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# Protest of the Indian delegates of the Indian Territory against the establishment by Congress of a territorial government over the Indians, without their consent

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PROTEST AGAINST INDIAN TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT.

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PROTEST

OF THE

INDIAN DELEGATES OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY

AGAINST

*The establishment by Congress of a territorial government over the Indians,  
without their consent.*

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JANUARY 22, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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*To the Congress of the United States :*

The undersigned delegates, duly authorized to represent the Cherokee, Muscogee, Seminole, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Indians, have the honor to submit to Congress the accompanying protest and memorial, which were adopted unanimously by the general council of the Indian Territory which convened at Ogmulgee in December last. By referring to them, your honorable body will find that eighteen nations and tribes, lawfully resident in said territory, through their representatives in the general council protest against the passage by Congress of any bill to establish a territorial government over their country, and petition for the repeal of the provisions of acts chartering railroads which are alleged to make grants of land contingent upon the extinguishment of the title of the Indians through whose country they pass. The views and wishes these papers express in behalf of the Indians lawfully residing in said territory are in accordance with those which the undersigned have been instructed by their respective national councils to present to Congress. Adopting them, therefore, as their own, they beg leave respectfully to urge upon Congress their consideration, and to entreat that no measure shall be allowed to receive their sanction that shall not fully sustain the faith of the Government, and protect the

Indians in the rights of soil and self-government, guaranteed to them by the provisions of existing treaties.

Very respectfully,

WILL. P. ROSS,  
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W. P. ADAIR,  
JOHN B. JONES,  
RUFUS O. ROSS,  
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COWETAH MICCO,  
P. PORTER,  
*Creek Delegation.*

P. P. PITCHLYNN,  
*Choctaw Delegate.*

JOHN CHUPLE,  
E. BROWN,  
*Seminole Delegation.*

ALBERT G. LONG,  
*Chickasaw Nation.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 20, 1874.*

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