

hibiting persons from enclosing fields or pastures within one-half mile of the Capitol building.

Be it further Resolved, That the Light Horsemen of said District are hereby further directed and authorized to take down and remove all fences built within one-half mile since the passage and approval of said act prohibiting such enclosure.

Approved October 6, 1894.

ACT CREATING OFFICE OF DISTRICT INSPECTORS.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation: That there be and is hereby created the office of District Inspector, one for each of the six Districts, who shall be nominated by the Principal Chief and confirmed by the National Council, who shall hold his office for the term of two years, who shall be charged with the duty of collecting permit taxes and issuing all permits for non-citizen labor.

2. *Be it further Enacted*: That from and after the passage of this act any citizen of this Nation who shall desire to employ any non-citizen of this Nation, shall, before doing so, be required to comply with the following regulations in all cases where the non-citizen is of the age of eighteen years and over: He shall first obtain a permit from the District Inspector, as specified in this act; and any citizen employing a non-citizen without first obtaining a permit shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and the absence in the files of the Inspector's office of a written contract or agreement between such citizen and any non-citizen found in his employ shall, for the purposes of this act, be sufficient evidence of his violation of this law and his liability to the penalty of a fine of twelve (\$12.00) dollars.

3. *Be it further Enacted*: That it shall be the duty of the District Inspector to report all violations of this law to the

Judge of the District, whose duty it shall be to order his Light Horsemen to proceed at once and collect the fine imposed and turn the same into the National Treasury. He shall have and exercise all the duties and authority conferred upon the commissioners created by the act of 1893 respecting the removal of non-citizens or intruders from the Nation. The said Inspectors shall have the right to appoint each a competent clerk, who shall be a citizen of the Muskogee Nation and whose duty shall be to keep a correct record and file of all business of the office. The said Inspectors and their clerks shall receive each 25 per cent. of all moneys collected by them as compensation for their services.

4. *Be it further Enacted*: That all citizens employing the services of any non-citizen of the age of 18 years and over shall be required to pay a permit, and no permit shall be issued for a longer period than twelve (12) months. All permits shall be renewed within ten (10) days after their expiration.

The tax for common labor shall be one (\$1.00) dollar per month; for mechanics one dollar and twenty-five cents; non-citizen clerks and accountants in the employ of licensed traders shall be required to pay a monthly tax of fifty (50) cents.

Any non-citizen who holds a permit under the provisions of this act shall be permitted to hold and graze upon the public domain ten (10) head of work stock and three head of milch cows and calves free of taxation, and all hogs kept and owned by such employed non-citizen shall be confined in enclosures not to exceed two (2) acres in extent; and any greater number of work or other stock found ranging on the public domain and belonging to an employed non-citizen shall subject the citizen employing him to all the pains and penalties provided in section 335 of the quarantine laws of the Nation.

No non-citizen shall be permitted to own houses or fences of any kind within the Nation, or any interest therein; and any purchase, grant, lease or other conveyance of lands of the Mus-

kogee Nation, or title or claim thereto given by any citizen or person claiming to be a citizen, contrary to Section 2116 of the United States Intercourse Laws, is hereby declared to be null, void and of no effect.

Be it further Enacted. That the provisions of this act shall not confer the right on a permitted non-citizen to cut and sell wood, hay, rails or boards or mine and sell coal or dispose of any of the natural products of this Nation for his personal benefit, and any violation of this law shall subject such permitted non-citizen to a forfeiture of all rights and privileges accruing under the provisions of this act, and to a forfeiture to the Nation of all such coal, timber, wood or other products.

Be it further Enacted. That each District Inspector shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, file with the National Treasurer a bond of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, with approved security, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties as herein specified, as well as an honest and prompt payment to the National Treasurer at the end of each quarter of all funds—less fees—collected from permits. He shall make a full and correct report of the business of his office quarterly to the Treasurer. If he shall fail to render his quarterly report within fifteen days after the close of any quarter, he shall be reported by the Treasurer to the Principal Chief for removal, who shall at once remove him and fill the vacancy by a temporary appointment.

The District Inspector shall also make an annual report of the business of his office to the National Council.

Be it further Enacted. That the District Inspectors are hereby required to immediately report to each other the names of all non-citizens whose permits have been by them revoked or refused, and no Inspector shall for such non-citizen issue a permit, under penalty of a forfeiture of his bond; and

Be it further Enacted. That the District Inspector shall re-

fuse to issue a permit to any non-citizen when legal objections have been filed by any citizen, and shall revoke any permit when the party for whom the same has been issued is shown to be an unfit person to remain in our Nation and shall declare and proceed against him as an intruder.

It shall also be the duty of the District Inspector to require a written agreement between employer and employe before issuing a permit to any non-citizen, said contract to become a matter of record in the Inspector's office.

Be it further Enacted. That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the employment of teachers by the Board of Education. No property except improvements shall be exempt from payment of the fine hereby imposed for violations of the provisions of this law, and all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved October 30, 1894.

REPEALING ACT OF COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 6,
1893, EMPLOYING HON. L. W. COLBY.

1. *Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation.* That the act of the Council of November 6, 1893, by which Hon. L. W. Colby, of Washington, D. C., was employed in certain suits pending and that may hereafter be brought in the Court of Claims or Supreme Court of the United States for Indian depredation claims, be and the same is hereby repealed, and no draft or drafts or warrant or warrants of the Nation shall be issued under provisions of said act on any account whatsoever; and the Principal Chief is hereby directed to serve due notice to said L. W. Colby of his dismissal.

Approved October 30, 1894.

AN ACT AMENDATORY TO COAL LAW.

An act amendatory to an act approved December 3, 1887, providing for the mining of coal in the Muskogee Nation for said purpose.

All minerals existing in their natural state within the limits of the Muskogee Nation are the property of said Nation and subject to its disposition and control;

Therefore, Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation: That said act of December 3, 1887, is hereby made to include such as salt, oil, natural gas, medicinal waters and all other minerals except gold and silver, and such companies as may organize for the purpose of engaging in the mining of any of said minerals shall first incorporate under and in the manner provided for by the law to which this act is amendatory in so far as it may be applicable to the mining of the different variety of minerals, granting to such companies only those rights and privileges necessary to the successful operating, refining and marketing of said minerals.

The tax or royalty which shall accrue to the Nation from said mining companies, payable according to the provisions of act of December 3, 1888, shall hereafter be as follows: On all coal minerals, five cents per ton; on rock or stone, three cents per ton; on oil, four cents for each barrel of fifty gallons; on natural gas, twenty-five dollars per annum for each well from which gas is sold; and on all other minerals, five per cent. of the value of such minerals at the place of production.

All companies organizing and operating under this act and the law to which it is amendatory shall be required first to file a bond with the Principal Chief in the penal sum of not less than

ten thousand dollars, conditioned upon the requirements of the law to which this act is amendatory.

All acts or parts of acts heretofore passed in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved November 5, 1894.

REGARDING PER CAPITA MONEY.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation: That the law enacted by the National Council in 1893 session in regard to the \$600,000 per capita payment is still in force.

Approved November 5, 1894.

REPLYING TO DAWES COMMISSION PROPOSITION.

Be it Resolved by the National Council: That we still believe that the Government of the United States will prove true to her many pledges and keep perfect faith with our people and will aid instead of obstruct our present form of government to the end that we may enjoy peace and happiness in our sacred home, for which we have paid full compensation.

Be it further Resolved: That we express gratitude to the United States Government for the efforts now being made to suppress all lawlessness in our country, and we hereby pledge all the assistance in our power under the law to bring the offenders to justice.

Approved November 5, 1894.

HARRELL INSTITUTE TO COMPLY WITH TERMS OF CONTRACT.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation: That the Harrell Institute or the president thereof be notified to comply with terms of contract with the Muskogee Nation, or the Council of the Muskogee Nation will take steps to annul the same. The Principal Chief is hereby instructed to notify the president of that Institute of said action of Council.

Approved November 5, 1894.

OWNERS FINDING STRAYED PROPERTY AFTER SALE.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation: That any person who shall at any time find his property after the same had been advertised and sold at public sale, shall be required to make satisfactory proof of his title to and ownership thereof; and when he shall furnish such satisfactory proof he shall be entitled to his property, but the same shall not be returned to him until he shall have paid all costs necessarily incurred and paid out by the Nation on account of caring for, posting and selling the same.

Be it further Enacted: That if any person shall have purchased any live stock at any public sale and the owner from whom the same may have strayed shall make proof of his ownership of the property and the same is returned to him, then the person surrendering such property shall, upon an order of the Captain of the Light Horse Company on the National Treasurer, be entitled to receive the amount of money or scrip actually paid by him in the purchase of said property.

Approved November 5, 1894.

PROHIBITING NON-CITIZENS HAVING STANDS NEAR GATHERINGS OF CITIZENS.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation: That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any non-citizen to establish and maintain at or near any place of entertainment or public gathering given by citizens, any stands or other conveniences for the sale, actioncoring or other disposition of any kind of goods, drugs, cider or confectionery without the express consent of the people giving the entertainment, and any violation of this law shall be a sufficient cause for the revocation of any permit under which such offender may be remaining in the country.

Approved November 5, 1894.

REPORT OF S. B. DAWES ON INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN CATTLE ADOPTED AND RATIFIED.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation: That the report made by S. B. Dawes to the Council regarding his work in the prosecution of non-citizens for unlawful introduction of foreign cattle into the Creek country be, and the same is hereby adopted, and the contract made by the Principal Chief of this Nation with said S. B. Dawes, April 7, 1894, for his services as attorney for the Creek Nation for a period of two years from said date, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, is hereby ratified.

Be it further Enacted: That the sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid to said S. B. Dawes by the Principal Chief of this Nation, alluding to the terms of said contract for his services as attorney for the Creek Nation for a period of two years from April 7, 1894.

Approved November 5, 1894.

PROHIBITING FOREIGN CATTLE BEING HELD IN
MILE SQUARE PASTURES AND PRO-
VIDING A PENALTY.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation. That any citizen of the Muskogee Nation, by blood, adoption, or intermarriage, shall not have the right to introduce any cattle from the Cherokee or Choctaw Nations or any of the States or Territories for the purpose of keeping the same in one mile square pastures.

Be it further Enacted. That any person violating this act shall be subject to the fines and penalties imposed by the provisions of the quarrentine law, and it shall become the duty of the Judge of the district wherein such violation of this law occurs to direct the Light Horsemen to take down the fences surrounding the same.

Approved November 5, 1894.

DIRECTING PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO INSTRUCT DIS-
TRICT JUDGES TO AUTHORIZE THEIR LIGHT
HORSE TO ASSIST U. S. OFFICERS IN
EXTERMINATING OUTLAWS, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation. That the Principal Chief be and is hereby directed to instruct the Judges of each district to order the Light Horse Companies to assist the officers of the United States in capturing or exterminating the bands of outlaws which may be found in our Nation. The Captains of the Light Horse Companies of the

several districts are hereby authorized to deputize as many citizens as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this act.

Approved November 5, 1894.

REQUIRING THE NATIONAL TREASURER AND
NATIONAL AUDITOR TO MAKE THEIR ANNUAL
REPORTS TO COUNCIL WITHIN FOUR
DAYS AFTER THE CONVEN-
ING OF COUNCIL.

Be it Enacted by the National Council of the Muskogee Nation. That from and after the passage of this act the National Treasurer and the National Auditor shall submit their reports to the National Council within four days after the meeting thereof in regular session.

Be it further Enacted. That if either of the above named officers shall fail to comply with the requirements of this law, his office shall be deemed to be vacant and the National Council shall proceed at once to elect their successors.

Approved November 5, 1894.

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