

ceded to the United States by the treaty of the 14th of June, 1866, (14th Stats., 785), and which are the lands covered by the agreement of the 19th of January, 1889, hereinafter named, to be a part of the public domain and, opening the same to homestead settlement. For the purpose of preventing the passage of such bills, or if that could not be done, of securing proper compensation for such lands, the Delegates at once applied to me to become the attorney of the Creek Nation for said purpose, and under said application, and without, at that time, reducing to writing their employment of me, I entered upon their service under their oral application.

Pursuant to said employment I, amongst other services, rendered prior to the 4th of February, 1885, prepared for them the memorial to the President and to the Senate of the United States, which is found on pages 5, 6, and 7 of Senate Executive Document No. 54, 48th Congress, 2d Session, being a special message of the President and accompanying documents.

I also, through the delegation, advised with the Hon. J. M. Perryman, the Principal Chief of said Nation, regarding the communication which is found on pages 4 and 5 of said Executive Document, No. 54, and, in effect, prepared the material of said letter. I continued to render service to and advise with the said Delegates regarding their said rights until the 4th of February, 1885.

III.

On the 4th day of February, 1885, the contract of my employment between myself and the said Delegates was executed before Justice Cartter, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and Secretary of the Interior, for six and a half per cent. compensation, and which contract is recorded in Land Division Record of Miscellaneous Con-