

the United States might choose to settle thereon, the west half of their entire domain in the Indian Territory, and in consideration of said cession the United States agreed to pay the sum of thirty cents per acre for the lands so ceded:

And whereas it is now proposed by the United States to use the said lands for purposes other than as provided by said treaty;

And whereas the said lands cannot be so used or otherwise disposed of without the assent of the said Creek Nation;

And whereas, in view of the rights and interests of the said Creek Nation in and to the lands mentioned, it is deemed essential and necessary to employ an Attorney, solicitor and counsel, to appear for and on behalf of said Creek Nation, to assist in securing an equitable adjustment of the questions arising from or growing out of said treaty, and also to assist in securing to the Creek Nation a fair and reasonable compensation for the lands ceded as aforesaid, in case they are taken or to be taken and used or disposed of by the United States for any other purpose than that which is expressed in the said Treaty of August 11th, 1866;

Now, therefore, be it known that the said Creek Nation, by Pleasant Porter, D. M. Hodge, and Es-pa-he-cha, duly authorized Delegates, has and does hereby retain and employ the said Samuel J. Crawford as its Attorney, Solicitor and Counsel, to appear for and on behalf of said Creek Nation, in any of the Executive Departments of the Government of the United States, or in any of the Courts thereof, or before Committees of Congress, or before any Board of Arbitrators or Commissioners duly appointed, and do and perform any and every proper thing necessary to be done in order to secure to said Creek Nation its just rights, privileges, immunities, moneys, or other things of value arising from or growing out of the cession or sale of lands by the said treaty of August 11th, 1866, or under any and all laws and resolutions of Congress relating to said treaty and the lands thereby ceded. And also in case said ceded lands as aforesaid are taken or to be taken by the United States and used or disposed of for any other purpose than the one mentioned in said treaty, then and in that event the said Samuel J. Crawford, party of the