

dered, and that they must look to the Creek Nation for compensation, and they assented thereto.

I have no doubt about other attorneys having been employed by the Delegates after my said contracts were surrendered, nor have I any doubt about the payment of such attorneys and every other attorney in the case by or under the direction of said Delegates; but of my own knowledge I know nothing about such payments personally, except what was paid to me, as aforesaid, for my services individually. And any statement in the said report of Inspector Gardner or the exhibits accompanying the same attributing to me the receipt or the direction of the payment of any moneys in excess of said \$52,966, or which attributes to me any direction or control over the payment of any of the said money other than the said \$52,966, is erroneous. I had no such authority to control any of said payments, and I attempted to exercise no authority whatever in that regard. And I do not *now* know to whom any of the said moneys were paid, except the said \$52,966 paid to myself.

I further declare to you that I never gave any receipt for any of the said moneys otherwise than the paper which is made Exhibit "A" in said Gardner report, a true copy of which is as follows:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 17th, 1889.*

"Hon. P. PORTER,

"Muskogee, Indian Territory:

"I regret my inability to be present and explain in detail to the Council what was done by attorneys for the Creek Nation in the matter of the negotiation and sale of the Oklahoma land. You can, however, assure the Chief and Council that said attorneys did their whole duty and have been paid in full.

"Yours truly,

"SAMUEL J. CRAWFORD."