

*Washington, D. C., Aug. 16, 1889.*

To the Hon. Attorney General  
of the United States:

SIR: I am informed that certain unauthorized and irresponsible persons residing in the States of Tennessee, Arkansas, and the Indian Territory have constituted themselves guardians of the Creek Nation and people.

I am further informed that some of these so-called guardians have recently addressed communications to you alleging conspiracy to defraud the Creek Nation, on the part of the delegates who were duly appointed by said nation, to negotiate with the United States for the final disposition of lands ceded by the treaty of 1866.

I was, and am, one of said Delegates, and we assume the responsibility of all that was done.

The Creek Nation is an organized government, with a written Constitution and Code of printed laws. It has its own Executive Officers, Legislature, Courts, Schools, and other local institutions in full operation, as complete and successful, perhaps, as the average State of the Union.

The right to such local self government is inherent in the people, besides, it was guaranteed to the Creek people by the United States in the treaty of 1856, and re-affirmed by the treaty of 1866.

When our local government was thus established, we, at that moment, *ceased to be a tribe of Indians*, and became a community of civilized people, with a government of laws; or, in other words, we became a State with limited powers, but republican in form.

True, we have no representation in Congress, nor have we a voice in the selection of United States officers, but we have a United States court, and the revenue laws are in full force throughout the Creek Nation.