

provisions of the preceding section, advise, sanction, or in any way aid in the making of such contracts or agreements, or in making such payments as are here prohibited, shall, in addition to the punishment herein imposed on the person making such contract, or receiving such money, be, on conviction, dismissed from the service of the United States, and be forever disqualified from holding any office of profit or trust under the same."

Said act of Congress of the 1st of March, 1889, in section 4, provides as follows (25 Stats., 759):

"The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of the appropriation hereby made the sum of two hundred and eighty thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ten cents to the national treasurer of the Muscogee (or Creek) Nation, *or to such persons as shall be duly authorized to receive the same*, at such time and in such sums as shall be directed and required by the national council of the said Nation; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized and directed to place the remaining sum of two million dollars in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Muscogee (or Creek) Nation of Indians, to be held for and as provided in said articles of cession and agreement, and to bear interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, from and after the 1st day of July, A.D. 1889, and said interest to be paid to the treasurer of said Nation annually."

Thus the act of Congress is explicit in requiring the United States to pay this \$280,857.10 "*to such person as shall be duly authorized to receive the same, as directed and required by the National Council of said Nation.*"

"EXHIBIT B."

AN ACT to ratify and confirm a certain contract made and entered into by and between the Muscogee or Creek Nation and Samuel J. Crawford.

Whereas the Muscogee or Creek Nation, by L. C. Perryman and Fi-e-maht-la, delegates duly appointed to represent the Muscogee or Creek Nation at Washington, did, on the 4th day of February, A. D. 1885, make and enter into