$50		Sarah Foster	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
Dup.		[Betsy Martin]	[Wid.]	
		Yok-see-Coming Deer	Wid.	
\$40		Anna Snell	Wid.	C. O. I. A.

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44	Lewis Worford	c.	B	2nd
45	Jessey		M	3
46	Edward Starr		A	3
47	Thomas Hawkins		E	1st
48	Jack Thompson		A	2
49	Ne-hur-rak-kol-fix-se-ko		I	1st
50	Ea-de-sta-ski	m.	F	2
51	Adam Double Head		K	3
52	William Rock		G	2
53	Jefferson Vaun		G	2
54	Chis-Ki-li-ki	m.	C	1st
55	Walker	m.	H	3
56	Thomas Stand		A	3
57	Edward Allbones		H	2
58	Johnson Young Bird		A	3
59	Eagle		B	2
60	Jack Watt		D	3
61	Silas Pigeon		B	3
62	Kan-at-ha-jo		H	1st
63	Ground Hog		F	2
64	John Deerhead		G	3
65	Galleh		H	1st
66	Henry Buffington		D	3

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	James D. Woodford	Fa.	Paid.
	Betsy Crawler	Mo.	
	Ellen Starr	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Jane Hawkins	Wid.	
	Nancy Thompson	Wid.	Paid.
	Lina	Wid.	Paid.
\$40	Lucy Da-de-sta-ski	Wid.	1372
	Charlotte Doublehead	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Culstie Rock	Wid.	Paid.
\$50	Amanda Vaun	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Linda	Mother.	
\$40	Nancy Walker	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Ah-gi-la-hi-stand	Wid.	
	Jenny Allbones	Wid.	
	Sarah Young Bird	Wid.	
	Goodmoney	Gd.	
	Alex. Davis	Son.	
	Runner Pigeon	Wid.	
	Ah-poh-he	Wid.	
	Sally Ground Hog	Mother.	Paid.
	Elizabeth Deerhead	Wid.	
	Nancy McQueen	Gd.	
\$40	Luster Foreman	Gd.	C. O. I. A.

67	Squirrell	F	3
68	Reed Vann	G	2
69	Large	D	3
70	James Loo King	H	2
71	Su-was-ke-Young Bird	B	3
72	Ned Cramp, D. S.	L	4
73	Stephen Mose	K	3
74	Ema-ha-jo	D	1st
75	Ya pi lah ed fee na	K	1st
76	Soldier Holt	F	2
77	Johnson Lee	K	3
78	Satta Kee Scoutihe	C	3
79	Ah li sti	G	2
80	Reader	I	2
81	David Frisley	C	3
82	Humming Bird	A	3
83	Sunday	C	3
84	Tom Cousins	I	1st
85	Fishing Hawke	F	3d
86	Alex Love, \$50	I	2
87	Scatter	A	3
88	Ko no fix e ko	E	1st
89	Ohlaner	F	2

	Uh-yeh-gee	Wid.	
	Lucy Vann	Mo.	1332
\$40	Soeking	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Jumper Mills	Gd.	Paid.
\$40	Tucker Su-was-ke Young Bird	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Rachel Cramp	Gd.	Paid.
\$40	Polly Mose	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Mis-tully	Wid.	
\$100	Te tah na	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	<i>Mariah Holt is the lawful wife</i>		
<i>Traded out.</i>	Sint sa Holt	Wid.	
\$40	Alex Lee	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
\$40	Cah-tah lah tah	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$50	Lucy	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$50	Tah-na	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	<i>Judi is the widow</i>		
\$40	Sela	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
\$40	Henry Hood	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
\$40	Co ga gae weh	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Jack Cousine	Gd.	Paid.
\$40	Anne	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$50	Asy Love	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$40	Amy Scatter	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Betsy	Wid.	1343
\$50	Young Bird	Gd.	C. O. I. A.

Applications for 1st bounty.
[Applications for 1st bounty.]

	[Wax-se-har-jo-chee]	[B]	1st
	Lewis Bowers	E	2
	George Morton	L	14th Kas.
	Claement Rebecca Morton		Mother.
	Texas Bruner	D	1st
	Diana Bruner	Md.	

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	Lt. Alex Barnes, 14th Kas. Cav., claimants att'y, Bomes & others Affidavit of Maryr Bear Paw and others for pension Affidavits of Ho tul kee & others for back pay, &c., Co. H, 1st Affidavit of Susa Robertson and Riley Keys for pension Claim of Deborah Six Killer, widow of Cricket Six Killer, for pension Claim of Lucinda Scarce Water, wid. of Alex Scarcewater, for pension Power of att'y from Jas. Haddleston		
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Colored soldiers; add'l b'ty.

	1 2 3	Dennis Morrill	E	79
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	Big Tom Lu-coh-co-ches-ker Crawfish		
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	Susey Lucy Naney	Wid. Wid. Wid.	
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Discharged soldiers' application for additional bounty.

	1	William Kaw-Kaw-we	I	2	C. O. I. A.	21	Ok-gon-ha-goh	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	2	Davis Juwerlukey, \$40	H	3	C. O. I. A.	22	Ya-ha-la-ha-joh	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	3	Mat-teh, \$50	A	1st	C. O. I. A.	23	Gon-ne-llas-th, \$100	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	4	Sampson, \$100	A	1st	C. O. I. A.	24	Tiek-ta-na-tee	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	5	Tone-eater Mose, \$50	K	3rd	C. O. I. A.	25	Jack Canoe, \$50	F	3
C. O. I. A.	6	Ar-mar-cher-ner	K	2	C. O. I. A.	26	Fay-ya-ho-llah	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	7	Pen-ne-mar-rah	A	1st		27	Jack-sey	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	8	French McRemove, \$50	K	3	C. O. I. A.	28	Tul-ke-ya-ho-leh	A	1st
	9	Nul-Kee-pa-Ke	B	1st	C. O. I. A.	29	Ta-ma-keh	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	10	Wax-se-har-jo-che	B	1st	C. O. I. A.	30	Ko-mark-ko-geh	A	1st
	[11]	[Benjamin Snell]	[H]	[3rd]	C. O. I. A.	31	Mek-ko-fix-e-co	H	1st
	12	Thomas Butler	D	2		32	Tes-ke-har-ka	A	1st
Dup.	13	Ar-mar-cher-ner	K	2	C. O. I. A.	33	Alex'r Woolf, \$50	K	3
	14	Michael O'Conner	I	1st	C. O. I. A.	34	Ah-ho-lla-flix-a-koh	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	15	Danele galoo-yah, \$50	B	2		35	Jack-e-la-co-ehi	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	16	Kernie Six Killer, \$50	L	3	C. O. I. A.	36	Pin-ne-fix-e-ko	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	17	Benjamin Chicken	I	2nd	C. O. I. A.	37	Ne-ha-ya-ho-la	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	18	Latte ha goh	A	1st		38	Ka-pit cha-ha-go	A	1st
	19	Pen-ha-go	A	1st		39	Samuel Bush	F	3
	20	Co-nep-pe-ma-la	A	1st	C. O. I. A.	40	Osa-ya-ho-la	A	1st
					C. O. I. A.	41	Wak-se-ho-la-ta	A	1st

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C. O. I. A.	42	Killah	A	1st
	43	William Kisar	C	2
C. O. I. A.	44	Osceola P. Daniel, \$50	I	3
C. O. I. A.	45	John W. Perryman, \$100	I	1st
	46	Elijah Eater	G	2
C. O. I. A.	47	David Sizemow, \$50	I	1st
	[48]	[John Raincrow]	[D]	
	49	Tom ma ya ho la	H	1st
C. O. I. A.	50	Fa ha jo, 2, \$50	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	51	Nik cli gha	G	1st
C. O. I. A.	52	No las se ma rah	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	53	Es tipp be	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	54	John Meggs, \$85	E	3
C. O. I. A.	55	John L. Shannon, com. segt.; \$50; Albert Barnes, att'y..		
	56	Jassch	I	1st
C. O. I. A.	57	Shawnee, \$50	A	1st
C. O. I. A.	58	John R. Goard	I	3d
C. O. I. A.	59	Johnee; 2 bountys	B	1st
C. O. I. A.	60	John Raincrow	D	2
C. O. I. A.	61	Wm. Thompson, \$150	G	2
	62	Crutchfield Edward	A	2
	[63]	[Jassch]	[I]	
	64	Wak se ho la to ge	A	1st

Ky. Inf.		Stephen Foreman	G	79
		Clot-lo har goh	A	1st
		Alex Hawkins	C	1
		Jim much chee	E	1st
		Sampson 2	A	1st
[C. O. I. A.]		[John R. Goard]	I	[3]
		Joe Sparrowhack	H	3
		David Anderson	A	1st

	90	David McQuinn	G	1st
	91	John Swimmer	K	3
	92	Johnson Muskrat	I	2
	93	Washington Clay	F	3
	94	Henry Clay	F	3
	95	Chur mer que	D	3
	96	Throwing Hair	C	3
	97	Cart che hart la bagu	G	1st
	98	Ah ta yah hi	B	2
	99	Small Wood	G	2
	100	Robert Downing	I	2
	101	Co so fix e ko	C	1st
	102	Thomas Cockrum	F	3
	103	Cold Weather Jack	D	2
	104	Elijah Waters	F	3
	105	Johnsna	B	2
	[106]	Joe, [Nannie Wilson]	[A]	[2]
	107	George Beamer	I	2
	108	John Derahdaskie	I	2
	109	John Henson	I	3
	110	Ya la co quam na	K	1st
	111	Yah lah ken	K	1st
	112	He sa lah	K	1st

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\$40	Amy McQuinn	Wid.	
	Amy Swimmer	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Betsy Muskrat	Wid.	Daughter.
\$40	Chow ah you ke	Mother.	
	Chow ah you ke	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Dorcas	Wid.	1345
\$40	Betsy Bear Grass	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
\$100	Fas-tah	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
\$50	Kate Buckskin	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
\$50	Amy Peacheater	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
\$50	Ooh Skinner Downy	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$50	Si Ke	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Nancy Cockrum	Mother.	Paid.
\$50	Tarness	Gd.	C. O. I. A.
\$40	Sally Waters	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
Bad.	Nakey Christie	Daughter.	
	[Nannie Wilson]	[Daug.]	
\$50	Susan Beamer	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Wah lee sa	Wid.	
	Lydia Henson	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$100	Thla Kee	Mother.	C. O. I. A.
\$100	Sam we	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Wa thla na	Wid.	

113	De co we na	K	1st
114	She qua na	K	1st
115	Passa	K	1st
116	Jo cah san ga pa	K	1s'
117	Too na he	G	2
118	Mouse	C	3
119	Joseph Sanders	I	3
120	Sonke	G	2
121	Williams	E	3
122	Crying Bear	D	3
123	Yat o chee Stake	H	1s'
124	Benjamin McKenzie, 2 Kas., b'ty, D. S.		
125	Liar	I	2
126	Jessy Bushyhead, serg. major		3
[127]	[Hammer Thrower]		

P'd to Brown.		Gd.	Paid.
\$100	Oah ta nay	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
No disch'g.	Co sah ha na	Wid.	
	Lucy Grass	Wid.	
\$50	Katy Too na he	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$40	Jincy Mouse	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
\$40	Elizabeth Sanders	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Cal on es kie	Wid.	Paid.
\$40	Eliza	Wid.	C. O. I. A.
	Cah le lop hi	Mother.	1368
	Mis-seh	Wid.	
	Sally McKenzie	Wid.	
	Bicky	Wid.	
	Eliza Bushyhead	Mother.	
	[Lizzie Skolole]	[Sister.]	

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1870

Jan'y	14	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	James Vann.
	21	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
Feb.	28	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	M'ch	3	P'd 1 b'ty	
23		P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
Ap.	26	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	26	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	26	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	

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Jan'y	14	Fees to M	15	00
	21	Fees to N	15	00
M'ch	28	Fees to M	15	00
	3d	Fees to M	15	00
Apr.	23	Fees to Nash	10	00
	26	Fees & draft to N	100	00
	26	Fees to N	15	00
	26	Fees to Na	15	00

Sep.	22	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	22	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
Oct.	28	\$85 from Nash		
	5	P'd 1 b't	c.	
	6	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	25	P'd 2 b'ty	n.	
		P'd 2 b'ts	n.	
		Borrowed \$170 from N		
	25	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	26	P'd 1 b't	c.	
27	P'd 1 b't	c.		
Nov.	1	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
		Borr'd 85 from N		
	3	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	8	P'd Ets pa Fix se co		
Dec.		Borrowed \$49 from N		
	13	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	15	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	15	P'd 1 b'ty	c.	
	22	P'd 1 b'ty		
	7	P'd 1 b'ty; <i>Wot ka, I think</i>		
	27	P'd Cryin Bear		
	Borrowed \$15			

Sep.	22	Fees	15	00
28		Fees	15	00
Oct.	5	Fees	15	00
	6	Fees	15	00
	25	Fees	30	00
	25	Fees	15	00
	26	Fees	15	00
	27	Fees	15	00
Nov.	3	Fees	15	00
	13	Fees	15	00
	15	Fees	15	00
	15	Fees	15	00
	22	Fees	15	00
	7	Fees, Ross \$35	15	00

		Opothle ya ho la.....	
		Claims.	
July			
Aug.	22	Neal Tassel.....	124 20
	10	Mary McDaniel.....	778 90
	12	Young pig Red Bird.....	177 42
	17	Win Ska la le.....	186 30
	17	Juniper Mills.....	295 71
	18	Jim Mills.....	440 00
Sep.	6	Franklin Gritts.....	384 42
Nov.	14	Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.....	412 13
	15	James Tully.....	174 47
		Rich'd Duck.....	115 92
		Rich'd Duck.....	123 01
		Lacy Trampabout.....	237 75
		Jim Stu ya took.....	236 57
	16	Tom Gall Catcher.....	280 92
		John Potatoe.....	215 87
	26	Grape.....	104 09
	29	Moses Glory.....	72 45
1870			
Jan.	27	Kats ha a na ga.....	144 90
		Standing Deer.....	177 43
April	26	Jim Mills.....	449 00
May	2	Ca sa he la.....	198 72

Aug.	22	Fees to N.....	12 50
	10	Fees to N.....	77 89
	12	Fees to N.....	17 75
	17	Fees to N.....	18 63
	17	Fees to N.....	29 57
	18	Sent draft to J. W. Wright.....	
Sep.	6	Fees to N.....	38 44
Nov.	14	Fees to Nash.....	103 03
	15	Fees to Nash.....	68 77
	16	Fees to Nash.....	49 67
	26	Fees to Nash.....	10 40
	29	Fees to Nash.....	7 24
1870.			
Jan.	27	Fees to Nash.....	14 49
		Fees to Nash.....	17 74
Ap.	26	Fees to Nash.....	44 00
May.	2	Fees to Nash.....	19 87

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July	14	Paid 1 b't'	c..		
	14	Paid 1 b't'	c..		
	14	Paid 1 b't'	c..		
	15	P'd 2 b't's	c..		
	15	P'd 2 b't's	c..		
	16	P'd 2 b't's	c..		
	19	P'd 5 b't's	c..		
	19	P'd 2 b't's	c..		
	19	P'd 2 b't's	c..		
	19	P'd 1 b't'	c..		
	19	P'd 1 b't'	c..		
	19	P'd 1 b't'	c..		
	20	P'd 1 b't'	c..		
	20	P'd 1 b't'	c..		
	20	P'd 1 b't', c.....	aa..	85 00	
	21	P'd 4 b't's	c..		
	21	P'd 1 b't', c.....	aa..	85 00	
	21	P'd 1 b't'	c..		
	22	P'd 1 b't'	c..		
	22	P'd 1 b't', c.....	aa..	85 00	
			Borrowed from Nash \$100		
	22	P'd 3 b't's	c..		
	24	P'd 1 b't'	c..		

July	14	Fees	15 00
	14	Fees	15 00
	14	Fees	15 00
	15	Fees	30 00
	15	Fees	30 00
	16	Fees	30 00
	19	Fees	75 00
	19	Fees	30 00
	19	Fees	30 00
	19	Fees	15 00
	19	Fees	15 00
	19	Fees	15 00
	20	Fees	15 00
	20	Fees	15 00
	21	Fees	15 00
	21	Fees	30 00
	22	Fees	15 00
	22	Fees	45 00

Aug.	24	P'd 1 b't	c.
	26	P'd 2 b't's	c.
	26	P'd 1 b	c.
	26	P'd 2 b't's	c.
	26	P'd 2 b't's, a. a	c.
		Borrowed from Nash \$200	
	27	P'd 1 b't	c.
	29	P'd 1 b't	c.
	31	P'd 1 b't	c.
	2	P'd 1 b't	c.
	4	P'd 2 b't's	c.
	5	P'd 1 b't	c.
	6	P'd 3 b't's	c.
	7	P'd 1 b't	c.
	9	P'd 1 b't	c.
	9	P'd 3 b't's	c.
	10	P'd 1 b't	c.
	10	P'd 1 b't	c.
	12	P'd 2 b't's	c.
	12	P'd 1 b't	c.
	13	P'd 1 b't	c.
	14	P'd 1 b't	c.

Aug.	24	Fees	15 00
	26	Fees	15 00
	26	Fees	15 00
	26	Fees	30 00
	26	Fees	30 00
	27	Fees	15 00
	29	Fees	15 00
	31	Fees	15 00
	2	Fees	15 00
	3	Rec'd from Ross \$500	
		Paid to Nash as fees	500 00
	5	Fees	15 00
	6	Fees	40 00
	7	Fees	15 00
	9	Fees	15 00
	9	Fees	45 00
	10	Fees	15 00
	10	Fees	13 00
	12	Fees	30 00
	12	Fees	15 00
13	Fees	15 00	
14	Fees	15 00	

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Aug.	16	P'd 1 b't'	c..
	21	P'd 1 b't', aa	c..
		Borrowed \$85 from Nash	
Sep.	23	P'd 1 b't'	c..
	6	P'd 1 b'ty	
	6	P'd 1 b't'	aa..
	6	Borrowed from N. \$25	
	8	P'd 1 b't', aa	c..
		Borrowed \$85 from N	
	10	P'd 3 b't's	c..
	10	P'd 1 b't', aa	c..
		Borrowed \$85 from N	
	10	P'd 1 b't'	c..
	10	P'd 1 b't'	c..
	13	P'd 1 b't'	c..
	13	P'd 1 b'ty, aa	c..
		Borrowed \$85 from Nash	
	15	P'd 1 b'ty	c..
17	P'd 1 b'ty	c..	
18	P'd 1 b'ty	c..	
	Borrowed \$85 from N		
18	P'd 1 b'ty	c..	
	Borrowed 85 from N		

Aug.	16	Fees	15 00
	23	Fees	15 00
	10	Fees	45 00
	10	Fees	15 00
	10	Fees	15 00
	13	Fees	15 00
	[13]	[Fees]	[15 00]
	15	Fees	15 00
	17	Fees	30 00

June, 1869.

	5	Paid 5 bounties by self	
	5	Paid 2 do by Clapperton	
	5	Paid 7 do by Nash	
	[" 1	D by Nash	aa]
	7	Paid 27 do by Clapperton	
	" 3	" "	aa..
	16	do "	
	1	do "	
	1	do "	aa..
8	Paid 10	" Nash	
8	Paid 5	" Clapp	
"	" 1	" "	aa..
"	" 8	" Clapp	
"	" 1	" "	aa..
"	" 1	" "	"..
9	" 6	" Nash	
9	" 9	" Clapp	
9	" 2	" "	aa..
		Borrowed \$80 from Nash to pay aa	
10	Paid 1	" Nash	
10	" 4	" Clapp	
10	" 33	" Clapp	
10	" 3	" "	aa..

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		Paid Nash fees	30 00
5		Retain'd fees	105 00
		[No fees]	
7		Paid fees to Nash	150 00
		Paid fees to Nash	155 00
		Paid fees	15 0
8		Fees retained by N	150 0
	8	Fees	25 00
	8	Fees	15 00
	9	Fees	90 00
[9]		[Fe]	
	10	Fees	15 00
		Fees pa'd to Nash	345 00

	11	Paid 9 b't's by Clapp	
	11	7 "	
	11	1 "	aa
	11	2 " Nash	
	12	1 Clapp, \$50	
	12	1 do	
	12	3 Nash	
	12	3 Clapp	
	14	1 Clapp	
	14	1 Clapp	aa
	14	3 Clapp	
	15	3 Nash	
	15	1 Clapp	
	16	1 Clapp	
	16	6 Clapp	
	17	4 Nash	
	17	1 Nash	
	17	3 Clapp	
	18	1 Nash	
	18	3 Clapp	
	21	7 Clapp	
		Borrowed \$60 from Nash to pay aa	

	11	Fees to Nash	155 00
	11	Fees to Na	30 00
	12	Fees to N	10 00
	12	Fees to Nash	90 00
	14	Fees to Nash	15 00
	15	Fees to Nash	45 00
	16	Fees to Nash	5 00
	16	Fees to Nash	100 00
	17	Fees to Nash	60 00
	17	Fees to Nash	15 00
	17	Fees to Nash	15 00
	18	Fees to Nash	15 00
	18	Fees to Nash	100 00

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July	22	P'd 2 b't's N	
	22	P'd 1 b't' C	
	23	P'd 2 b't's N	
	23	P'd 1 b't' C	
	24	P'd 1 b't' C	
	25	P'd 2 b't's N	
	25	P'd 1 b't' C	
	26	P'd 1 b't' C	
	28	P'd 1 b't' C	
	28	P'd 2 b'ty N	
	29	P'd 1 b't' C	
	30	P'd 3 b't's C	
	1st	P'd 1 b't' C	
	2	P'd 1 b't' C	
	3	P'd 1 b't' aa	
		Rec'd it from Nash; \$85	
	9	Paid 1 b't'	c.
	9	Paid 1 b't' aa	c.
		Borrowed \$85 from Nash	
	12	P'd 2 b't's	c.
12	P'd 1 b't'	c.	
13	P'd 1 b't'	c.	
13	P'd 2 b't's	c.	

22	Fees	30 00
22	Fees	15 00
23	Fees	30 00
23	Fees	15 00
24	Fees	15 00
25	Fees	30 00
25	Fees	15 00
26	Fees	15 00
28	Fees	30 00
29	Fees	100 00
30	Fees	45 00
2	Fees	15 00
9	Fees	15 00
12	Fees	30 00
12	Fees	15 00
13	Fees	15 00
13	Fees	30 00

Am't received from--

J. W. Wright	5,000 00
Mr. Jones	100 00
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[Ale]	5,100 00
	[3 14]
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	[5,103 14]
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[Rec'd from Judge Wright]	[5,000 00]

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By amount accounted—

	To April 24, 1869	1,393
	To May 21,	1,365
	To May 21,	505
	To [am't on hand].....	
		[851]

[Expenses from— \$ cts.

Settled.	11	Washington to F't Gibson	94 00
April		Registering packet of applications	1 26
		Lent W. W.	2 00
		Paid Com	
		Paid horse-hire	2 50
		To Philo	1 00
		Judge Wright to A. Clapperton:	
		Services rendered	95 00
		Services rendered	95 00
		Lent Brown	5 00
		Postage	8 75
July		For cash for services ren'd	100 00]
Aug.			

	June	Rec'd from J. W. Wright	210 00
	M'ch	Rec'd from J. W. Wright	6 00
	July	Rec'd from J. W. Wright, from Nash	5 00
	Aug.	Rec'd from J. W. Wright, per Nash	5 00
	Aug.	Rec'd from J. W. Wright, per Mr. C	100 00
Dec.	24	Rec'd by draft from J. W. W	100 00
	1870		
M'ch	21	Rec'd by drafts per Mr. C	100 00

[April 12.

Rec'ts received from Mr. Nash.

	358	Cow-bith-chi-ha-jo	C 1st	85 00
	359	Young Pig	A 2d	85 00
		14¢		
	353	Cornelius Vann	D 3d	85
	361	White Water	G 2	85
	360	Johnson Procter	L 3	85
		16		
	364	Charley Perry	D 1	85
	365	Ok-ca-ye-mar-reh	D 1	85
	366	Al-pat-ta-ha-jo	D 1	85
	367	Ka-ner-ga-Keener	D 3	85
	378	Cle-se-meh	E 1	85
	379	Tho's Ross	A 3	85
	380	John Buck	K 1st	85
	381	Co-toe-see	K 1st	85
	383	Sam-meh	I 1st	85
	387	Lifter	E 3	85
	388	Ne-ha-lok-ko	E 1st	85
	393	Frog	A 3	85
	407	William Green	E 2	85
	408	Stewart McKinney	E 1	85
	410	Go-mek-kel-pah	H 1	85]

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411	Long John	F 1st	85 00
412	Johnson Factor	D 1st	85
413	George	I 1st	85
414	Che-heys-lat	K 1st	85
415	We-le-at	K 1st	85
419	Sannel	B 2nd	85
425	Tiger	K 1st	85
429	John Sanders	F 3	85
435	Peter Dry	B 3	85
436	John Rogers	B 3	85
437	Watt Feeling	K 2	85
439	Con-cah-cali-na	K 1st	85
440	Ho-tul-to-fix-se-ko 1st	G 1st	85
443	Rich'd Bogg	G 2	85
444	Doc Brady	E 1	85
445	Get Up	D 2	85
446	Ah-pe-kee-mek-ko	H 1	85]

[April.

	Alex Clapperton	50 00
	F. H. Nash, St. Louis	100 00
	Alex Clapperton	50 00
	F. H. Nash	100 00
	F. H. Nash	100 00
10	F. H. Nash	150 00
12	F. H. Nash	200 00
12	F. H. Nash	50 00
11	Registering letters, &c	1 26
12	Postage stamps	25
16	Registering package	63
19	F. H. Nash	350
20	F. H. Nash	140
21	F. H. Nash	100
24	Stamped envelopes	1 00
		<u>1,393 14</u>
26	F. H. Nash	20 00
27	W. P. Ross	15 00
27	F. H. Nash	70 00
28	F. H. Nash	200 00
30	F. H. Nash	100 00
May 1	F. H. Nash	100 00
		<u>1,898 14]</u>

[Am't bro't for'd.

May	1	F. H. Nash	50 00	
	1	F. H. Nash	250 00	
	1	F. H. Nash	100 00	
	4	F. H. Nash	60 00	
	5	F. H. Nash	100 00	
	6	F. H. Nash	200 00	
	11	F. H. Nash	100 00	
	13	F. H. Nash	165 00	
	14	F. H. Nash	340 00	
				\$3,263 14
	26	F. J. Nash	300 00	
	26	F. J. Nash	200 00	
	27	J. W. Wright.....	300 00	
	26	B. K. Hayne, P. A	85 00	
	26	Dennis Morrill.....	92 00	
	"	Kate Crawler.....	22 35	
	"	Silas Thorn	85 00	
	"	Nul-ki-puk-ki	85 00	
	26	F. J. Nash	100 00	
	27	F. H. Nash	160 6	
	27	F. H. Nash	1,000 0	

[Am't bro't for'd.

June	26	F. J. Nash.....	500 00
	26	F. J. Nash	500 00
	27	F. H. Nash	500 00
	28	F. H. Nash	500 00
	4	H. C. Meys	100 00
	5	F. H. Nash	1,500 00
	5	F. H. Nash	500 00
	5	J. W. Wright.....	50 00
	5	J. W. Wright.....	50 00
	5	J. W. Wright.....	50 00
	5	J. Wright.....	50 00
	17	A. C. Clapperton	100 00
	17	A. C. Clapperton	110 00]

P'd for postage.
 From J. W. Wright.
 12 c'ts. W. Elliot, same remark.
 \$39 lent Hawly, same remark.
 90 cash, same remark.
 John Riley, same remark.
 Wilson Greene, same remark.
 Young Wolf, same remark.
 Ocela Woodall, same remark.
 Jackson.
 John.
 Alex Davis.
 Thomas Sanders.
 Judge Otter, Nash.
 [Little Hawcke, Ross,] Nash.
 Johnson Bolin, Josiah Regan.
 Harry Big Mush, Ross.
 [Geo. P. Ross, Nash.]
 Moses Price; 4, 1, 2, 2.
 682, not on book.
 B. W. Ross, book.
 John Lee, paid 1st by Nash.
 [Re Co. 4,] 3d Reg.

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Wm. *Clanla-ha-jo*.
 787 is the last number.
 788, *W* mark; *Ross*
 789 last number.
 839 last number.
 1003 next number.
 1117 next number.
 1178 next number.
 1194 next number.
 1310 next number.
 1316 next number.

P'd \$5.
 From Mr. H. S. Rary, \$10, c.

P.
 16 May; 5 days. \$10.
 (Torn.) 68

Ona-ga, Henry Black Fox, Co. B, 2 Regiment.
Mark. I. R., did not bring the I. R. rec'ts from Washington.—A. C.
 Rec. from *Ross*, on the 25th, 11 rec'ps.
 [Paid 910-919-912-914-916.]
 [Paid \$75 to F. J. Nash; fees.]

69	90
16	15
—	—
85	

957 last number.

55
 15
 —
 40
 15

[Mr. *Ross*.]
 Due Mr. *Ross* \$55
 30

—
 25

[Mr. *Ross*.] 25

John B. Ogden,
 42 Cedar St., N. Y.
 [1241] next number.
 1317 next number.
 1330 next number.
Robert Brown.

5)2,500
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