

praisement of land (occupied by the Poncas), west of the Arkansas river at 47.49 cents per acre. (21 Stat. 422.)

And again, by an act approved March 3, 1883, Congress appropriated the further sum of \$300,000 as follows:

“That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid into the treasury of the Cherokee Nation, out of the funds due under appraisement for Cherokee lands west of the Arkansas river, which sum shall be expended as the acts of the Cherokee Legislature direct; this amount to be immediately available: *Provided*, That the Cherokee Nation, through its proper authorities, shall execute conveyances, satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, to the United States in trust only for the benefit of the Pawnees, Poncas, Nez Perces, Otoes and Missouries, and Osages now occupying said tract, as they respectively occupy the same before the payment of said sum of money.” (22, Stat. 624.)

The status of the lands in question, at the time the Cherokee Nation was demanding and receiving pay therefor, according to the price, 47.49 cents per acre, as fixed by the President, is shown by Hon. N. C. McFarland, then Commissioner of the General Land Office, in an official report to the Secretary of the Interior, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 3, 1882. }

*Hon. S. J. Kirkwood, Secretary of the Interior:*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from the department, of a letter from Messrs. Daniel H. Ross and R. M. Wolfe, Cherokee delegation, dated January 11, 1882, asking for an estimate for principal and interest due the Cherokees for lands lying west of the Arkansas river, (referred to in Article XVI of the treaty of July 19,