

false statement is involved in said report or affidavits, but only to say that, as a matter of *fact*, they are in vital particulars radically erroneous.

I wish further to say, at the outset of this statement, that in making the same I am fortunate in being enabled to support every material point, unless it be one, by record evidence, and written documents, the authenticity of which is incapable of being disputed. The one material fact as to which I am unable to produce written documents, and to which I have just alluded, is in regard to the fact that I never received, directly or indirectly, any part of the said moneys, except that part which was paid to me as my fee for four years' services and expenses incurred in the prosecution of said case, to wit, \$52,966. As to *that* fact I can only *here and now* support it by my own solemn and positive declaration.

With the foregoing suggestions premised, I now proceed to state to you carefully and (for the sake of clearness) in separate and distinctly numbered paragraphs the history of my connection with the said matter about which said prosecutions are urged.

I.

I, prior to the 4th day of February, 1885, had been the attorney of the Creek Nation for a number of years, and had successfully engaged in the prosecution of claims for moneys due to that Nation, to an amount exceeding half a million dollars, and in that way the Creek Nation and its Delegates became acquainted with me and I with them.

II.

In December, 1884, when the Creek Delegates, L. C. Perryman and Fi-e-maht-la, came to Washington, they found that certain bills were pending in the respective Houses of Congress, declaring the Creek lands which were