

In pursuance of this recommendation, Congress, on May 29, 1872, passed the following act:

"That the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior are hereby authorized to make an appraisement of the Cherokee lands lying west of the ninety-sixth meridian of west longitude, and west of the land of the Osage Indians, in the Indian Territory, and south of the southern line of the State of Kansas, ceded to the United States by the Cherokee Indians under their treaty of July nineteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, for settlement of friendly Indians, and report the same to Congress." (17 Stat. 190.)

In accordance with the treaty and act of Congress, last above quoted, the Secretary of the Interior, on January 30, 1877, appointed three commissioners to appraise the lands therein mentioned. The result and final conclusion of the work enjoined upon said commission is fully set forth in official papers, signed by the Secretary of the Interior and the President, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, }  
WASHINGTON, June 21, 1879. }

SIR: The 5th section of the act of May 29, 1872, (17 Stat. 190), declares, "That the President of the United States, and the Secretary of the Interior are hereby authorized to make an appraisement of the Cherokee lands west of the 96th meridian of west longitude and west of the Osage Indians in the Indian Territory, and south of the south line of the State of Kansas, ceded to the United States by the Cherokee Indians under their treaty of July 19, 1866, for the settlement of friendly Indians, and report the same to Congress."

The 4th section of the act of April 10, 1876, (19 Stat. 29), declares, "That the following-described reservation in Indian