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FREEDMEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 379.]

COPY OF AN ACT

PASSED BY

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE CHICKASAW NATION,

RELATIVE TO

*The freedmen of the Chickasaw Nation.*

APRIL 10, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CHICKASAW NATION,

*June 8, 1868.*

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to transmit for your information a copy of an act passed by the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation, and approved November 9, 1866, which I hope will be satisfactory evidence of the desire of the Chickasaws. The act above specified is not incompatible with the wishes of the Chickasaw people, and I, as governor, do, in behalf of the Chickasaw Nation, most respectfully entreat that the requirements of said act be strictly carried into operation by the United States Government.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. HARRIS,

*Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

AN ACT confirming the treaty of 1866.

*Be it enacted by the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation,* That whereas a treaty was concluded at Washington City on the 28th April, 1866, by commissioners duly appointed on the part of the Chickasaws, Choctaws, and the United States Government, which treaty was ratified, with amendments, by the United States Senate and confirmed by the President, the Chickasaw legislature does hereby give its assent and confirm the said treaty and amendments made by the Senate of the United States.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Chickasaw legislature does hereby give its consent to the sectionizing and allotment of the lands in severalty under the system of the United States, as is provided for in the treaty of April, 1866, and the President of the United States is hereby requested to cause the same to be done as soon as may be practicable.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the provisions contained in article 3 of the said treaty, giving the Chickasaw legislature the choice of receiving and appropriating the three hundred thousand dollars therein named for the use and benefit of the Chickasaws, or passing such laws, rules, and regulations as will give all persons of African descent certain rights and privileges, be, and it is hereby, declared to be the unanimous consent of the Chickasaw legislature that the United States shall keep and hold said sum of three hundred thousand dollars for the benefit of the said negroes. And the governor of the Chickasaw Nation is hereby requested to notify the Government of the United States that it is the wish of the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation that the Government of the United States remove the said negroes beyond the limits of the Chickasaw Nation, according to the requirements of the third article of the treaty of April 28, 1866.

Approved November 9, 1866.

C. HARRIS, *Governor.*

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original on file in my office this the 11th day of June, 1868.

R. M. SELBY,  
*National Secretary Chickasaw Nation.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
March 17, 1871.

I, E. S. Parker, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of a letter by C. Harris, governor of the Chickasaw Nation, dated June 8, 1868, and addressed to the President of the United States, and also the copy of the act of the Chickasaw legislature, approved November 9, 1866, referred to therein, are true and correct copies of the originals on file in this office.

E. S. PARKER,  
*Commissioner.*