

**In the Matter of Payment by the Creek Nation  
of certain Attorneys' Fees.**

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WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 24th, 1889.*

*To the Attorney-General :*

You have, as we are reliably informed, under consideration the matter of giving your sanction to the institution of a suit or suits, or a prosecution or prosecutions against Governor Samuel J. Crawford, and others, under the provisions of sections 2103 and 2105 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; such suits or prosecutions, if of a civil nature, to be under the provisions of the last clause of section 2103 of the Revised Statutes, for the recovery of certain moneys paid Governor Crawford by the Creek Nation, for services rendered, as attorney for said Nation, out of the moneys appropriated and paid under the act of March 1st, 1889, entitled—

“An act to ratify and confirm an agreement with the Muscogee (or Creek) Nation of Indians, in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes.” (25 Stats., 759.)

If a criminal prosecution is urged against Governor Crawford, it, we assume, is contemplated to be prosecuted under the provisions of section 2105 of the Revised Statutes.

It is, of course, not necessary or proper that we should make any explanation or apology about being solicitous that such prosecution should not be instituted without “probable cause;” and it is obvious that we ought, as his counsel, to be desirous of having opportunity to present to you such considerations as may be proper tending to prevent such prosecution.