

The negotiation was closed on the 19th day of January last, ratified by the council of the Creek Nation on the 31st day of January, and an appropriation of \$2,280,857.10 was made by Congress on March 1, 1889.

Of this amount the sum of \$2,000,000 was placed to the credit of the Creek Nation, to draw interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, and the further sum of \$270,283.71 was directed by Congress, at the request of the Creek National Council, to be paid to the duly authorized Delegates of said Nation. By virtue of said authority the said sum of \$270,283.71 was paid to the said Delegates, and by them disbursed as the National Council had directed.

We paid the honest debts of the Nation as we had been directed and were in honor bound to do.

The proper authorities of the Creek Nation and all honorable men who understand the facts are satisfied with what was done by the Delegation.

The aforesaid self constituted guardians, who are complaining to you and making charges of conspiracy against the Delegates and others, had nothing whatever to do with this case, and represent only themselves.

The United States, by finally negotiating and paying for said lands, thereby admitted that the debt was just, and yet for twenty-three years, and until we employed counsel to interpret the treaty and prepare our case, the money was withheld from us and no interest whatever paid thereon.

Now, we are to receive one hundred thousand dollars annually as interest on the two million dollars placed to our credit by Congress, as the result of the negotiation and sale of said lands.

On account of the unreasonable delay in making this negotiation and payment by the United States, the Creek Nation lost the interest thereon, one hundred thousand