

and Committees of Congress on the other, in agreeing upon and adopting the provisions contained in the 8th Section of the act of the 3d of March, 1885, (23d Stats., 362, *et seq.*) providing for negotiations with said Creek Nation and others for opening their lands to homestead settlements.

Soon after the approval of this act, I presented and explained the case to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and the President of the United States, and urged action thereon. I continued to act as attorney for the Creeks in all matters relating to their interests in said lands and securing compensation therefor. I advised them in regard to the character of the acts of the Creek National Council, requisite for the purpose of enabling the Delegates to negotiate under said Section 8, or under other similar law, and my advice in such matters was in substance followed by the Creek Nation and Council and Delegates. I, after full investigation of treaties and the law, informed the Delegates of the nature of their interest in said lands. I assisted them to the extent of my ability in every material step in their negotiations, which resulted in the said agreement of the 19th of January, 1889, and which was ratified by the Council, 31st of January, 1889, and which is set forth in Senate Executive Document No. 98, 50th Congress, 2d Session, pages 5 and 6, whereby the said Nation secured for its interest in said land the said sum of \$2,280,857.10.

In short, I continued from December, 1884, up to the final conclusion of said negotiation and until said collection was accomplished, to advise the said Delegates in every important particular regarding their action and proceedings, which resulted in the collection of the said moneys. In the rendering of this service, I, after the surrender of my written contracts hereinafter named, found it necessary to employ, and did employ and pay, assistants to render