

tracts, Volume I, page 470, 2d of March, 1885, to which contract, together with its approval by the Secretary of the Interior, on the 26th day of February, 1885, I particularly refer and invite attention.

It will be seen by reference to the said approval that whilst the contract stipulates for ten per cent. compensation, the approval is for only six and a half per cent. But it will be further observed that the contract, in terms, provides as follows, to wit:

"For the compensation herein fixed and agreed upon" (to wit, 10 per cent.) "*and as the same may be sanctioned, approved and ratified by the proper authorities of the Government of the United States and the Creek Nation of Indians.*" So that, although the stipulation in the contract was for ten per cent., yet this stipulation made it binding for whatever per cent. should be fixed by the Commissioner and Secretary.

This contract was never submitted to the Creek Council for approval until the 31st day of January, 1889, when the same was ratified, with the modification which appears by the act of approval hereinafter named. It was under this contract, so approved by the Commissioner and Secretary, that my services continued to be rendered, from the making of the said contract, and up to the 8th day of January, 1889. It is impossible for me, from the nature of the subject-matter, to state, in detail, the extent, items, and character of the said services which I rendered under said contract. In a general way these services may be truthfully stated substantially as follows:

I proceeded to advise and direct the Delegates in the matter of securing their interests in said lands in every particular in which I thought they needed advice and counsel. Amongst the things, in which I so rendered service, were, that I advised with the Delegates and co-operated, as between them and myself on the one hand,