

cent., plus three and a half per cent. of the money so realized from said sale, should be paid out to the Attorneys who made said collection. Thus it is seen that the thing proposed to be prosecuted as a crime is the precise thing ordered to be done by the National Council, and which, so far as I am concerned, was in fact done.

VIII.

After these two acts had been passed providing for requisitions, etc., and the two acts ratifying said six and a half and said three and a half per cent., to wit, upon the 11th day of February, 1889, the Secretary of the Interior made the objection to the said contracts which is embodied in his letter to S. W. Peel of the 11th of February, 1889, a copy of which is hereto annexed and made Exhibit "G."

The character of his objections and the action which he required at my hands are also alluded to and fully set forth in my letter bearing date February 11th, 1889, a copy of which is hereto annexed and is made Exhibit "H." These two letters, to wit, mine and that of the Secretary, *were written by the Secretary*, and were assented to by me under protest and under the constraint which was induced by the threat of the Secretary to withdraw and defeat the said agreement of the 19th of January, and which was then pending for ratification in Congress. My said consent to surrender the said contracts was made with the distinct assurance by the Secretary, earnestly pressed upon and repeated to me, that the Creek Nation had perfect authority in law, under their existing government, to make to me reasonable and proper compensation for my services without any contract to that effect being made and approved under Section 2103 of the Revised Statutes, and with the understanding that I should have the right to receive such compensation as the proper authorities of the Nation should be willing to pay to me,