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### **Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, in response to Senate resolution of March 13, 1884, preliminary report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs concerning roll of the Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi River**

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

*In response to Senate resolution of March 13, 1884, preliminary report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs concerning roll of the Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi River.*

MARCH 21, 1884.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, March 20, 1884.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the Senate of the 13th instant, of which the following is a copy:

That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to transmit to the Senate the roll of the Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi River, made in accordance with the act approved August 7, A. D. 1882.

In response thereto I have the honor to submit herewith a preliminary report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated 19th instant.

Very respectfully,

M. L. JOSLYN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, March 19, 1884.*

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith inclosed a communication from the United States Senate, dated 13th instant, and received by your reference of the 15th instant, directing that the roll of the Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi River, made in accordance with the act approved August 7, 1882, be transmitted to that body.

You are respectfully informed that the original roll cannot be spared, as it is constantly being used in this office. It is supposed that a copy will be satisfactory, which will be sent as soon as one can possibly be made by the force at my command.

As said roll contains the names of 2,956 persons, given twice, viz, the old manner of spelling and also the latest and most correct, with full references to four previous census rolls of these people, and to their ancestors (also giving the names of the latter), together with the pres-

ent residence, post-office address, &c., of each family, and a column of remarks filled with explanatory notes opposite almost every family or person, and also a supplement containing the names of nearly 175 persons whose claims to be enrolled were rejected, fully describing these persons as above, with full marginal notes and references to the reasons for not enrolling them, the work of making a copy will be one of considerable magnitude, and will require time, especially as the present force of this office is not sufficient to keep up its current business.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. PRICE,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.