

to reflect discredit upon any person connected with this case, unless you find that such person has exceeded his authority under the law.

The Creek Nation was driven to the necessity of acting for itself in this matter. It had what it believed to be a just and lawful claim against the United States.

The United States disputed the claim and for over twenty years neglected and refused to pay the same.

In view of these facts we employed counsel to assist us, just as any other State or individual would have done, and when the work was accomplished and done to the entire satisfaction of the proper authorities of the Creek Nation, such counsel were honestly paid for their services, honestly and faithfully rendered.

The Delegates in charge of this case were appointed by the Creek Nation. They received their instructions from the Creek Nation, and they were responsible alone to the Creek Nation.

Trusting, therefore, that you will consider carefully the record, the law, and the facts of this case before anything is done to the injury of any person,

I remain, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

PLEASANT PORTER,

*Delegate of the Creek Nation.*