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DISBURSEMENT OF THE FUND OF THE CREEK NATION.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

SUBMITTING

A STATEMENT OF THE DISBURSEMENTS OF THE FUND OF THE CREEK NATION, AS PROVIDED BY THE ACT APPROVED JUNE 7, 1897.

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MAY 25, 1898.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, May 24, 1898.*

SIR: The Indian appropriation act approved June 7, 1897, contains the following provision:

Upon the properly authenticated demand of the Creek Nation, made after the passage of this act, the Secretary of the Interior shall, through an officer of the Government, disburse three hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars of the money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the Creek Nation of Indians only for the payment of the debts of the government of the Creek Nation: *Provided*, That no debts shall be paid until by investigation the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that said nation of Indians incurred said debt or issued its warrants representing the same for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debt or the issue of warrants.

To the end that the Congress may be advised as to the action taken by the Department in this matter, I have the honor to transmit herewith the accompanying correspondence, showing the investigation made, as provided by the act, and the payments thereunder.

Very respectfully,

C. N. BLISS, *Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, February 3, 1898.*

SIR. The act of June 7, 1897 (30 Stat. L., 68), directs the Secretary of the Interior to disburse, through an officer of the Government, the sum of \$333,000 of the money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the Creek Nation, in payment of the debts of the government of the Creek Nation, after first satisfying himself by investigation

that said nation of Indians incurred said debts or issued its warrants representing the same for full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debts or the issuing of the warrants.

In compliance with this act, I have caused the indebtedness of the government of the Creek Nation to be investigated by Agent Dew M. Wisdom, of the Union Agency, Ind. T., and Special Inspector Zevely, and Assistant Attorney George C. Ross, of this Department, and herewith hand you their reports, dated September 7, 1897, November 2, 1897, and February 1, 1898, respectively, and their accompanying papers.

From these reports it is found that of the list of the said warrants contained in Agent Wisdom's said report, aggregating \$208,941.08 payable from the general fund, and \$143,302.08 payable from the school fund, total \$352,243.16, certain warrants particularly described in the Zevely and Ross reports, amounting to \$11,150 of the general fund and \$74,580 of the school fund, are fraudulent; and that \$2,534.90 of the general fund and \$1,784.43 of the school fund, while not positively shown to be fraudulent, are considered doubtful; and that of the general fund \$3,443.85 and of the school fund \$211.75 have been paid. This leaves \$191,812.33 of the general fund and \$66,725.90 of the school fund, total \$258,538.23, which are found to have been regularly issued on bona fide indebtedness, and these amounts are now held, with few exceptions, by reputable business men, and recommendation is made in said report of Assistant Attorney Ross, dated the 1st instant, that they be paid.

Being satisfied from these investigations that the warrants last above alluded to, and described by number, name of drawee, and amount in the said report of Assistant Attorney Ross, dated February 1, 1898, on pages 11 to 41, both inclusive, amounting in the aggregate \$191,812.33 general fund and \$66,725.90 school fund, total \$258,538.23, represent indebtedness of said Creek Nation incurred for full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said indebtedness, or of the issuing of the said warrants, I have to request that you immediately take the proper steps to cause them to be paid by Agent Wisdom, of the Union Agency, Ind. T., first requiring him to give an approved bond in the sum of at least \$100,000 to cover deposits for such payment either in whole or by installments.

I wish to say also that I desire that this payment shall be made with particular care, and in all respects according to the regulations of this Department and the best business methods, and that no warrants be paid except those enumerated on the pages of said report of Assistant Attorney Ross, above specified.

Instruct the agent to take the receipts of the payees, both on their respective warrants themselves and on his pay rolls, and to file the warrants with his accounts.

When this payment is completed you will make full report thereof to this Department, together with copies (in duplicate) of said reports of Agent Wisdom, dated September 7, 1897, of Special Inspector Zevely, dated November 2, 1897, and of George C. Ross, dated February 1, 1898, with all important papers relating to the matter, for transmittal to Congress with my report of the investigation and payment.

Very respectfully,

C. N. BLISS, *Secretary.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, April 23, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, pursuant to your direction, the triplicate and quadruplicate copies of the cash account current, abstract of disbursements, and pay roll of the Creek warrant payment, made, pursuant to your directions of February 3, 1898, by Mr. Dew M. Wisdom, United States Indian agent, Indian Territory; also copies of the following papers: Report of United States Indian Agent Wisdom, dated April 14, 1898; instructions to Agent Wisdom, dated February 23, 1898; Department authority for payment, dated February 3, 1898; report of Special Inspector J. W. Zevely, with exhibits, dated November 2, 1897; and report of Assistant Attorney George C. Ross, dated February 1, 1898; also copies of such other papers as are essential to this report.

The cash account of the United States Indian agent shows that the total amount of money received by him for disbursement was \$258,538.23, and that this amount was disbursed as follows:

Paid, general fund, Creek warrants .....	\$187,611.69	
Paid, school fund, Creek warrants.....	65,410.94	
		\$253,022.63
Total amount paid out .....		\$253,022.63
Outstanding warrants not paid:		
General fund.....	\$4,164.15	
School fund.....	1,350.95	
		5,515.10
Total .....		5,515.10

The unexpended balance of \$5,515.61 has been returned to the United States Treasury. The discrepancy of 51 cents between the outstanding warrants and the cash returned to the Treasury is fully explained by the balance sheets attached to the rolls.

It may be proper to state that account above referred to has been administratively examined by this office, found correct, and transmitted to the honorable the Auditor for the Interior Department, together with the paid and canceled warrants, for settlement.

All of the original papers pertaining to the Creek warrant payment are retained in this office for further use in the final settlement of the Indian agent's accounts.

Very respectfully,

W. A. JONES, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, MUSKOGEE NATION,  
Okmulgee, Okla., June 29, 1897.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, D. C.:

In accordance with the requirements of a provision of the act of Congress making appropriations for the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, we, the undersigned executive officers of the Creek or Muskogee Nation, hereby make demand that the Secretary of the Interior shall, through an officer of the Government, disburse \$333,000 of the money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the Creek or Muskogee Nation of Indians, only for the payment of the debts of the Government of the Creek or Muskogee Nation: Provided, that no debts shall be paid until, by investigation, the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that said nation of Indians incurred said debts or issued its warrants representing the

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same for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debt or the issue of warrants.

[SEAL.]

ISPARHECHER,  
*Principal Chief.*  
ROLLEY MCINTOSH,  
*Second Chief.*  
E. B. CHILDERS,  
*Treasurer.*

I, S. B. Callihan, official custodian of the seal of the Muskogee Nation, hereby certify that the signatures of the foregoing instrument of writing are genuine, and that the persons who affixed their signatures thereto are the duly elected and qualified executive officers of the Creek or Muskogee Nation of Indians.

S. B. CALLIHAN,  
*Private Secretary.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, July 7, 1897.*

SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of the 3d instant, transmitting a demand from the proper authorities of the Creek or Muskogee Nation of Indians, for the carrying into effect by the Secretary of the Interior of the provisions of the act of June 7, 1897 (Public No. 3, p. 7), relating to the disbursement, through an officer of the Government, the sum of \$333,000 of the money of said nation, "only for the payment of the debts of the government of the Creek Nation."

This also provides "that no debts shall be paid until by investigation the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that the said nation of Indians incurred said debts or issued its warrants representing the same for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debt or the issue of warrants."

In order to fully meet the requirements of the act, you are hereby instructed to direct Indian Agent Dew M. Wisdom, of the Union Agency, Ind. T., to make the investigation contemplated thereby, and to present his report in the case, with a schedule of the debts to be paid, and the necessary proofs to sustain the same, for the Department's action.

The paper inclosed with your letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, July 8, 1897.*

SIR: By the Indian appropriation act of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, page 7, the following legislation appears, viz:

"Upon the properly authenticated demand of the Creek Nation, made after the passage of this act, the Secretary of the Interior shall, through an officer of the Government, disburse three hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars of the money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the Creek Nation of Indians, only for the payments of the debts of the government of the Creek Nation: *Provided*, That no debts shall be paid until, by investigation, the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that said nation of Indians incurred said debt or issued its warrants representing the same for a full and sufficient consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debt or the issue of said warrants."

In confirmation of a telegram to you of this date, you are advised that the Secretary of the Interior has designated you to make the investigation prescribed in the above paragraph, with directions that you present your report in the case, with a schedule of the debts to be paid and the necessary proofs to sustain the same, for the action of the Department.

You are therefore directed to proceed with the examination without unnecessary delay and to submit your report as early as practicable.

Very respectfully,

THOS. P. SMITH,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

DEW M. WISDOM,  
*United States Indian Agent, Union Agency, Ind. T.*

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UNION AGENCY, *Muscogee, Ind. T., September 7, 1897.*

SIR: In reply to "Finance, 25015-97," of date July 8, 1897, I have the honor to inclose herewith a report of the Creek committee on warrants, covering a tabulated list of the same, which report, it will be seen, is approved by the principal chief of the Creek Nation, of date September 3, 1897, and which tabulated list is certified to by the said principal chief as showing that said warrants were issued by the Creek Nation for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debts which said warrants represent severally, and that there was no fraud in connection with the issuance of said warrants.

It will be seen that said tabulated list represents the amount of \$352,243.16, which amount (according to the certificate of the chief) is a valid debt against the Creek Nation.

It will therefore be seen the said amount of \$352,243.16 is in excess of the appropriation made by Congress to pay the indebtedness of the Creek Nation the sum of \$19,243.16, and therefore the appropriation, when exhausted, will still leave an outstanding debt against the Creek Nation of \$19,243.16.

I am, however, informed officially that there is sufficient money in the treasury of the Creek Nation, arising from various sources of revenue, to discharge said excess. So far as I know or believe, the inclosed tabulated list has been prepared with great care, and I am satisfied that the several warrants embraced therein represent a bona fide or legitimate debt against said nation and that they should be paid, as far as possible, out of the appropriation made by Congress, to wit, \$333,000, and I therefore recommend that said sum be made available for that purpose under proper instructions from your office, after having been submitted to the honorable Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Very respectfully,

DEW M. WISDOM,  
*United States Indian Agent.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C.*

P. S.—For your information I send you a copy of the acts and regulations of the Creek national council of the called session of August and the regular session of October, 1896, and on page 16 thereof you will find the act creating the committee on warrants and defining their duties.

D. M. W.

*List of general-fund warrants issued upon reports of committee.*

No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.	No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.
1	P. Porter .....	\$295.60	\$295.60	32	W. W. McKay .....	\$52.00	\$52.00
2	D. M. Hodge .....	295.55	295.55	33	T. W. Perryman .....	181.45	181.45
3	W. A. Sapulpa .....	295.55	295.55	34	Void.		
4	Joseph Mingo .....	295.55	295.55	35	J. C. Menifee .....	31.25	31.25
5	R. W. Stewart .....	295.55	295.55	36	P. J. Byrne .....	34.00	34.00
6	J. H. Lynch .....	295.55	295.55	37	Smith Bros .....	141.60	141.60
7	Void.			38	John A. Meyers .....	50.00	50.00
8	J. H. Lynch .....	50.00	50.00	39	S. W. Brown .....	77.50	77.50
9	Martie .....	42.25	42.25	40	G. C. Kindley .....	50.00	50.00
				41	Brown Bros .....	27.60	27.60
10	Ben. T. Duval .....	500.00		42	Roley McIntosh .....	11.00	11.00
11	.....	500.00		43	Ispokoke .....	68.75	68.75
12	.....	500.00		44	Robert Carr .....	75.00	75.00
13	.....	100.00					
14	.....	100.00		45	Burd. Hard. Co .....	1,000.00	
15	.....	100.00		46	.....	1,000.00	
16	.....	100.00		47	.....	1,000.00	
17	.....	40.00		48	.....	1,000.00	
18	.....	40.00		49	Void.		
			1,980.00	50	.....	214.40	
19	F. M. Davis .....	100.00					
20	.....	32.00		51	Kelker & Thomas .....	165.60	4,214.40
				52	G. W. Snider .....	125.00	165.60
21	Simmer .....	12.00	132.00	53	S. B. Callahan .....	98.00	125.00
22	Soloman Sani .....	26.50	26.50	54	Pearl M. Warren .....	15.00	98.00
23	Millie McIntosh .....	188.00	188.00	55	H. H. Holman .....	68.00	15.00
24	William Barnett .....	12.00	12.00	56	D. G. Watson .....	326.05	68.00
25	Charles Gibson .....	14.40	14.40	57	1st Nat. Wagoner .....	7,203.28	326.05
26	J. H. Crabtree .....	48.90	48.90	58	La Fayette & Bro .....	270.00	7,203.28
27	O. A. Morton .....	33.00	33.00	59	B. F. La Fayette .....	86.00	270.00
28	William Whitlow .....	183.00	183.00				86.00
29	W. F. Seaver .....	110.00	110.00	60	J. H. Land .....	125.00	
30	A. E. McKellop .....	106.64	106.64	61	.....	20.00	
31	Walker Dunson .....	3,000.00	3,000.00				145.00

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List of general-fund warrants issued upon reports of committee—Continued.

No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.	No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.
42	T. H. Scales.....	\$1,000.00		140		\$25.00	
43	.....	1,000.00		141	.....	25.00	
44	.....	1,000.00		142	.....	25.00	
45	.....	1,000.00		143	.....	25.00	
46	.....	1,000.00		144	.....	25.00	
47	.....	1,000.00		145	.....	25.00	
48	.....	1,000.00					\$18,475.00
49	.....	143.78		146	J. Parkinson.....	25.00	
			\$7,143.78	147	.....	500.00	
70	W. E. Gentry & Co ..	500.00		148	.....	500.00	
71	.....	500.00		149	.....	500.00	
72	.....	500.00		150	.....	500.00	
73	.....	100.00		151	.....	500.00	
74	.....	100.00		152	.....	500.00	
75	.....	100.00		153	.....	500.00	
76	.....	50.00		154	.....	500.00	
77	.....	50.00		155	.....	500.00	
78	.....	81.70		156	.....	312.31	
			1,981.70				4,837.31
79	Frank Likowski.....	975.75	975.75	157	W. B. Robe.....	125.00	
				158	.....	65.00	
80	J. Parkinson.....	5,000.00		159	Foley & Tally.....	1,250.00	190.00
81	.....	5,000.00		160	.....	1,250.00	
82	.....	1,000.00		161	.....	1,881.20	
83	.....	1,000.00		162	.....	7,190.34	
84	.....	1,000.00		163	.....	7,190.35	
85	.....	1,000.00		164	.....	1,092.47	
86	.....	1,000.00		165	.....	254.17	
87	.....	100.00					20,108.53
88	.....	100.00		166	J. Parkinson.....	36.00	36.00
89	.....	100.00					
90	.....	100.00		167	1st Nat. Wagoner...	1,000.00	
91	.....	100.00		168	.....	1,000.00	
92	.....	100.00		169	.....	1,000.00	
93	.....	100.00		170	.....	1,000.00	
94	.....	100.00		171	.....	500.00	
95	.....	100.00		172	.....	500.00	
96	.....	100.00		173	.....	500.00	
97	.....	100.00		174	.....	500.00	
98	.....	100.00		175	.....	100.00	
99	.....	100.00		176	.....	100.00	
100	.....	100.00		177	.....	100.00	
101	.....	100.00		178	.....	100.00	
102	.....	100.00		179	.....	100.00	
103	.....	100.00		180	.....	100.00	
104	.....	100.00		181	.....	100.00	
105	.....	100.00		182	.....	100.00	
106	.....	100.00		183	.....	100.00	
107	.....	50.00		184	.....	100.00	
108	.....	50.00		185	.....	50.00	
109	.....	50.00		186	.....	50.00	
110	.....	50.00		187	.....	50.00	
111	.....	50.00		188	.....	50.00	
112	.....	50.00		189	.....	25.00	
113	.....	50.00		190	.....	25.00	
114	.....	50.00		191	.....	25.00	
115	.....	50.00		192	.....	17.20	
116	.....	50.00					7,292.20
117	.....	50.00		193	March Thompson....	503.00	503.00
118	.....	50.00		194	Phoenix Printing Co.	76.25	76.25
119	.....	50.00		195	J. L. Thomas.....	310.08	310.08
120	.....	50.00					
121	.....	50.00		196	C. W. Garrett.....	50.00	
122	.....	50.00		197	.....	50.00	
123	.....	50.00		198	.....	47.54	
124	.....	50.00					147.54
125	.....	50.00		199	J. A. Reek.....	4.00	4.00
126	.....	50.00		200	W. E. Gentry.....	100.00	100.00
127	.....	25.00		201	1st Nat. Wagoner...	100.00	100.00
128	.....	25.00					
129	.....	25.00		202	P. K. Morton.....	400.00	
130	.....	25.00		203	.....	400.00	
131	.....	25.00		204	.....	250.00	
132	.....	25.00		205	.....	250.00	
133	.....	25.00		206	.....	200.00	
134	.....	25.00		207	.....	100.00	
135	.....	25.00		208	.....	100.00	
136	.....	25.00		209	.....	100.00	
137	.....	25.00		210	.....	100.00	
138	.....	25.00		211	.....	100.00	
139	.....	25.00					

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List of general-fund warrants issued upon reports of committee—Continued.

No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.	No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.
212		\$50.00		282		\$500.00	
213		50.00		283		400.00	
214		26.06		284		264.70	
			\$2,126.06	285		1,000.00	
215	Hutchings & English	1,000.00		286		1,000.00	
216		1,000.00		287		500.00	
217		500.00		288		500.00	
218		265.80		289		607.61	
219		500.00		290		500.00	
220		500.00		291		500.00	
221		463.35		292		300.00	
222		200.00		293		136.55	
223		200.00		294		186.35	
224		200.00					\$12,982.11
225		100.00		295	Patterson Merc. Co.	591.10	591.10
226		100.00					
227		85.00		296	Leo E. Bennett	500.00	
			5,114.15	297		100.00	
228	C. W. Turner	143.00		298		96.70	
229		238.03		300	Void.		
230		1,000.00		301		1,100.00	
231		1,000.00		302		600.00	
232		1,000.00		303		68.75	
233		1,000.00		304		120.00	
234		1,000.00		306		500.00	
235		1,000.00		307		500.00	
236		1,000.00		308		400.00	
237		1,000.00		309		400.00	
238		423.17		310		400.00	
			8,804.20	311		300.00	
239	S. B. Callahan	13.00	13.00	312		43.20	
				313		300.00	
240	C. E. Foley	500.00		314		150.00	
241		457.97		315		100.00	
			957.97	316		100.00	
242	J. H. Crabtree	15.00	15.00	317		100.00	
243	John Smith	4.50	4.50	318		50.00	
				319		50.00	
244	Charles Gibson	20.00		320		69.47	
245		90.00		321		30.85	
			110.00	322		15.00	
246	Foley & Tully	4,177.18	4,177.18	323		300.00	
247	Void.			324		200.00	
248	Rowland Brown	295.55	295.55	325		100.00	
				326		50.00	
249	Fred Parkinson	7.60		327		44.00	
250		55.40		328		43.75	
			63.00				6,831.72
251	S. J. Haynes	18.00	18.00	329	H. F. Jones Mer. Co.	1,387.10	1,387.10
				330	C. E. Foley	474.38	474.38
252	W. C. Trent	1,074.40		331	J. L. Thomas	34.00	34.00
253		500.00		332	J. E. Turner	30.00	30.00
254		296.40		333	W. A. Madden	32.00	32.00
255		1,000.00		334	Maddin Hadw. Co.	45.00	45.00
256		1,000.00		335	Maddin & Co.	12.75	12.75
257		1,000.00		336	J. B. Neeley	58.22	58.22
258		1,000.00		337	Spaulding & Co.	805.79	805.79
259		500.00		338	Void.		
260		500.00		339	T. F. Meagher	551.00	
261		500.00		340		161.00	
262		500.00		341		1,662.40	
263		500.00					2,374.40
264		500.00		342	J. E. Turner & Co.	1,820.91	
265		210.76		343		5,000.00	
266		200.00		344		2,762.95	
267		200.00					9,583.86
			9,481.56	345	Frank Likowski	15.00	15.00
268	F. B. Severs	1,000.00		346	C. H. Tully	123.00	123.00
269		1,000.00		347	Leo E. Bennett	30.79	30.79
270		500.00		348	W. E. Gentry & Co.	12.00	12.00
271		500.00		349	F. B. Severs	15.20	15.20
272		300.00		350	Hotalkoche	130.00	130.00
273		220.60		351	J. P. Davidson	14.60	14.60
274		300.00		352	S. B. Callahan	15.00	15.00
275		200.00		353	Moty Tiger	97.30	97.30
276		207.55		354	Charles Gibson	.70	.70
277		356.00		355	Sam Grayson	27.00	27.00
278		300.75					
279		200.00		356	J. E. Turner & Co.	24.00	
280		1,000.00		357		68.75	
281		500.00					92.75

## List of general-fund warrants issued upon reports of committee—Continued.

No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.	No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.
358	1st Nat. Muskogee	\$60.00		390	Patterson Mer. Co	\$161.90	
359	.....	106.00		391	.....	444.04	
360	.....	788.55		392	.....	94.12	
361	.....	10,848.30		393	.....	385.10	
362	.....	10,511.62		394	.....	895.61	
363	.....	10,270.05		395	.....	66.08	
			\$32,084.52	396	.....	1,285.53	
				397	.....	1,049.28	
		67,900.29	67,900.29	398	.....	45.00	
				399	.....	490.60	
				400	.....	4,031.75	
364	R. E. Lynch	29.40	29.40				
365	T. H. Scales	27.00	27.00				
366	Frank Likowski	15.00	15.00	401	T. C. Harvison	15.00	15.00
367	S. S. Feary	14.40	14.40	402	F. M. Davis	5,000.00	5,000.00
368	T. E. Smiley	150.00	150.00	403	H. F. Jones	5,000.00	5,000.00
369	James Eagan	1,000.00	1,000.00	404	W. B. Wadsworth	45.00	45.00
370	R. E. Lynch	588.13	588.13	405	C. S. Smith	75.00	75.00
371	C. R. Reeder	1,105.15	1,105.15	406	John Jefferson	2.80	2.80
				407	John Smith	4.50	4.50
372	1st Nat. Muskogee	20.00		408	Yarteka Harjo	4.50	4.50
373	.....	20.00		409	Manuel Jefferson	14.00	14.00
374	.....	68.75		410	Echo Emarthla	5.15	5.15
375	.....	68.75		411	Mina (indigent)	15.00	15.00
376	.....	44.00		412	Sundy (indigent)	15.00	15.00
377	.....	40.00		413	Semarye (indigent)	15.00	15.00
378	.....	125.85		414	H. C. Reed	5.20	5.20
			387.35	415	W. C. McNac	4.00	4.00
379	A. P. McKellop	5.00	5.00	416	1st Nat. Muskogee	841.62	841.62
380	J. A. Wilkinson	36.50	36.50	417	Commercial Bank	15.00	15.00
381	C. H. Tully	25.00	25.00	418	Foley & Tully	14.00	14.00
382	L. G. McIntosh	29.40	29.40	419	Poe & Campbell	70.25	70.25
				420	C. W. Garrett	4.10	4.10
383	Turner Hdw. Co	400.00		421	T. H. Scales	52.90	52.90
384	.....	400.00		422	Leo E. Bennett	129.60	129.60
385	.....	400.00		423	1st Nat. Muskogee	1,000.00	1,000.00
386	.....	400.00					
387	.....	15.00				26,350.96	26,350.96
			1,615.00				
388	Charles Gibson	12.00	12.00				
389	J. E. Turner	15.00	15.00				

## List of school warrants issued upon reports of committee.

No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.	No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.
1	J. A. Scott	\$52.50	\$52.50	30	L. H. Land	\$1,500.00	
2	Mildred McIntosh	45.00	45.00	31	.....	161.95	
3	P. R. Ewing	50.00	50.00	32	.....	35.00	
4	Anna D. Florence	70.00	70.00				\$1,756.95
5	Lizzie Keener	246.75	246.75	33	T. H. Scales	1,500.00	
6	E. M. Perryman	264.99	264.99	34	.....	1,000.00	
7	J. M. Holcomb	50.00	50.00	35	.....	493.89	
8	B. B. Gregory	30.00	30.00				2,993.89
9	W. M. Hope	52.50	52.50	36	W. E. Gentry & Co	300.00	
10	G. C. Kindley	280.00	280.00	37	.....	200.00	
11	P. J. Byrne	15.00	15.00	38	.....	100.00	
12	L. L. Allen	279.00	279.00	39	.....	100.00	
13	J. C. Menifee	47.50	47.50	40	.....	61.75	
14	Brown Bros	142.50	142.50				761.75
				41	Likowski	20.00	20.00
15	Burd Hwd. Co	1,000.00					
16	.....	631.33		42	J. Parkinson	500.00	
			1,631.33	43	.....	100.00	
17	C. G. Moore Drug Co	527.38		44	.....	100.00	
18	.....	123.85		45	.....	100.00	
19	.....	75.00		46	.....	100.00	
			726.23	47	.....	100.00	
20	E. E. Hardridge	66.13	66.13	48	.....	81.60	
21	S. J. Grimes	63.00	63.00				1,081.60
22	Pearl M. Warren	183.91	183.91	49	W. B. Robe	500.00	
23	H. H. Holman	47.26	47.26	50	.....	500.00	
24	D. G. Watson	30.00	30.00	51	.....	500.00	
25	J. H. Land	1,077.50	1,077.50	52	.....	62.50	
26	L. T. Sheets	37.50	37.50				1,562.50
27	Void			53	Foley & Tully	5,830.40	
28	La Fayette & Bro	30.00	30.00	54	.....	1,000.00	
29	B. F. LaFayette	674.82	674.82	55	.....	1,000.00	
				56	.....	1,000.00	

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List of school warrants issued upon reports of committee—Continued.

No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.	No.	Name.	Amount.	Total.
57		\$1,000.00		129		\$200.00	
58		1,000.00		130		50.00	
59		100.00		131		50.00	
60		100.00		132		62.90	
61		100.00		133		438.20	
62		100.00					\$3,493.10
63		100.00		134	J. H. Lynch	127.50	127.50
64		100.00		135	H. F. Jones Mer. Co.	827.70	827.70
65		90.73		136	E. B. Childers	70.25	70.25
66		172.50	\$11,693.63	137	Maddin Hdw. Co	112.50	112.50
67	J. Parkinson	500.00		138	Spaulding & Co.	3,000.00	
68		500.00		139		500.00	
69		250.00		140		500.00	
70		250.00		141		326.15	
71		100.00		142		504.55	4,830.70
72		100.00					
73	C. W. Garrett	34.00	1,700.00	143	J. E. Turner & Co.	10,000.00	
74	J. A. Rock	340.00	340.00	144		3,726.82	
75	Charlie Roberts	120.00	120.00	145		171.65	
				146		52.50	13,950.97
76	P. K. Morton	27.50		147	L. B. Benbow	90.00	90.00
77		62.50		148	Void		
78		33.85		149	P. K. Morton	75.00	75.00
79		20.50		150	Hepsey Jimboy	20.05	20.05
80		60.00		151	Hutchings & Eng- lish	336.08	336.08
81	P. K. Morton	25.00	204.35	152	Patterson Mer. Co	52.70	52.70
			25.00	153	Spaulding & Co.	785.60	785.60
82	Hutchings & English	500.00					
83		56.75	556.75	154	1st Nat. Muskogee	2,000.00	
84	C. W. Turner	165.00		155		2,167.50	
85		48.00		156		520.00	
86		22.30		157		40.00	
87		1,000.00		158		130.00	4,857.50
88		1,000.00		159	F. M. Davis	1,000.00	
89		1,000.00		160		1,000.00	
90		68.65		161		1,000.00	
91		5.48		162		500.00	
			3,309.43	163		500.00	
92	C. E. Foley	470.13		164		750.00	
93		470.13		165		3,000.00	
			940.26	166		1,750.00	9,500.00
94	Foley & Tully	28.00	28.00				
95	W. C. Trent	216.00		167	T. E. Smiley	7,490.00	
96		108.35		168		7,490.00	14,980.00
98		143.50		169	James Egan	10,000.00	
99		143.50		170		10,000.00	
100		143.50	754.85	171		3,300.00	23,300.00
101	F. B. Severs	409.94		172	R. E. Lynch	771.93	771.93
102		409.84		173	C. R. Reeder	1,012.50	1,012.50
103		409.84					
104		153.50		174	1st Nat. Muskogee	140.00	
105		80.00		175		22.75	
106		386.00					162.75
107		386.00		176	L. T. Sheets	75.00	75.00
108		384.00					
109		100.00		177	H. F. Jones	4,500.00	
110		76.25		178		4,700.00	9,200.00
111		193.50	2,988.87				
112	Leo H. Bennett	52.50		179	J. A. Harris	3,000.00	
113		200.00		180		3,000.00	6,000.00
114		130.50		181	F. M. Davis	5,600.00	5,600.00
115		100.00					
116		85.75		182	U. B. Gray	500.00	
117		123.00		183		500.00	
118		150.00		184		500.00	
119		59.00		185		500.00	
120		45.00		186		1,000.00	
121		200.00		187		1,000.00	
122		100.00		188		1,000.00	
123		49.00		189		1,000.00	6,000.00
124		97.25					5.00
125		400.00		190	C. W. Turner	5.00	5.00
126		400.00					
127		300.00					
128		200.00				82,824.11	82,824.11

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RECAPITULATION.

Footing No. 1, general fund.....	\$28,372.30
Footing No. 2, general fund.....	21,432.45
Footing No. 3, general fund.....	35,830.98
Footing No. 4, general fund.....	29,054.11
Footing No. 5, general fund.....	67,900.29
Footing No. 6, general fund.....	26,350.96
Total, general fund.....	<u>208,941.08</u>
Footing No. 7, school fund.....	27,763.74
Footing No. 8, school fund.....	32,714.23
Footing No. 9, school fund.....	82,824.11
Total school fund.....	<u>143,302.08</u>
Grand total.....	<u>352,243.16</u>

The foregoing report is hereby approved, September 3, 1897; and I certify that all alterations and erasures were made before signing.

ISPARHECHER,  
*Principal Chief, Muskogee Nation.*

S. B. CALLAHAN, *Private Secretary.*

[Extract from the acts and resolutions of the Cherokee National Council of the called session of August, and the regular session of October, 1896.]

COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS.

Whereas the Muskogee Nation desires to ascertain the accurate amount of its national indebtedness and prevent fraudulent manipulation of national warrants by changes on the face of said warrants from original to greater amounts; and

Whereas our national warrants are made of a very inferior article of paper and subject to changes as to value by the use of chemicals without detection; and

Whereas it is the desire of the Muskogee Nation to provide for the payment of its just indebtedness; therefore,

SEC. 36. *Be it enacted by the national council of the Muskogee Nation,* That the principal chief be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to appoint a committee composed of three competent citizens who shall be charged with the duty of calling in all outstanding warrants, and to examine them thoroughly as to their correctness by comparing them with the stubs from which they were issued, and with the appropriations made therefor, and after such investigation has been completed a full report thereof shall be made to the principal chief, who shall take up and destroy said warrants found to be correct, and shall issue in lieu thereof new warrants, in as large denominations as is practicable, to the holders of said old warrants.

The new warrants to be issued by the chief, as herein provided, shall be made of the best quality of bank paper, printed or lithographed, designed by private and appropriate designs, and stamped with a cut stamp showing the numerals of each warrant.

Said committee shall provide an erasable stamp which shall contain the word "void," with which all fraudulent warrants presented shall be stamped or branded. Said warrants shall be returned to the holders thereof.

EUFAULA, IND. T., *September 2, 1897.*

Hon. ISPARHECHER,  
*Principal Chief, Muskogee Nation.*

SIR: We, the undersigned examining committee on warrants, as provided for by the act of the national council, approved November 10, 1896, beg leave to submit the inclosed tabulated report, showing the amount to be correctly due to the persons named as shown, which amounts correctly show the outstanding indebtedness of the Muskogee Nation

We have rejected \$27,000 spurious warrants which we branded "void" and returned to the holders.

Very respectfully,

CHS. GIBSON.  
J. H. CRABTREE.  
G. W. STIDHAM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, MUSKOGEE NATION,  
Okmulgee, Ind. T., September 3, 1897.

I, Isparchiecher, principal chief of the Muskogee Nation, Indian Territory, hereby certify that I have examined the tabulated list of warrants, and have also examined the numbers and amounts of said warrants included in and covered by said tabulated list, and, therefore, I hereby certify that said warrants were issued by the Creek Nation for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debts which said warrants represent, severally, and that there was no fraud in connection with the issuance of said warrants.

I have therefore approved said tabulated report or list of the Creek committee on warrants, and recommend that they be paid to the individuals holding the same or to their order.

Given under my official signature and seal of office the date above written.

[SEAL.]

ISPARICHECHER,  
Principal Chief, Muskogee Nation.

S. B. CALLAHAN,  
Private Secretary.

TULSA, IND. T., August 30, 1897.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: At the request of a well known and perfectly reliable citizen of the Creek Nation this communication is addressed to you.

This party desires me to say to you that he is aware that a thorough investigation of Creek Nation warrants has been ordered by the Department, but he has every reason to believe that there are some very important features of this investigation that probably will be overlooked, to wit: The point where old Creek warrants are destroyed and new ones issued in their stead. He has every reason to know that the registering committee appointed by the Creek national council has placed their approval and "OK" upon a number of Creek warrants, for a consideration, that are rank forgeries and that there are United States citizens implicated in the crime.

He desires me to ask the Department as to what steps he should pursue to bring these persons to justice.

He desires me to say to the Department that no investigation of Creek national warrants will be effective unless each and every one is investigated to its original owner, and the act of council authorizing its issue, as in his belief ten-dollar warrants have been made one hundred, or more, passed through the nation's officials, and a new warrant issued in its place for the raised amount.

He has every reason to know that warrants having no foundation in fact have been passed by this registering committee, a new warrant issued, and this new production sold to some of the banks of the country at a discount.

Respectfully submitted.

A. H. COLLINS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, November 2, 1897.

Hon. CORNELIUS N. BLISS,  
Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

SIR: Agreeably to instructions contained in your letter of September 15, 1897, and addressed to me at Helena, Mont., I repaired to Muskogee, Ind. T., to make an investigation of frauds reported to have been perpetrated in connection with the issuance of warrants for the payment of the indebtedness of the Creek government. On my arrival there I found Mr. George C. Ross, of the Assistant Attorney-General's Office of this Department, and together we conducted the investigation. In the first instance we ascertained that the committee that had been appointed in pursuance of the act of the Creek council, approved November 10, 1896, a copy of which is hereto attached (Exhibit 1), had held its meetings at the town of Eufaula, and that they had there, at the time this investigation was begun, the stub books from which the old warrants from which they had passed had been issued. We found in their possession the following stub books:

December 5, 1887, to November 14, 1888, stubs from 12997 to 14016.

November 14, 1888, to January 21, 1890, stubs from 14017 to 15016.

February 9, 1890, to December 11, 1890, stubs from A1 to A1000.

January 8, 1891, to December 9, 1891, stubs from A1000 to A2000.

December 9, 1891, to December 17, 1892, stubs from A2001 to A3000 and 9 extra.

December 24, 1892, to November 6, 1893, stubs from A3001 to A4000.

October 28, 1893, to April 11, 1894, stubs from A4001 to A5010.  
 May 13, 1894, to December 18, 1894, stubs from A5011 to A6000.  
 December 18, 1894, to July 5, 1895, stubs from A6001 to A7000.  
 November 28, 1895, to December 4, 1895, stubs from A7016 to A8000.  
 August 7, 1895, to September 13, 1895, stubs from A8001 to A9000. (In this latter book stubs from 8245 to 8316 are gone. In the stub book November 28, 1895, to December 4, 1895, stubs from A7016 to A8000, the stubs from A7001 to 7015, inclusive, are gone.)  
 December 9, 1895, to December 14, 1895, stubs from 8001 to 8250.  
 December 18, 1895, to December 20, 1895, stubs from 8251 to 8500.  
 December 16, 1895, to December 18, 1895, stubs from 8501 to 8750.  
 December 14, 1895, to December 16, 1895, stubs from 8751 to 9000.  
 December 30, 1895, to March 10, 1896, stubs from 9001 to 9250.  
 October 29, 1896, to November 10, 1896, stubs from 1 to 250.  
 November 7, 1896, to November 10, 1896, stubs from 251 to 500.  
 November 10, 1896, to November 10, 1896, stubs from 501 to 750.  
 November 10, 1896, to December 5, 1896, stubs from 751 to 1000.  
 December 5, 1896, to January 14, 1887, stubs from 1001 to 1134.  
 March 10, 1896, to June 10, 1896, stubs from 9251 to 9500.  
 June 10, 1896, to August 29, 1896, stubs from 9501 to 9750.  
 August 10, 1896, to October 29, 1896, stubs from 9751 to 10000.

From this it will be observed that the stub book from November 28, 1895, to December 4, 1895, purporting to contain stubs numbered from 7001 to 8000, inclusive, had torn from it stubs numbered from 1 to 15, inclusive, and that stub book from August 7, 1895, to September 13, 1895, purporting to contain the stubs and warrants from number A8001 to A9000 had torn from it stubs from 8245 to 8316. In connection with these missing stubs, I made an examination of the laws of the Creek Nation, and found that on pages 18 and 19 of the enactments of the sessions of May, June, October, November, and December, 1895, a resolution was passed by the Creek council directing the treasurer of the Creek Nation not to pay any warrants numbered from 8250 to 8316. Upon inquiry as to the occasion of the passage of this enactment, it developed that during the incumbency of Legus C. Perryman as principal chief of the Creek Nation, that the warrant book containing these warrants numbered from 8001 to 9000 was stolen from the principal chief, and that when the book was recovered a number of the warrants, stubs and all, had been stolen from the book, and this law was passed by the council to prevent any of these warrants, if any should be issued, being paid.

In consequence of the act of the council, approved November 10, 1896, the principal chief, Isparhecher, appointed a committee of three citizens of the Creek Nation to conduct the investigation therein provided for. The persons appointed were Charles Gibson, James H. Crabtree, and George W. Stidham. Upon our visit to the committee at Eufaula we took an affidavit setting forth the manner of their procedure in the matter of investigating old warrants and directing the principal chief to issue new ones in lieu of those they found to be valid. Another provision of this act is to the effect that "after said investigation has been completed, a full report thereof shall be made to the principal chief, who shall take up and destroy said warrants found to be correct and shall issue in lieu thereof new warrants in as large denominations as is practicable to the holders of said warrants." Inquiry developed the fact that instead of this report being made in accordance with the provisions of this law—that is to say, when the work was all completed—the committee had reported, from time to time, as they had passed upon old warrants and had sent these old warrants with the reports to the principal chief, and when we arrived there all old warrants had been destroyed, thus rendering it impossible to check the stubs, with the old warrants. But it was found, upon inquiry, that, in many instances, when the holders of old warrants had presented them to this investigating committee for their action that they had at the time taken a descriptive receipt for the warrants left with the committee. We immediately learned, as far as was possible, the post-office addresses of the persons whom the report of Indian Agent Wisdom indicated as the holders of new warrants, and when it was impossible to see them in person addressed letters to them, requesting that they send us the receipts given them by the committee for the warrants submitted for examination.

In some instances our letters were returned as "Not called for," and in a few other instances we were unable to learn the whereabouts of persons indicated as holding warrants. In a good many others we received replies to the effect that they either had not taken any receipt from the committee at all or that when the new warrants were issued to them the receipts had been destroyed. In the case of the others they supplied us with the receipts they had given them by the committee. These receipts, in some instances, set forth the number of the old warrant, the person to whom it

was issued, for what amount, and the fund upon which it was issued. In others, they set forth, in addition to this, the date of the warrant, and in other cases they only set forth the number of the warrant and the amount and the fund upon which it was drawn. These amount to more than \$200,000, and these we were able to check up with the stub books, and found them, with now and then a slight discrepancy, to be correct. In the instances, where we had no receipts with which to check the stubs, the holders were usually found to be not business men, and had either never taken receipts or had destroyed them when they received their new warrants. Inquiry concerning these, made in a general way, elicited the fact, however, that they were honest men and very probably holding honest warrants.

A statement procured from the treasurer of the Creek Nation, C. B. Childers, shows, among other things, that the following warrants, which were reported by Agent Wisdom as due from the Creek government and to be paid out of the appropriation of \$333,000, have been paid by Treasurer Childers since they were issued by the investigating committee and he presented for our examination the warrants canceled.

General warrants:

No. 1, P. Porter .....	\$295. 60
2, D. M. Hodges .....	295. 55
3, W. A. Sapulpa .....	295. 55
4, Joseph Mingo .....	205. 55
5, R. W. Stewart .....	295. 55
6, J. H. Lynch .....	295. 55
8, J. H. Lynch .....	50. 00
248, Rollan Brown .....	295. 55
367, S. S. Fears .....	14. 40
349, F. B. Severs .....	15. 20
322, Leo E. Bennett .....	15. 00
10, Ben T. Duval .....	500. 00
42, Rola McIntosh .....	11. 00
53, S. B. Callahan .....	98. 00
194, Phoenix Printing Company .....	76. 25
199, J. A. Reck .....	4. 00
295, Patterson Mercantile Company .....	591. 10

School warrants:

No. 40, W. E. Gentry & Co. ....	61. 75
39, W. E. Gentry & Co. ....	100. 00
7, J. M. Holcomb .....	50. 00

making a total of \$3,655.60 of valid warrants that have been paid by the treasurer since the report of the investigating committee to the principal chief, and hence not to be disbursed under the act of Congress of June 7. (See statement of Childers, Exhibit A.)

At Okmulgee, the capital of the Creek Nation, we saw Chief Isparhecher and made an examination of the records found in his office touching upon these Creek warrants. We first got a statement that the principal chief can neither speak, read, write, or understand the English language (see his statement hereto attached), and that in the matter of the issuance of new warrants in lieu of the ones to be retired, he left the matter entirely to his secretaries, and that his private secretary, S. B. Callahan, had delegated the issuance of these warrants to his assistant, J. H. Lynch, and that Lynch had not only written out every one of the warrants, but had signed both the names of the principal chief and the private secretary. (See Isparhecher's statement, Exhibit B.)

Our interviews with the principal chief were all conducted through an interpreter and Gen. Pleasant Porter, a citizen of the Creek Nation and chairman of the Creek commission to treat with the Dawes commission, was kind enough to act for us. The principal chief, upon request, directed his secretaries to place at our disposal all the records in his office, and here we found the "reports" of the Eufaula investigating committee upon the old warrants which they had reported to the principal chief as a valid and outstanding indebtedness against the Creek Government; and also had confirmed, by Secretary Lynch, the report that the old warrants had been destroyed. We took these "reports" and checked them up with the report of Indian Agent Wisdom to this Department, and found that in every instance the secretary to the principal chief had issued warrants in accordance with the reports made by the investigating committee to the principal chief. In other words, the sum total of these reports corresponded with the sum total of the report of Agent Wisdom, and, in the case of each individual holder of new warrants, the reports were found to tally with the report made by Wisdom to this Department.

In the examination of the reports of the investigating committee to the principal chief the fact was discovered that the committee had passed favorably upon a number of warrants numbered between the prescribed numbers of 8250 and 8316, and also a number of warrants numbered from 7000 to 7016, and that new warrants had been issued upon them. The warrants purporting to have been issued within these numbers were for large amounts, and the evidence shows they were all fraudulent. We found, for instance, old warrant No. 8315, dated October 10, 1894, for \$5,000 for "balance on survey issued to Surv. pastures," and No. 7008, dated July 7, 1894, for \$5,600, appropriated in 1893, for the support of N. Y. Sch., issued to the superintendent of N. Y. Sch.; No. 7007, dated February 17, 1895, for \$2,250 for support of Tallahassee school, in favor of T. W. Manuel; 7006, dated May 20, 1895, for \$2,250 for support of Wetumka school, in favor of William Robinson; No. 7005, dated April 15, 1895, for \$5,000 for building Euchee N. S., issued to the board of education. We ascertained who was the superintendent of the New Yuka school in the years 1893-94, and found it to be Prof. W. B. Robe. We sent for Mr. Robe and took his affidavit with reference to warrant No. 7008 for \$5,600. The substance of that affidavit is to the effect that there never was issued by the Creek Government a warrant for \$5,600 for the support of the school of which he was and still is the superintendent, but that the custom of the Creek Government had been to make quarterly payments to him for the support of his school of \$1,400; that in every instance he had collected these warrants himself, and that the warrant No. 7008, upon which this new warrant to F. M. Davis (181) for \$5,600 was issued, was a forgery and a fraud upon the Creek Government, and that the Creek Government does not owe any such sum, it having been paid to him long since. (The affidavit of Mr. Robe is marked Exhibit C. See also affidavit of F. M. Davis, Exhibit D.)

With reference to old warrant No. 8315, purporting to have been issued out of the fund for surveying pastures to pay the balance due for said work in the sum of \$5,000, the affidavit of W. L. Austin, who had surveying contract, to which is attached a statement by C. W. Turner, shows conclusively that said warrant was fraudulent in toto and had long prior thereto been paid by the Creek Government. Austin's affidavit is herewith filed, marked Exhibit E. (See also Davis's affidavit, Exhibit D.) Old warrant No. 7007 for \$2,250, and old warrant No. 7110 for \$4,700, old warrant 8301 for \$500, and old warrant 8302 for \$2,500, all purporting to have been issued to T. W. Manuel as superintendent of Tallahassee school, are conclusively shown by the affidavits of T. W. Manuel and J. E. Turner, which are marked Exhibits F and G, to have been fraudulent and fraudulently issued warrants. Old warrants No. 7006 for \$2,250, and 8003 for \$2,500, and 8312 for \$3,000, purporting to have been issued in favor of William Robinson, superintendent of Wetumka school, for the support of said institution and for repairs upon the buildings, are conclusively shown by the affidavit of Mr. Robinson, hereto attached, to be fraudulent and fraudulently issued warrants. (Exhibit H.) Old warrant No. 7005 for \$5,000, and No. 8311 for \$4,500, purporting to have been issued in favor of the board of education for building Euchee school, are conclusively shown by the affidavit of C. W. Turner, hereto attached, marked Exhibit I, to be fraudulent and fraudulently issued warrants.

Old warrant No. 8296 for \$12,000 and old warrant No. 8297 for \$13,000, purporting to have been issued to J. M. Perryman (No. 8296 for building the Colored Orphan School and 8297 for building Eufaula High School), are conclusively shown by the affidavits of W. A. Maddin, marked Exhibit J, and C. S. Cobb, marked Exhibit K, to be fraudulent and fraudulently issued warrants. The affidavit of Mr. Perryman in connection with these warrants could not be taken, for the reason that Mr. Perryman is long since deceased. Old warrant No. 8306 for \$2,250, issued in favor of J. P. Davison for support of Pecan Creek school, is conclusively shown by affidavit of Davison, hereto attached (Exhibit L), to be a fraudulent and fraudulently issued warrant. Old warrant No. 8293 for \$750, in favor of S. B. Callahan (Exhibit M), for support of Wetumka school, is shown by his affidavit and the affidavits of J. H. Lynch and Samuel C. Davis to be a fraudulent and fraudulently issued warrant. Old warrant No. 8309, purporting to have been issued in favor of Taylor Chissoe for \$150 for salary as a member of the board of education, is conclusively shown by Chissoe's affidavit (Exhibit N) to be a fraudulent and fraudulently issued warrant.

Old warrant No. 8111 purporting to have been issued to J. W. Mathis for \$80; old warrant 7004 purporting to have been issued to N. G. Gregory for \$1,125; old warrant No. 8310 purporting to have been issued to D. M. Hodges for \$500; old warrant No. 8305 purporting to have been issued to Richard Bruner for \$275; old warrant No. 8308 purporting to have been issued to William Anderson for \$1,000; old warrant 8307 purporting to have been issued to J. M. Perryman for \$2,500; old warrant 8294 purporting to have been issued to L. C. Perryman for \$300; old warrant 8314 purporting to have been issued to "Creek commission to expel intruders," \$5,000; old warrant 8304 purporting to have been issued to the board of education for Eufaula

High School for \$6,000, and old warrant 8313 purporting to have been issued to the "B. of Ed. for colo. Or. Sch." for \$3,000, are all conclusively shown to be fraudulent and fraudulently issued warrants by the affidavits of J. H. Lynch and Samuel C. Davis, the latter of which is hereto attached and marked Exhibit O. In relation to the warrants last mentioned as being shown to be void by the affidavits of Lynch and Davis, some of the persons to whom they purported to have been issued were dead, others could not be found, and still others, notably D. M. Hodges and Rola McIntosh, refused to make statements (D. M. Hodges with reference to 8310 and Rola McIntosh with reference to 8314, he having been a member of the commission appointed to expel intruders). The affidavits of Lynch and Davis bear upon all the warrants, and should be taken into account in the consideration of every warrant, and are the only evidence as to some of them.

The fraudulency of all the foregoing warrants is established by indisputable testimony.

In reference to those which follow, the only evidence touching them is the affidavit of J. H. Lynch, except No. 7015 for \$730, in connection with which should also be considered affidavit of S. C. Davis, concerning number and date; also, the fact that the stub from this warrant is missing from stub book. They are as follows: Old warrants Nos. 7960, 9631, 9628, 9629, 5707, 6327, 6331, 6523, 7536, 7821, 8831, 8834, 8870, 8879, 9645, 9956, 211, 291, 321, 113, 9842, making a total of \$1,360.06 issued in favor of R. E. Lynch; and old warrants Nos. 6973, 6975, 6980, 7015, 408, 409, 4010, 438, 441, 6781, 463, 8266, 450, 462, 512, 517, 518, 542, 546, 676, 678, 680, 698, 703, 711, 412, 8170, 8142, 8214, 8382, 8779, 8800, 8803, 8809, 8147, 8148, 7173, 7915, 7997, making a total of \$2,117.65 issued in favor of C. R. Reeder. In this last lot is old warrant No. 7015 in favor of P. Anderson for \$730. This warrant is one of those the stub of which was stolen from the warrant book. These two lists in favor of Reeder and Lynch, upon which the new warrants were issued, are doubtless fraudulent, as the statement of J. H. Lynch shows that they were issued upon the same terms as the other fraudulent warrants—namely, for a valuable consideration.

It is barely possible that these might be valid warrants, and if the holders of the new warrants issued in lieu of these are able to show conclusively that they are valid, then they ought to be paid. My opinion, however, is that they are fraudulent. In the affidavit of Mr. Lynch very grave suspicion is cast upon the validity of old warrants Nos. 5758 for \$500 and 5759 for \$500, upon which new warrant No. 423, in favor of the First National Bank of Muscogee, was issued for \$1,000. My opinion is that Mr. Lynch is mistaken in his conclusion about this warrant, and that the new warrant issued in lieu of these old ones ought to be paid. Mr. Ross fully concurs in this opinion. In support of this theory, the affidavit of C. H. Warth is hereto attached, marked Exhibit P.

Old warrant No. 5823, dated November 3, 1894, issued to S. Davis for "Cancellation of et. certificate" for \$841.62, directed by the committee to be issued to the Muscogee Bank, and upon which new warrant No. 416 in favor of the First National Bank of Muscogee has been issued for \$841.62 is a doubtful warrant. J. H. Lynch, the secretary to the principal chief, is uncertain about this warrant. The bank ought to be given an opportunity to show, if it can, that this is a valid warrant.

The statement of Ellis B. Childers (Exhibit A) is filed herewith not only for the purpose of showing his connection with the issuance of these bogus warrants, but his misstatements as to the funds of the Creek Government in his hands. It will be observed that he reports, in addition to the money in the subtreasury at St. Louis, to have about \$5,000 on deposit at the First National Bank at Muscogee and about \$5,000 at the First National Bank at Wagoner. The cashier of the First National Bank at Muscogee, upon examination of his books, found that Mr. Childers had no deposit in said bank to his credit as treasurer, and only a small balance, much less than \$5,000, to his individual account. The statement of Mr. J. W. Wallace, cashier of the First National Bank at Wagoner (Exhibit Q), is herewith filed to show Childers's misstatement in reference to his claim in that bank. It will also be observed from Childers's statement that he claimed to have some \$4,000 of Creek warrants on deposit with E. E. Baldrige, of Wagoner, as collateral. The affidavit of Mr. Baldrige (Exhibit R) is herewith filed, showing that Mr. Childers had no warrants deposited with him as collateral, but that Childers did have deposited with him as collateral \$7,500 in cash.

The affidavit of Baldrige also shows that Childers, in the course of a cattle deal with him, gave him in payment a check on the subtreasury at St. Louis for \$2,500. Childers, in his statement, shows that he bought warrants from the Jones Mercantile Company and from H. F. Jones individually. The affidavit of H. F. Jones (Exhibit S) and the affidavit of M. F. Davis (Exhibit D) are herewith filed to show Childers's connection with the issuance of fraudulent warrants and to show that these gentlemen, who were reputable merchants of the Territory, lent themselves to, if they did not

participate in, the conspiracy to defraud the Creek Government; and further to show fraudulent character of warrants issued in their names at Childers's instance. The affidavits of the commissioners appointed on behalf of the Creek Government to treat with the Dawes Commission (Exhibit T) is herewith filed for the purpose of showing what probably occasioned Treasurer Childers to admit the payment of the new warrants heretofore mentioned and to cancel them.

The affidavit of T. E. Smiley (Exhibit U) in whose name were issued some \$15,130 of the new warrants is herewith filed for the purpose of showing the connection of Burril Cox with this transaction, and also for the purpose of illustrating the method of procedure on the part of the conspirators. The affidavit of Samuel C. Davis (Exhibit O), who was private secretary to Principal Chief L. E. Perryman from the latter part of 1892 until Chief Perryman was deposed in 1895, is filed herewith for the purpose of showing that the warrant book containing warrants numbered from 8001 to 9000 was, at one time, gotten away from Chief Perryman by one Ed. Egan, and that when it was returned quite a number of the warrants, stubs, and all, had been abstracted from said book; that subsequently James Eagan and Burril Cox requested Chief Perryman to give them an order upon Ed. Egan for these stolen warrants; that the chief at first refused to do so, but finally, upon their promise to pay him \$5,000, gave them the order for the warrants. These warrants seem to be the ones which were used for presentation to the investigating committee upon which the fraudulent issue is based. These old warrants that are numbered between 8245 and 8319 are all dated in 1892, 1893, and 1894. The affidavit of Davis shows that this warrant book was not purchased until 1895, and hence that it would be impossible that valid warrants bearing those numbers and dates could have been issued. His affidavit corroborates in toto the affidavit of J. H. Lynch.

The affidavits of Charles Gibson (Exhibits V and W) are herewith filed for the purpose of showing the manner of procedure on the part of the committee in investigating the character of the old warrants and in certifying to the principal chief those that were valid for reissue. It will be observed from his statement that he says that all of the old warrants passed through his individual hands; that whilst they were making this investigation Crabtree examined the stub books and Stidham examined the appropriation books. He (Gibson) would read the number and date of warrants, to whom issued, for what purpose, amount, and from what fund; that Crabtree would then examine the stub book, and, if he found the stub to correspond, would so report; that Stidham would then examine the appropriation book, and if he found the appropriation he would so report, and the warrant would then be passed upon as valid and sent to the principal chief for reissue; that in no instance did he sanction the certification to the principal chief of any warrant which had not stood this test. He further says that the reports which they made to the principal chief were, in every instance, an accurate description of the old warrants upon which they had passed.

The affidavit of Bunnie McIntosh (Exhibit X) is herewith filed, showing the corrupt disposition of the investigating committee.

There is also herewith filed verbatim copies of the report, made to the principal chief, which are involved in this controversy. These reports formed the basis of our investigation, and without them I fancy we would have been unable to secure evidence of these frauds, as there was no other possible means of running down suspicious warrants, as the new warrants, in themselves, do not in any manner indicate what warrants they are issued in lieu of. (These reports are marked Exhibit Z.)

The affidavit of J. H. Lynch, marked (Exhibit Y) is herewith filed for the purpose of showing the corrupt methods employed by Childers, the treasurer of the Creek Nation, and Crabtree and Stidham, members of the investigating committee, and their associates in issuing and uttering false and fraudulent warrants shown by this report to be such. The statements of Crabtree and Stidham were not taken because their complicity in the corrupt issuance of these warrants was clearly demonstrated, and Gibson's statement as acting chairman of the committee covered all the points that were needed with reference to the manner of their conducting their investigation.

Some of the descriptive receipts which were sent to us for the purpose of enabling us to check up with the stub book were left with us and are herewith filed for information.

Those who supplied us with receipts for all the warrants they had presented to the investigating committee for their action were W. C. Trent, First National Bank at Muscogee, Spalding & Co., W. E. Gentry & Co., J. E. Turner & Co., T. F. Meagher, F. B. Severs, James Parkinson, First National Bank at Wagoner, Hutchins and English, C. W. Turner, Foley & Tulley, C. E. Foley, P. K. Morton, Patterson & Co., Brown Bros., Leo E. Bennett, Burdett Hardware Co., C. W. Garrett, and Mrs. J. M. Perryman. With the aid of these receipts we checked up all of the old warrants and found the stubs to agree with the descriptive receipts.

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In making the disbursement under the provisions of the act of Congress of June 7 the following new warrants ought not to be paid, because they have already been paid:

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
GENERAL WARRANTS.			10	Ben T. Duval.....	\$500.00
1	P. Porter.....	\$295.60	42	Rola McIntosh.....	11.00
2	D. M. Hodges.....	295.55	53	S. B. Callahan.....	98.00
3	W. A. Sapulpa.....	295.55	194	Phoenix Printing Co.....	76.25
4	Joseph Mingo.....	295.55	199	J. A. Reek.....	4.00
5	R. W. Stewart.....	295.55	295	Patterson Mercantile Co.....	591.10
6	J. H. Lynch.....	295.55	SCHOOL WARRANTS.		
8	do.....	50.00	40	W. E. Gentry & Co.....	61.75
248	Rowlan Brown.....	295.55	39	do.....	100.00
367	S. S. Fears.....	14.40	7	J. M. Holcomb.....	50.00
349	F. B. Severs.....	15.20			
322	Leo E. Bennett.....	15.00			

Amounting to \$3,655.60.

The following new warrants ought not to be paid because they are fraudulent:

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
GENERAL WARRANTS.			SCHOOL WARRANTS—cont'd.		
368	T. E. Smiley.....	\$150.00	169	James Egan.....	\$10,000.00
369	James Egan.....	1,000.00	170	do.....	10,000.00
402	F. M. Davis.....	5,000.00	171	do.....	3,300.00
403	H. F. Jones.....	5,000.00	177	H. F. Jones.....	4,500.00
SCHOOL WARRANTS.			178	do.....	4,700.00
159	F. M. Davis.....	1,000.00	179	J. A. Harris.....	3,000.00
160	do.....	1,000.00	180	do.....	3,000.00
161	do.....	1,000.00	181	F. M. Davis.....	5,600.00
162	do.....	500.00	182	U. B. Gray.....	500.00
163	do.....	500.00	183	do.....	500.00
164	do.....	750.00	184	do.....	500.00
165	do.....	3,000.00	185	do.....	500.00
166	do.....	1,750.00	186	do.....	1,000.00
167	T. E. Smiley.....	7,490.00	187	do.....	1,000.00
168	do.....	7,490.00	188	do.....	1,000.00
			189	do.....	1,000.00

Making a total of \$85,730.

The following new warrants, in my opinion, are also fraudulent. Mr. Ross is in very grave doubt about them, and we agree in thinking that the money ought not by any means to be disbursed, but that the holders of the new warrants should be given an opportunity, if they can, to show that the warrants are based upon a valid claim.

Number.	Name.	Amount.
GENERAL WARRANTS.		
370.....	R. E. Lynch.....	\$588.13
371.....	C. R. Reeder.....	1,105.15
SCHOOL WARRANTS.		
172.....	R. E. Lynch.....	771.93
173.....	C. R. Reeder.....	1,012.50

Making a total of \$3,477.71.

Under J. H. Lynch's statement, new general warrant No. 423 in favor of the First National Bank of Muscogee for \$1,000, ought not to be paid, but under Cashier Warth's affidavit (Exhibit P) explaining the connection of the bank with this warrant, Mr. Ross agrees with me in thinking the warrant ought to be paid.

In relation to new warrant No. 416, issued to the First National Bank of Muscogee

for \$841.62, based upon old warrant No. 5823 in favor of S. Davis for \$841.62, Lynch, who issued the new warrant, was uncertain as to whether or not this was a valid debt of the Creek Government. In this view of the case the money ought not to be disbursed until the present holders of the warrant can give satisfactory proof of its validity.

There is also filed herewith the letters of persons who had either not taken or lost or destroyed their receipts, and also return letters which were addressed to persons asking for their receipts.

It will thus be seen that the report of Indian Agent Wisdom, dated Muscogee, Ind. T., September 7, 1897, inclosing the report of the Creek committee, approved by the principal chief, by which report the valid debt of the Creek Government appears to be \$352,243.16, is erroneous to the extent of the warrants above enumerated, amounting to \$93,704.93 out of said sum, which certainly ought not to be paid.

Wherever the words "new warrants" have been used in this report reference is had to the warrants set forth in the report of Agent Wisdom to this Department, of September 7, 1897.

The papers touching on this case sent to us by the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs are herewith returned, and that part of Indian Agent Wisdom's report which purports to set forth the outstanding indebtedness of the Creek Nation, giving the names of the persons holding new warrants, together with the number and amounts of said warrants, will be necessary and essential, in connection with this report, to the officer who disburses this money.

In conclusion, in the matter of paying the new warrants concerning which no testimony casting doubt upon them has been received, I know of no means, beyond what has already been employed, of determining as to whether or not frauds have been committed in connection with their issue. In those cases where receipts were given by the committee to persons presenting old warrants they have been checked up and found substantially to correspond with the stubs from which they purported to have been issued.

In those instances where people either did not take receipts at all, or have since destroyed them, I know of no means that will enable one to check them up with the stubs.

Many of these warrants are held by merchants, business men, and farmers in the Territory, and they represented to us that they were sorely in need of the money, as, in many instances, they had been carrying these warrants for long periods.

Attached hereto, marked Exhibit A1, is a list of the names of the persons implicated in this conspiracy and the names of others who, if they did not participate in the contemplation of it, at least lent themselves to its execution.

All of which we beg leave to submit.

Very respectfully,

Z. W. ZEVELY,  
*Special Inspector.*

GEO. C. ROSS,  
*Assistant Attorney, Interior Department.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-GENERAL,  
*Washington, February 1, 1898.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

SIR: Under the act of Congress approved June 7, 1897, entitled "An act making appropriation for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department," etc. (30 Stat., 68), it is provided that

"Upon the properly authenticated demand of the Creek Nation made after the passage of this act the Secretary of the Interior shall, through an officer of the Government, disburse three hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars of the money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the Creek Nation of Indians, only for the payment of the debts of the government of the Creek Nation: *Provided*, That no debts shall be paid until by investigation the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that the said nation of Indians incurred said debt or issued its warrants representing the same for a full and valuable consideration and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debt or the issue of warrants."

In pursuance of this act, Ispahcher, principal chief of the Creek or Muscogee Nation, on June 29, 1897, made a demand upon the Secretary of the Interior for a disbursement, through an officer of the Government, of \$333,000 of the money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the Creek Nation of Indians.

Under instructions from this Department, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, on July 8, 1897, directed Dew M. Wisdom, United States Indian agent, Union Agency, Ind. T., to make the investigation contemplated in the act.

In pursuance of this order, on September 7, 1897, Agent Wisdom submitted the "report of the Creek committee on warrants." This report purported to exhibit the

outstanding indebtedness of the nation as shown by the warrants issued, to whom issued, in what amounts, their serial numbers, and from what fund to be paid—i. e., general or school fund.

By this report it was shown that the indebtedness of the nation to be paid from the general fund was in amount..... \$208, 941. 08  
 From school fund..... 143, 302. 08

Total indebtedness..... 352, 243. 16

Accompanying the report of the "examining committee" was the certificate of Isparhecher, the principal chief, stating "that said warrants were issued by the Creek Nation for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debts which said warrants represent, severally, and that there was no fraud in connection with the issuance of said warrants."

This certificate concluded with a recommendation that the warrants be paid to the individuals holding the same. The certificate bears the name also of S. B. Callahan, private secretary.

In submitting the report of the examining committee on Creek warrants, and the certificate of the chief as to the genuineness of said warrants, Agent Wisdom says:

"So far as I know or believe the inclosed tabulated list has been prepared with great care, and I am satisfied that the several warrants embraced therein represent a bona fide or legitimate debt against said nation, and that they should be paid, as far as possible, out of the appropriation made by Congress, to wit, \$333,000, and I therefore recommend that said sum be made available for that purpose under proper instructions from your office after having been submitted to the honorable Secretary of the Interior for his approval."

This report shows on its face that Agent Wisdom did not make an independent investigation of the validity or genuineness of the warrants, but accepted the report of the committee and the certificate of the principal chief as evidence that the warrants were all issued for a full and valuable consideration.

It appearing to the Department that the investigation completed by the act had not been made, and from certain information obtained from reputable sources that there were some indications of fraud in connection with the issuance of said warrants, in October, 1897, J. W. Zevely, special inspector for this Department, and myself, were directed to make the investigation contemplated by the act.

A report of that investigation, prepared by Mr. Zevely and signed by both himself and me, was filed in the Department November 2, 1897. This report contains copies of the affidavit that we took, and our entire methods of procedure in arriving at the conclusions reached and the recommendations submitted.

We found indubitable proofs of fraud in connection with the issuance of certain warrants, which the report identifies by the serial numbers, amounts, and persons to whom issued.

We discovered the perpetrators of the frauds, and under directions gave their names to the district attorney for the northern judicial district of the Indian Territory, together with the evidence upon which they were severally indicted by the grand jury.

These fraudulent warrants were by number, name, and amount designated in our report, which fully illustrated and explained the methods by which the frauds were consummated, and which was accompanied by exhibits and affidavits fully justifying our recommendation that such fraudulent warrants be not paid.

A list of these fraudulent warrants so found is as follows:

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
GENERAL WARRANTS.			SCHOOL WARRANTS—continued.		
368	T. E. Smiley.....	\$150	170	James Egan.....	\$10,000
369	James Egan.....	1,000	171	do.....	3,300
402	F. M. Davis.....	5,000	177	H. F. Jones.....	4,500
403	H. F. Jones.....	5,000	178	do.....	4,700
			179	J. A. Harris.....	3,000
			180	do.....	3,000
			181	F. M. Davis.....	5,600
159	F. M. Davis.....	1,000	182	U. B. Gray.....	500
160	do.....	1,000	183	do.....	500
161	do.....	1,000	184	do.....	500
162	do.....	500	185	do.....	500
163	do.....	500	186	do.....	1,000
164	do.....	750	187	do.....	1,000
165	do.....	3,000	188	do.....	1,000
166	do.....	1,750	189	do.....	1,000
167	T. E. Smiley.....	7,490			
168	do.....	7,490		Total.....	85,730
169	James Egan.....	10,000			

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We also reported another list, which, while containing certain features more or less suspicious, we were not prepared to report upon as absolutely fraudulent, and we recommended that the holders of the warrants described in that list be permitted to offer further proof of their genuineness and overcome the slight evidence obtained by us of their fraudulent character.

This list is as follows:

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
	GENERAL WARRANTS.			SCHOOL WARRANTS.	
370	R. E. Lynch .....	\$588. 13	172	R. E. Lynch .....	\$771. 93
371	C. R. Reeder.....	1,105. 15	173	C. R. Reeder.....	1,012. 50
416	First National Bank, Muscogee..	841. 62			
				Total.....	4,319. 33

Agent Wisdom's report contains a list of warrants which have already been paid off, as shown by our report.

This list is as follows:

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
	GENERAL WARRANTS.			GENERAL WARRANTS—cont'd.	
1	P. Porter.....	\$295. 60	53	S. B. Callahan .....	\$98. 00
2	D. M. Hodges .....	295. 55	194	Phoenix Printing Co.....	76. 25
3	W. A. Sapulpa .....	295. 55	199	J. A. Keck.....	4. 00
4	Joseph Mingo.....	295. 55	295	Patterson Mercantile Company..	591. 10
5	R. W. Stewart.....	295. 55			
6	J. H. Lynch .....	295. 55		SCHOOL WARRANTS.	
8	do.....	50. 00			
248	Rowlan Brown.....	295. 55	40	W. E. Gentry & Co.....	61. 75
367	S. S. Fears.....	14. 40	39	do.....	100. 00
349	F. B. Severs.....	15. 20	7	J. M. Holcomb.....	50. 00
322	Leo E. Bennett.....	15. 00			
19	Ben. T. Duval.....	500. 00		Total.....	3,655. 00
42	Roza McIntosh.....	11. 00			

As to the residue of the warrants not described in the three foregoing lists, we found that they had been regularly issued. We sought all possible means to be able to report upon them. We found no evidence whatever to prove that any one of the warrants was spurious. As before reported, the old warrants upon which the new warrants were based have been destroyed. These old warrants had in many cases passed from hand to hand as a circulating medium without indorsement. They were generally held by reputable merchants and traders, who had obtained them in due course of business and had sent them to the Creek examining committee with directions to issue new warrants in larger denominations.

Those old warrants had been given for sundry services, as for teachers' salaries, school supplies, judges' salaries, per diem for councilmen, light-house service, etc. Mr. Zevely, in his recent report, in speaking of the impracticability of absolutely proving the genuineness of these old warrants, says:

"The persons who surrendered them to the examining committee at Eufaula could not now trace them. The most they could do would be to make affidavits setting forth their belief that they were good."

He says, after making further investigation, "I think all those reported valid are valid."

All the warrants, both good and bad, having been issued under the forms of the Creek law and by officers duly authorized to issue them, are prima facie valid.

The presumption of their validity is only overcome by the production of testimony strong enough and conclusive enough to overcome that presumption. This character of testimony was obtained as to the list above written, but as to the list hereinafter made we could find no testimony which in the least would serve to cast suspicion upon their validity.

With a few exceptions, the warrants hereinafter described are held by reputable business men. Many of the holders did all they could to aid us in discovering the fraudulent warrants, and some of them said that they would prefer to lose their holdings in warrants rather than see the conspirators who sought to rob the nation profit by their fraudulent acts.

In consideration of the above views I earnestly recommend that the warrants, a

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list of which is below given, be paid. The requirement of Congress, namely: "That no debts shall be paid until by investigation the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that said nation of Indians incurred said debt or issued its warrants representing the same for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debt or the issue of warrants," has been fully met when we, as your representatives, found nothing whatever to overcome the prima facie evidence as to the validity of the warrants which we unite in saying should be paid under the terms of the statute above quoted.

The list of valid warrants is as follows:

*List of valid warrants.*

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
GENERAL WARRANTS.			GENERAL WARRANTS—cont'd.		
7	Void.		77	W. E. Gentry & Co.	\$50.00
9	Martie	\$42.25	78	do.	81.70
11	Ben T. Duval	500.00	79	Frank Likowski	975.75
12	do.	500.00	80	J. Parkinson	5,000.00
13	do.	100.00	81	do.	5,000.00
14	do.	100.00	82	do.	1,000.00
15	do.	100.00	83	do.	1,000.00
16	do.	100.00	84	do.	1,000.00
17	do.	40.00	85	do.	1,000.00
18	do.	40.00	86	do.	1,000.00
19	F. M. Davis	100.00	87	do.	100.00
20	do.	32.00	88	do.	100.00
21	Simmer	12.00	89	do.	100.00
22	Solomon Sam	26.50	90	do.	100.00
23	Millie McIntosh	188.00	91	do.	100.00
24	William Barnett	12.00	92	do.	100.00
25	Charles Gibson	14.40	93	do.	100.00
26	J. H. Crabtree	48.90	94	do.	100.00
27	O. A. Morton	33.00	95	do.	100.00
28	William Whitlow	183.00	96	do.	100.00
29	W. F. Seaver	110.00	97	do.	100.00
30	A. E. McKellop	106.64	98	do.	100.00
31	Walker Dunson	3,000.00	99	do.	100.00
32	W. W. McKay	52.00	100	do.	100.00
33	T. W. Perryman	181.45	101	do.	100.00
34	Void.		102	do.	100.00
35	J. C. Menifee	31.25	103	do.	100.00
36	P. J. Byrne	34.00	104	do.	100.00
37	Smith Bros.	141.60	105	do.	100.00
38	John A. Meyers	50.00	106	do.	100.00
39	S. W. Brown	77.50	107	do.	50.00
40	G. C. Kindley	50.00	108	do.	50.00
41	Brown Bros.	27.60	109	do.	50.00
43	Ispokoke	68.75	110	do.	50.00
44	Robert Carr	75.00	111	do.	50.00
45	Burd Hardware Co.	1,000.00	112	do.	50.00
46	do.	1,000.00	113	do.	50.00
47	do.	1,000.00	114	do.	50.00
48	do.	1,000.00	115	do.	50.00
49	Void.		116	do.	50.00
50	Burd Hardware Co.	214.40	117	do.	50.00
51	Kelker & Thomas	165.60	118	do.	50.00
52	G. W. Snider	125.00	119	do.	50.00
54	Pearl M. Warren	15.00	120	do.	50.00
55	H. H. Holman	68.00	121	do.	50.00
56	D. G. Watson	326.05	122	do.	50.00
57	1st Nat. Wagoner	7,203.28	123	do.	50.00
58	LaFayette & Bro.	270.00	124	do.	50.00
59	B. F. LaFayette	86.00	125	do.	50.00
60	J. H. Land	125.00	126	do.	50.00
61	do.	20.00	127	do.	25.00
62	T. H. Scales	1,000.00	128	do.	25.00
63	do.	1,000.00	129	do.	25.00
64	do.	1,000.00	130	do.	25.00
65	do.	1,000.00	131	do.	25.00
66	do.	1,000.00	132	do.	25.00
67	do.	1,000.00	133	do.	25.00
68	do.	1,000.00	134	do.	25.00
69	do.	143.78	135	do.	25.00
70	W. E. Gentry & Co.	500.00	136	do.	25.00
71	do.	500.00	137	do.	25.00
72	do.	500.00	138	do.	25.00
73	do.	100.00	139	do.	25.00
74	do.	100.00	140	do.	25.00
75	do.	100.00	141	do.	25.00
76	do.	50.00	142	do.	25.00

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No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
GENERAL WARRANTS—cont'd.			GENERAL WARRANTS—cont'd.		
143	J. Parkinson	\$25.00	224	Hutchins & English	\$200.00
144	do	25.00	225	do	100.00
145	do	25.00	226	do	100.00
146	do	25.00	227	do	85.00
147	do	500.00	228	C. W. Turner	143.00
148	do	500.00	229	do	283.03
149	do	500.00	230	do	1,000.00
150	do	500.00	231	do	1,000.00
151	do	500.00	232	do	1,000.00
152	do	500.00	233	do	1,000.00
153	do	500.00	234	do	1,000.00
154	do	500.00	235	do	1,000.00
155	do	500.00	236	do	1,000.00
156	do	312.81	237	do	1,000.00
157	W. B. Robe	125.31	238	do	423.17
158	do	65.00	239	S. B. Callahan	13.00
159	Foley & Tully	1,250.00	240	C. E. Foley	500.00
160	do	1,250.00	241	do	457.97
161	do	1,881.20	242	J. H. Crabtree	15.00
162	do	7,190.84	243	John Smith	4.50
163	do	7,190.85	244	Charles Gibson	20.00
164	do	1,092.47	245	do	90.00
165	do	254.17	246	Foley & Tully	4,177.18
166	J. Parkinson	38.00	247	Void.	
167	1st Nat., Wagoner	1,000.00	249	Fred. Parkinson	7.60
168	do	1,000.00	250	do	55.40
169	do	1,000.00	251	S. J. Haynes	18.00
170	do	1,000.00	252	W. C. Trent	1,074.40
171	do	500.00	253	do	500.00
172	do	500.00	254	do	296.40
173	do	500.00	255	do	1,000.00
174	do	500.00	256	do	1,000.00
175	do	100.00	257	do	1,000.00
176	do	100.00	258	do	1,000.00
177	do	100.00	259	do	500.00
178	do	100.00	260	do	500.00
179	do	100.00	261	do	500.00
180	do	100.00	262	do	500.00
181	do	100.00	263	do	500.00
182	do	100.00	264	do	500.00
183	do	100.00	265	do	210.76
184	do	100.00	266	do	200.00
185	do	50.00	267	do	200.00
186	do	50.00	268	F. B. Severs	1,000.00
187	do	50.00	269	do	1,000.00
188	do	50.00	270	do	500.00
189	do	25.00	271	do	500.00
190	do	25.00	272	do	300.00
191	do	25.00	273	do	220.60
192	do	503.00	274	do	300.00
193	March Thompson	17.20	275	do	200.00
193	J. L. Thomas	310.08	276	do	207.55
196	C. W. Garrett	50.00	277	do	358.00
197	do	50.00	278	do	300.75
198	do	47.54	279	do	200.00
200	W. E. Gentry & Co.	100.00	280	do	1,000.00
201	1st Nat., Wagoner	100.00	281	do	500.00
202	P. K. Morton	400.00	282	do	500.00
203	do	400.00	283	do	400.00
204	do	250.00	284	do	264.70
205	do	250.00	285	do	1,000.00
206	do	200.00	286	do	1,000.00
207	do	100.00	287	do	500.00
208	do	100.00	288	do	500.00
209	do	100.00	289	do	607.61
210	do	100.00	290	do	500.00
211	do	100.00	291	do	500.00
212	do	50.00	292	do	300.00
213	do	50.00	293	do	136.55
214	do	26.06	294	do	186.35
215	Hutchins & English	1,000.00	296	Leo E. Bennett	500.00
216	do	1,000.00	297	do	100.00
217	do	500.00	298	do	96.70
218	do	265.80	300	Void.	
219	do	500.00	301	Leo E. Bennett	1,100.00
220	do	500.00	302	do	600.00
221	do	463.35	303	do	63.75
222	do	200.00	304	do	120.00
223	do	200.00	306	do	500.00

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List of valid warrants—Continued.

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
GENERAL WARRANTS—cont'd.			GENERAL WARRANTS—cont'd.		
307	Leo E. Bennett	\$500.00	392	Patterson Mercantile Co	\$94.12
308	do	400.00	393	do	385.10
309	do	400.00	394	do	895.61
310	do	400.00	395	do	66.08
311	do	300.00	396	do	1,285.53
312	do	43.20	397	do	1,049.28
313	do	300.00	398	do	45.00
314	do	150.00	399	do	490.60
315	do	100.00	400	do	4,031.75
316	do	100.00	401	T. C. Harvison	15.00
317	do	100.00	404	W. B. Wadsworth	45.00
318	do	50.00	405	C. S. Smith	75.00
319	do	50.00	406	John Jefferson	2.80
320	do	69.47	407	John Smith	4.50
321	do	30.85	408	Yarteka Harjo	4.50
323	do	300.00	409	Manuel Jefferson	14.00
324	do	200.00	410	Echo Emarthla	5.15
325	do	100.00	411	Mina (indigent)	15.00
326	do	50.00	412	Sundy (indigent)	15.00
327	do	44.00	413	Somarye (indigent)	15.00
328	do	43.75	414	H. C. Reed	5.20
329	H. F. Jones Mercantile Co	1,387.10	415	W. C. McNac	4.00
330	C. E. Foley	474.38	417	Commercial Bank	15.00
331	J. L. Thomas	34.00	418	Foley & Tully	14.00
332	J. E. Turner	30.00	419	Poe & Campbell	70.25
333	W. A. Maddin	32.00	420	C. W. Garrett	4.10
334	Maddin Hardware Co	45.00	421	T. H. Scales	52.90
335	Maddin & Co	12.75	422	Leo E. Bennett	129.60
336	J. B. Neeley	58.22	423	1st Nat., Muscogee	1,000.00
337	Spaulding & Co	805.79			
338	Void.			Total general warrants	191,812.33
339	T. F. Meagher	551.00			
340	do	161.00		SCHOOL WARRANTS.	
341	do	1,662.40	1	J. A. Scott	52.50
342	J. E. Turner & Co	1,820.91	2	Mildred McIntosh	45.00
343	do	5,000.00	3	P. R. Ewing	50.00
344	do	2,762.95	4	Anna D. Florence	70.00
345	Frank Likowski	15.00	5	Lizzie Keener	246.75
346	C. H. Tully	123.00	6	E. M. Perryman	264.99
347	Leo E. Bennett	30.79	8	B. B. Gregory	30.00
348	W. E. Gentry & Co	12.00	9	W. M. Pope	52.50
350	Hotulkoche	130.00	10	G. C. Kindley	280.00
351	J. P. Davidson	14.60	11	P. J. Byrne	15.00
352	S. B. Callahan	15.00	12	L. L. Allen	279.00
353	Moty Tiger	97.30	13	J. C. Menifee	47.50
354	Charles Gibson	70	14	Brown Bros	142.50
355	Sam Grayson	27.00	15	Burd Hardware Co	1,000.00
356	J. E. Turner & Co	24.00	16	do	631.33
357	do	68.75	17	C. G. Moore Drug Co	527.38
358	1st Nat., Muscogee	60.00	18	do	123.85
359	do	106.00	19	do	75.00
360	do	788.55	20	E. E. Hardridge	66.13
361	do	10,348.30	21	S. J. Grimes	63.00
362	do	10,511.62	22	Pearl M. Warren	183.91
363	do	10,270.05	23	H. H. Holman	47.26
364	R. E. Lynch	29.40	24	D. G. Watson	30.00
365	T. H. Scales	27.00	25	J. H. Land	1,077.50
366	Frank Likowski	15.00	26	L. T. Sheets	37.50
372	1st Nat., Muscogee	20.00	27	Void.	
373	do	20.00	28	La Fayette & Bro	30.00
374	do	68.75	29	B. F. La Fayette	674.82
375	do	68.75	30	L. H. Land	1,560.00
376	do	44.00	31	do	161.95
377	do	40.00	32	do	35.00
378	do	125.85	33	T. H. Scales	1,500.00
379	A. P. McKellop	5.00	34	do	1,000.00
380	J. A. Wilkerson	36.50	35	do	493.83
381	C. H. Tully	25.00	36	W. E. Gentry & Co	300.00
382	L. G. McIntosh	29.40	37	do	200.00
383	Turner Hardware Co	400.00	38	do	100.00
384	do	400.00	41	Frank Likowski	20.00
385	do	400.00	42	J. Parkinson	500.00
386	do	400.00	43	do	100.00
387	do	15.00	44	do	100.00
388	Charles Gibson	12.00	45	do	100.00
389	J. E. Turner	15.00	46	do	100.00
390	Patterson Mercantile Co	161.90	47	do	100.00
391	do	444.04			

<sup>1</sup> School warrant.

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List of valid warrants—Continued.

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
SCHOOL WARRANTS—cont'd.			SCHOOL WARRANTS—cont'd.		
48	J. Parkinson	\$81.60	107	F. B. Severs	\$386.00
49	W. B. Robe	500.00	108	do	384.00
50	do	500.00	109	do	100.00
51	do	500.00	110	do	76.25
52	do	62.50	111	do	193.50
53	Foley & Tully	5,830.40	112	Leo E. Bennett	52.50
54	do	1,000.00	113	do	200.00
55	do	1,000.00	114	do	130.50
56	do	1,000.00	115	do	100.00
57	do	1,000.00	116	do	85.75
58	do	1,000.00	117	do	123.00
59	do	100.00	118	do	150.00
60	do	100.00	119	do	59.00
61	do	100.00	120	do	45.00
62	do	100.00	121	do	200.00
63	do	100.00	122	do	100.00
64	do	100.00	123	do	49.00
65	do	90.73	124	do	97.25
66	do	172.50	125	do	400.00
67	J. Parkinson	500.00	126	do	400.00
68	do	500.00	127	do	300.00
69	do	250.00	128	do	200.00
70	do	250.00	129	do	200.00
71	do	100.00	130	do	50.00
72	do	100.00	131	do	50.00
73	C. W. Garrett	34.00	132	do	62.90
74	J. A. Reck	340.00	133	do	438.20
75	Charley Roberts	120.00	134	J. H. Lynch	127.50
76	P. K. Morton	27.50	135	H. F. Jones Mercantile Co.	827.70
77	do	62.50	136	E. B. Childers	70.25
78	do	33.85	137	Maddin Hardware Co.	112.50
79	do	20.50	138	Spaulding & Co.	3,000.00
80	do	60.00	139	do	500.00
81	do	25.00	140	do	500.00
82	Hutchings & English	500.00	141	do	326.15
83	do	56.75	142	do	504.55
84	C. W. Turner	165.00	143	J. E. Turner & Co.	10,000.00
85	do	48.00	144	do	3,726.82
86	do	22.30	145	do	171.65
87	do	1,000.00	146	do	52.50
88	do	1,000.00	147	L. B. Benbow	90.00
89	do	1,000.00	148	Void	
90	do	68.65	149	P. K. Morton	75.00
91	do	5.48	150	Hepsey Jimboy	20.05
92	C. E. Foley	470.13	151	Hutchings & English	336.08
93	do	470.13	152	Patterson Mercantile Co.	52.70
94	Foley & Tully	28.00	153	Spaulding & Co.	785.60
95	W. C. Trent	216.00	154	1st Nat., Muscogee	2,000.00
96	do	108.35	155	do	2,167.50
98	do	143.50	156	do	520.00
99	do	143.50	157	do	40.00
100	do	143.50	158	do	130.00
101	F. B. Severs	409.94	174	do	140.00
102	do	409.84	175	do	22.75
103	do	409.84	176	L. T. Sheets	75.00
104	do	153.50	190	C. W. Turner	5.00
105	do	80.00			
106	do	386.00		Total school warrants....	66,725.90

RECAPITULATION.

Total Creek Indian debt, as per Agent Wisdom's report	\$352,243.16
Of this sum the amount of fraudulent warrants is (p. 6)	85,730.00
Probably fraudulent (p. 7)	4,319.33
Warrants already paid (p. 8)	3,655.60
Warrants recommended to be paid:	
General fund (p. 32)	191,812.33
School fund (p. 41)	66,725.90
Total	352,243.16

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. C. ROSS,  
Assistant Attorney, Interior Department.

I have carefully examined the foregoing report and concur in the views expressed, and join in the recommendation which looks to the payment of the valid warrants.

J. W. ZEVELY,  
Special Inspector.

## EXHIBIT A1.

The following persons were implicated, beyond a reasonable doubt, in conspiracy to issue or procure the issuance of fraudulent Creek warrants:

- E. B. Childers (Creek citizen), treasurer Creek Nation, Wagoner, Ind. T.
  - James H. Crabtree (Creek citizen), member of Creek warrant investigating committee, Eufaula, Ind. T.
  - George W. Stidham (Creek citizen), member of Creek warrant investigating committee, Eufaula, Ind. T.
  - J. H. Lynch (Creek citizen), assistant secretary to private secretary of Principal Chief Isparhecher, Okmulgee, Ind. T.
  - James Egan (United States citizen), merchant, of Tulsa, Ind. T.
  - Burrell Cox (United States citizen), occupation unknown, Tulsa, Ind. T.
  - T. E. Smiley (United States citizen), merchant, of Tulsa, Ind. T.
  - U. B. Gray (United States citizen), clerk of Egan, at Tulsa, Ind. T.
- The following aided and abetted the conspirators, but against whom the evidence is meager and circumstantial:
- S. B. Callahan (Creek citizen), lately private secretary of Principal Chief Isparhecher.

The following persons aided and assisted the conspirators, but whether with criminal intent or not is uncertain:

- H. F. Jones (United States citizen), merchant, Wagoner, Ind. T.
- F. M. Davis (United States citizen), merchant, Wagoner, Ind. T.
- J. A. Harris (United States citizen), merchant, Wagoner, Ind. T.

## EXHIBIT 1.

## COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS.

Whereas the Muskogee Nation desires to ascertain the accurate amount of its national indebtedness and prevent fraudulent manipulation of national warrants by changes on the face of said warrants from the original to greater amounts; and

Whereas our national warrants are made of a very inferior article of paper and subject to changes as to value by the use of chemicals without detection; and

Whereas it is the desire of the Muskogee Nation to provide for the payment of its just indebtedness: Therefore,

SEC. 36. *Be it enacted by the national council of the Muskogee Nation*, That the principal chief be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to appoint a committee composed of three competent citizens, who shall be charged with the duty of calling in all outstanding warrants and to examine them thoroughly as to their correctness by comparing them with the stubs from which they were issued and with the appropriations made therefor, and after such investigation has been completed a full report thereof shall be made to the principal chief, who shall take up and destroy said warrants found to be correct and shall issue in lieu thereof new warrants, in as large denominations as is practicable, to the holders of said old warrants.

The new warrants to be issued by the chief, as herein provided, shall be made of the best quality of bank paper, printed or lithographed, designated by private and appropriate designs, and stamped with a cut stamp showing the numerals of each warrant. Said committee shall provide an erasable stamp which shall contain the word "void," with which all fraudulent warrants presented shall be stamped or branded. Said warrants shall be returned to the holders thereof.

SEC. 37. *Be it further enacted*, That the national treasurer be, and he is hereby, directed to not pay only on the warrants that are herein provided for.

SEC. 38. *Be it further enacted*, That said committee shall receive a per diem of five (\$5.00) dollars per day each for the time of their actual service.

SEC. 39. *Be it further enacted*, That the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated in favor of the principal chief, to be by him used for paying the per diem of said committee and such other expenses as shall be necessary to carry this act into effect.

SEC. 40. *Be it further enacted*, That the new warrants herein provided for shall consist of two classes. One class shall be drawn on the school fund and the other on the general fund, neither of which class shall be payable by the national treasurer until indorsed by the national auditor and by the holder thereof.

SEC. 41. *Be it further enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Adopted.

W. A. SAPULPA,  
*Sp. H. of W. pro tem.*

A. P. MCK., *Clk.*

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Concurred in after amending so as to require the confirmation of the council of said appointments to be made under this act and fixing the per diem of members of said committee at \$4 instead of \$5.

G. W. HILL,  
*Pres. H. of K. pro tem.*

O. A. M., *Clk. pro tem.*  
Amendment concurred in.

ALEC DAVIS,  
*Sp. H. of W. pro tem.*

A. P. McK., *Clk.*  
Approved November 10, 1896.

ISPARHECHER,  
*Principal Chief.*

S. B. C., *Private Secy.*

EXHIBIT A.

E. B. Childers: Qualified as treasurer Muskogee Nation, December, 1895. There were no records of the office of treasurer Creek Nation turned over to me, hence have in my possession only the records since I came into office.

GENERAL WARRANTS.

No. 1, P. Porter .....	\$295.60
No. 2, D. M. Hodges .....	295.55
No. 3, W. A. Sapulpa .....	295.55
No. 4, Jos. Mingo .....	295.55
No. 5, R. W. Stewart .....	295.55
No. 6, J. H. Lynch .....	295.55
No. 8, J. H. Lynch .....	50.00
No. 248, Rowland Brown .....	295.55
No. 367, S. S. Fears .....	14.40
No. 349, F. B. Severs .....	15.20
No. 322, Leo E. Bennett .....	15.00
No. 10, Ben T. Du Val .....	500.00
No. 42, Rola McIntosh .....	11.00
No. 53, S. B. Callahan .....	98.00
No. 194, Phoenix Print Company .....	76.25
No. 199, J. A. Reek .....	4.00
No. 295, Pattison Mercantile Company (Alexander and Concheta Mico, \$295.55 each, with Dawes Commission) .....	591.10

SCHOOL WARRANTS.

No. 40, W. E. Gentry & Co .....	61.75
No. 39, W. E. Gentry & Co .....	100.00
No. 7, J. M. Holcombe .....	50.00

3,655.60

The above warrants have been paid and canceled by me and are not outstanding against the Creek Government. These are all of the new warrants that have been paid.

The report of the debt of the nation at the time I went into office I sent to Creek delegates for the information of the committee at Washington—a general report, not a detailed one at all.

At one time I had a little over \$12,000 in warrants. I began buying warrants this year. I bought warrants from Dick Bruner (P. O., Coweta) first between \$200 and \$300. Bought some from Annie Cox, about \$80.00; bought little over \$2,100 from F. M. Davis. F. M. Davis and J. A. Harris made purchases for me. Don't know anything about warrants Mr. Davis has; don't know anything about warrants Harris has. I now have on hand a little over \$3,000. Some up as collateral at Bank of Wagoner. Sold Warth \$8,000 or \$9,000 worth. Presented some warrants, large ones, to committee, but don't remember what they were. Think I have a memorandum of all this at home. The warrants I bought I had issued to J. A. Harris and H. F. Jones, both of Wagoner; old warrants Nos. 8313, bd. of ed. Col. Orph. School, Apl. 6, 1895, for \$3,000, and 8312, Jan. 10, 1895, issued to bd. of education for repairs Wetunka School for \$3,000.00, were mine, and I had them issued to J. A. Harris.

These I have disposed of; don't know who holds them. Think I got these from "Lawrence County Bank," of Missouri. Don't know whom they got them from. Don't know anything about U. B. Gray or his warrants; never bought from or sold to Gray; know T. E. Smiley; never traded in warrants with him; know James Egan; bought a few small warrants from him, and don't know anything about his warrants. I bought all the warrants of the Jones Mercantile Co. and of H. F. Jones individually. I think I bought warrant No. 8311 of R. E. Lynch, of Tulsa, and had new warrant issued to H. F. Jones; No. 7010, I think I bought from Jones—am not sure. Think I bought Jones Mercantile Co. warrants after the new warrants were issued. C. W. Turner and I aided each other in handling a good many warrants; don't know numbers or amounts; I am 32 years old. Have been stock farmer, and am now. Made most of my money in pasture leases. Have had leases for 9 years. I had about \$9,500 voided; have most of these warrants at home now, I think. Left some of my warrants with Warth and some with Baldrige at Wagoner. I now have with Baldrige, as collateral, about \$4,000. With Warth I put \$14,000; sold \$11,000 of these through Warth. Put with Warth second time about \$15,000.00. Warth now has about \$18,000 of my warrants as collateral or for sale. Think Warth sold the \$1,100.00 to K. C. bankers. In St. Louis at subtreasury to credit of Creek Nation I now have seventy odd thousand dollars. I have about \$8,000 with Foley—Creek Government funds; about \$5,000 at First National Bank at Wagoner, and about \$5,000 with First National Bank at Muscogee, and \$2,468 in the safe of the nation here. I know nothing about any other warrants.

Okmulgee, Ind. Ty., Oct. 6th, 1897.

E. B. CHILDERS.

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EXHIBIT B.

OKMULGEE, IND. T., *October 6, 1897.*

I, Isparhecher, principal chief of the Muskogee or Creek Nation, desire that a careful examination be made of the outstanding indebtedness of the nation that has been passed upon of the examining committee, Messrs. Crabtree, Stidham, and Gibson. The committee composed of these gentlemen citizens was appointed by me in pursuance of an act of the council providing for an examination into all of the outstanding indebtedness of the nation and certify the same to me, that new warrants for the whole amount might be issued to the people who have just claims.

The report of the committee was first sent to the executive office unsigned by the committee, and I directed it to be returned and properly signed by the committee, attesting the true indebtedness.

I depended entirely on the committee to make an honest report, and my secretary, J. H. Lynch, issued new warrants for the amount certified by said committee to be due to the several old warrant holders.

I have recently heard that new warrants have been issued by Lynch on the report of said committee, and that some of these warrants were wrongfully issued, the debt represented by them having either already been paid or warrants fraudulently issued. I have no official information that such illegal warrants have been issued, but certain facts which have recently been communicated to me make me fear that such is the case. I will be thankful to Messrs. J. W. Zevely and George C. Ross, United States Government officers, if they will, in pursuance of their directions from the Secretary of the Interior, ascertain what new warrants have been fraudulently issued, in order that payments thereof may be prevented.

It is my earnest desire to see that only just warrants are paid and all fraudulent ones be canceled, and that the perpetrators of the frauds, if any, be properly punished. I will further state that I can not read, write, or speak the English language, and I depended entirely upon my secretaries, S. B. Callahan and J. H. Lynch, to properly attend to the duties in issuing all new warrants.

ISPARHECHER,  
*Principal Chief Muskogee Nation.*

Witness:  
P. PORTER.

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EXHIBIT C.

W. B. Robe, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is now and has been continuously since November, 1892, superintendent of the Nuyaka Indian Boarding School; that as such superintendent he has disbursed all appropriations that have been made by the Creek council for the benefit of said school; that in the year 1894

there was appropriated by said Creek Nation for said school the sum of \$5,600; that the said sum was issued to him by the principal chief in four warrants for \$1,400 each, dated, respectively, January 16, May 19, August 8, and October 26; that the appropriations for 1893 were also disbursed by him, and that the appropriation for this year amounted to only \$5,040, and that warrants were issued to him for said amount as follows: March 1, \$1,400; May 5, \$840; July 19, \$1,400, and November 3, \$1,400.

Deponent further says that "old" warrant No. 7008, dated July 7, 1894, purporting to have been drawn in favor of "Supt. N. Y. Sch.," for the "Suppt. N. Y. Sch.," is a fraudulent warrant, and that the appropriations for the years 1893 and 1894 were drawn by him on warrants issued by the principal chief out of the treasury of the Creek government, and that the Creek government does not now owe such sum or any part of such sum. That old warrant No. 7008, purporting to have been issued to me, as said superintendent, and approved as valid by the examining committee, consisting of Messrs. Gibson, Crabtree, and Stidham, and certified to the principal chief with direction to issue new warrant to F. M. Davis, of Wagoner, for said amount, is a fraud upon the Creek Nation, and said new warrant should not have been issued, as said sum is not due from it to F. M. Davis or anybody else on account of said warrant above mentioned.

W. B. ROBE, *Superintendent.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

#### EXHIBIT D.

F. M. Davis, being duly sworn, upon his oath says: That up to January, 1897, he was a member of the mercantile firm of Davis-Jones Mercantile Company, of Wagoner, Ind. T. That after he had gone out of the firm, and in April of this year, he took to the committee at Enfaula the old warrants of the firm for Mr. Jones and presented them to the committee for examination; these were the old warrants upon which were issued the new warrants, general No. 329 for \$1,387.10 and school No. 135 for \$827.70, making a total of \$2,214.80. In addition to these my recollection is that at the same time I presented to the committee old general fund warrants amounting to about \$132 and one "old" school warrant of about \$750, but these I sold to Foley and Tulley after I had filed them. The new warrants for the warrants sold Foley and Tulley were never sent to me by the principal chief, and I presumed were sent to Foley and Tulley.

Early this summer Mr. E. B. Childers, treasurer Creek Nation, came to me and said that he was dealing in warrants and already had some in hand, and that he was going to have them issued in my name. The reason that he assigned for this was that he had several warrants for collection and that it would prevent complications. As Mr. Childers had been a friend of mine I gave my consent, and when he brought warrants to me for my indorsement I indorsed them. I presume he presented them to the committee himself. I am sure I never presented them. I have not now, and never had, any interest in the Isparhecher warrants of the following numbers and amounts: No. 402, general fund, \$5,000; and the following numbered school warrants: 159, \$1,000; 160, \$1,000; 161, \$1,000; 162, \$500; 163, \$500; 165, \$3,000; 166, \$1,750; 181, \$5,600, which are now outstanding and reported to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs as due from the Muskogee government.

I know nothing of these warrants, and do not know where Mr. Childers got them or any of them.

Some time in 1886 we had on hand warrants amounting to something over \$2,000, mostly school warrants. We needed some money and I went to Mr. Childers and asked him if he could not give us a check for the amount and take the warrants and hold them until next pro rata payment was made. He said he would, and did give us check for amount, and he now holds said warrants, as no disbursement has since been made, and these warrants may now compose a part of the warrants Mr. Childers holds, and probably do.

F. M. DAVIS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

#### EXHIBIT E.

SOUTH MCALESTER, IND. T., *October 14, 1897.*

W. L. Austin, of South McAlester, Ind. T., being duly sworn, on his oath says: That in pursuance of an act of the Creek council of the Indian Territory L. C. Per-

ryman, then chief of said nation, appointed him to survey pastures in the Creek Nation, the appointment being made about November, 1892; that he thereupon entered upon said duties and finished the work of survey about July, 1893; that from time to time, as the work of survey proceeded, he received from the chief of the nation, the said Perryman, warrants covering the pay for the work completed; that after he had completed the work and reported to the said chief he received warrants for the full amount due him.

That all of the warrants he received he turned over to C. W. Turner, of Muskogee, Ind. T., and the said Turner informed the affiant that he had received from the treasurer of the nation the full amount of money due upon said warrants so issued to him; that the survey so made by him was the only survey that was ever made, either before or since, at the instance and under the authority of the Creek Nation; that he has resided in said Territory since the spring of 1873; that warrant No. 8315, dated October 10, 1894, for \$5,000, alleged to have been issued for balance on survey, has no proper foundation, for the reason that there was no balance for said survey left unpaid by the nation; that no warrants for the sum of \$5,000 were ever issued for said work, all being for smaller amounts. I am therefore positive that said warrant No. 8315 was fraudulently issued.

W. L. AUSTIN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this October 14, 1897.

[SEAL.]

E. T. BRADLEY, *Notary Public.*

EXHIBIT F.

T. W. Manuel, being duly sworn, upon his oath says: That he is a citizen of the Creek government, about 35 years old, and lives at Coweta Court-House, Ind. T. Says that he was appointed superintendent of the Tallahassee Mission School in August, 1891, and held said position continuously until August, 1894. During the three scholastic years that I was superintendent of said school J. E. Turner negotiated all of my warrants for the support of the school. One warrant for \$2,500 I got myself from the chief and turned over immediately to J. E. Turner. For all the others I gave J. E. Turner an order on the chief, and never even saw them. The warrant No. 7007, passed upon by Eufaula committee, dated March 17, 1895, payable to me for support of Tallahassee Mission, for \$2,250, was never issued to me, for I was not at that time superintendent of said mission, having gone out the previous August. Said warrant must be fraudulent. Warrants Nos. 8301 and 8302, presented to the investigating committee and favorably passed upon by them, 8301 for \$500 and 8302 for \$2,500, as belonging to James Egan, must have been fraudulent, because my warrants were all given to Mr. Turner, and because there never was a warrant for \$500 issued to me during my tenure, and Mr. Turner has either had the warrants cashed by the Creek treasurer or still holds them.

T. W. MANUEL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

*Creek warrants turned over by Austin to Turner.*

February 2, 1893.....	\$1,247.23
July 20, 1893.....	2,000.74
March 9, 1893.....	1,437.64
April 17, 1893.....	1,121.07
May 19, 1893.....	1,509.59
June 17, 1893.....	3,534.00

The above amounts, plus \$500, pay for the entire work of surveying the pastures, and warrants were all handled by me and money received by me for these warrants from Treasurer Sam Grayson.

C. W. TURNER.

EXHIBIT G.

J. E. Turner, being duly sworn, says that he is now and for many years has been a resident of Muskogee, Ind. T., engaged in merchandising; that he was merchandising during the years 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1894; that while T. W. Manuel was superintendent of Tallahassee Mission School he turned over to said Turner every warrant that was issued to him (Manuel) for support of said school; that said warrants, all of them, were duly presented to the treasurer of the Creek government

for payment, and that they have all been paid, and that the Creek government does not now owe a cent on account of the support of said mission during the time Manuel was superintendent. Deponent further says that Manuel's connection with said school was severed in August, 1894.

J. E. TURNER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY,  
*Special Inspector.*

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EXHIBIT H.

William Robinson, being duly sworn, upon his oath says that he was superintendent of Wetumka School from June, 1891, to December, 1895, continuously. He says that there was never issued to him during his term as superintendent a warrant for the sum of \$2,250; that the old warrant, No. 7006, dated May 20, 1895, purporting to have been issued to him, which was presented to the examining committee, consisting of Messrs. Gibson, Crabtree, and Stidham, and passed as valid and upon which the principal chief was directed to issue a new warrant for same to F. M. Davis for the sum of \$2,250, is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a fraudulent warrant.

Deponent further says that during his term as superintendent the sum of \$3,000 was never spent upon repairs; that all of the repairs that were put upon Wetumka School during that time were put upon it by him and paid for by him, and that the Creek government is not indebted to any person in any amount for repairs during that period; that he had no knowledge of an appropriation of \$3,000 being made in the year 1894, and a warrant being issued for same to the board of education June 10, 1895; that he believes the warrant, based on old warrant No. 8312, which was passed upon as valid by examining committee, and reissued to J. A. Harris, of Waggoner, was a fraudulent warrant, and surely that the Creek government does not owe this money.

Deponent further says that old warrant No. 8303 for \$2,500, issued to William Robinson February 18, 1893, has been paid in full by the Creek government, and ought to have been canceled, and the warrant presented to the examining committee, No. 8303, for the above amount, upon which they directed to be issued to James Egan a new warrant for the above amount, must have been a duplicate and hence a fraud upon the government of Creek Nation. The government paid said warrant at or about the time it was issued.

WM. ROBINSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

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EXHIBIT I.

C. W. Turner, of Muscogee, Ind. T., being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says that he was surety for Beagle, the contractor who built Euchee School; that the building was begun about June, 1894, and that it was completed in October or November of the same year.

That as surety and backer for Beagle, the contractor, all of the warrants for the building of said school came to him; that he handled them, and that they have all been paid, and that the Creek government does not owe anybody any money whatever on account of said building; and that old warrant No. 7005, dated April 15, 1895, for \$5,000, for building Euchee School, and old warrant No. 8311, dated May 20, 1895, for \$4,500, for building Euchee School, which were passed upon favorably by the examining committee at Eufaula, consisting of Messrs. Gibson, Crabtree, and Stidham, and certified to the principal chief to have new warrants issued upon them, were fraudulent warrants.

The warrants issued to pay for building this school were all issued in 1894.

C. W. TURNER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

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EXHIBIT J.

W. A. Maddin, being duly sworn, upon his oath says: That since the year 1883 continuously he has been a contractor and builder, located at Muskogee, Ind. T. That as such contractor he built the Eufaula High School and the Creek Orphan asylums,

both the one that was built in 1891 and was destroyed by fire and the one that was built in 1892 and 1893 and now standing.

Affiant further says that the Eufaula High School building contract was let to him March 10, 1892; that the work of construction was begun in April, 1892, and the building completed in December, 1892. That the contract price of said building was \$11,000, and that the building was completed for the contract price; that the payments for said work were made to him as follows: June 9, 1892, cash, \$4,500; July 14, 1892, cash, \$500; July 22, 1892, cash, \$2,000; August 8, 1892, cash, \$1,000; August 20, 1892, cash, \$3,000; that the contract for the first Creek orphan school or asylum was let to him April 11, 1891, and the building was completed August, 1891; that the contract price of said building was \$13,000; that the payments to him for said building were made as follows: May 1, 1891, check on First National, Muskogee, for \$2,000; May 28, 1891, check on First National, Muskogee, for \$8,000; July 31, 1891, Creek warrants for \$3,000.

That the contract for the second Creek orphan school or asylum, built on the ruins of the old one, was let to him March 21, 1892, and the building completed in January, 1893; that the contract price of said building was \$13,146, paid to him as follows: October 1, 1892, cash, \$3,000; November 8, 1892, cash, \$666.66; November 18, 1892, cash, \$1,500; December 12, 1892, cash, \$1,000; January 4, 1893, cash, \$2,000; February 6, 1893, Creek warrants, \$5,089.08.

The \$3,000 of warrants received on first Creek orphan school went to Turner Hardware Company and the \$5,089.08 given me in warrants as final payment for last Creek orphan school I have presented to Creek treasurer and they have been paid. The statement hereto attached is a correct copy from my books.

WM. A. MADDIN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

Eufaula High School (contract March 10, 1892; began April, 1892; completed December, 1892) .....	\$11, 000. 00
Payments:	
June 9, 1892, cash .....	4, 500. 00
July 14, 1892, cash .....	500. 00
July 22, 1892, cash .....	2, 000. 00
August 8, 1892, cash .....	1, 000. 00
August 20, 1892, cash .....	3, 000. 00
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	11, 000. 00
First Creek Orphan Asylum, Okmulgee, Ind. T. (contract signed April 11, 1891):	
Contract price, frame building .....	\$13, 000. 00
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Contract began May, 1891; completed August, 1891.	
Payments:	
May 19, 1891, check, First National Bank, Muskogee .....	2, 000. 00
May 28, 1891, check, First National Bank, Muskogee .....	8, 000. 00
July 31, 1891, Creek warrant for \$5,000; \$2,000 of above warrant credited to Wealaka School. Full amount of warrant given to Turner Hardware Company on account for material furnished.	3, 000. 00
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	13, 000. 00
Second Creek Orphan Asylum, brick building (contract signed March 21, 1892; began April, 1892; completed January, 1893) .....	13, 416. 00
Payments:	
October 1, 1892, cash .....	3, 000. 00
November 8, 1892, cash .....	666. 66
November 18, 1892, cash .....	1, 500. 00
December 12, 1892, cash .....	1, 000. 00
January 4, 1893, cash .....	2, 000. 00
January 26, 1893 (by Eufaula High School) .....	160. 26
February 6, 1893, warrants .....	5, 089. 08
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	13, 416. 00

## EXHIBIT K.

OCTOBER 13, 1897.

STATE OF TEXAS, *County of Grayson, ss:*

C. S. Cobb, of Denison, Tex., makes the following statement with regard to Creek warrants:

I am president of the National Bank of Denison, Tex. The said bank does not own any of the Creek warrants except about \$2,500 held as collateral for indebtedness against Grayson Brothers, of Eufaula, Ind. T., \$2,300 of which were turned over about December 10, 1895, by Grayson Brothers' clerk, of Eufaula, Ind. T., to R. L. McDonald & Co., of St. Joe, Mo., without the consent of deponent; also about \$1,100 held as collateral for F. Severs, of Muscogee; also about \$9,000 of warrants held as collateral for debt owing H. B. Spaulding & Co., Checotah, Ind. T.

In 1892 and 1893 said bank had dealings with J. M. Perryman, now deceased but then president of the board of education of the Creek Nation; said Perryman was then looking after and superintending the erection of buildings in the Creek Nation for school purposes. It is my best recollection that the Eufaula High School was then being built.

Among the transactions the bank had with said Perryman the records of our bank show the following facts: On June 7, 1892, the bank loaned said Perryman \$5,000. This loan was made to said Perryman as the president of the board of education of the Creek Nation. The records of the bank fail to show what collateral was used by Perryman to secure the note, but from my recollection I am sure Creek warrants were employed as collateral.

This note was paid August 6, 1892, at the time the semiannual Creek money was paid the nation for the United States Treasury, and I am certain that said Perryman depended upon such fund to pay said note. I have no record showing the description of the warrants left with me as collateral for the \$5,000 loan; but when on August 6, 1892, the note was paid, the warrants used as collateral were surrendered, and I have no doubt they were paid off in part by the Creek treasurer, and the money used in their payment was employed to pay the \$5,000 note. On looking again at my records, and finding a letter of remittance dated August 6, 1892, the date the note was paid, I find that a \$5,000 Creek treasurer's draft on the subtreasurer of St. Louis, was sent by me to the National Bank of Commerce, of St. Louis, Mo. I am sure said draft for \$5,000 was given in payment of the note of said Perryman for that sum. Again, on December 31, 1892, the bank loaned said Perryman the sum of \$2,000, which he secured by the deposit of a Creek warrant for \$3,000 (No. A2518). This note was paid February 6, 1893, in full, by a draft made by Sam Grayson (then Creek treasurer) on the subtreasurer of St. Louis, Mo., the bank having previously sent said warrant to said Perryman for collection and remittance. This was also the time of the regular semiannual payment of Creek funds by the United States Treasury.

C. S. COBB.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this October 13, 1897.

[SEAL.]

P. J. BRENNAN,

*Notary Public in and for Grayson County, Tex.*

## EXHIBIT L.

J. P. Davison, being duly sworn, on his oath says that he has been superintendent of the Pecan school from 1891 until the present time, except from November, 1895, to about February, 1897, continuously. That in 1892 the annual appropriation was for \$5,000 and was paid to him by the quarter, \$1,250 per quarter. I am very certain that there never has been issued to me a warrant for the sum of \$2,250; and "old" warrant "No. 8306, dated June 20, 1892, payable to J. P. Davison, supt. P. C. S., for \$2,250," is a spurious and fraudulent warrant. The Creek Government does not owe any money on account of that year.

The investigating committee, consisting of Messrs. Gibson, Crabtree, and Stidhem, have, I understand, audited this warrant and directed the principal chief to issue, and that he has issued, a new warrant upon this old one destroyed. The Creek Government doesn't owe the money and a fraud is being practiced upon it.

J. P. DAVISON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY,  
*Special Inspector.*

## EXHIBIT M.

S. B. Callahan, being duly sworn, says that he was superintendent of Wealaka school from January, 1892, to December, 1894, continuously. That all of the warrants that he received as such, for salary and expenses of the school, were transferred by him either to F. B. Severa or J. E. Turner & Co., with the exception of one warrant which was transferred to C. W. Turner; and that he is under the impression that all these warrants have been paid.

S. B. CALLAHAN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY,  
*Special Inspector, Interior Department.*

S. B. Callahan says that in 1894 there was appropriated \$1,000 to be used by Roley McIntosh, Peter Ewing, of Eufaula, and William Anderson, of Sapulpa, to investigate the status of intruders with a view to removing them; this appropriation was all used up by them.

There was also a subsequent appropriation, I think, of same amount for the same parties, and this was all used by them—at least warrants were issued; there was also made in 1894 or 1895. Then in 1895 (December 18) Isparhecher had appropriated for his use \$3,000 to expel intruders. Roley McIntosh used \$500 of this, S. B. Callahan \$100, and \$600 to the judges and prosecuting attorneys for the six districts. The money on them was eventually paid. There is an unexpended balance of about \$1,000 of that fund.

S. B. CALLAHAN.

## EXHIBIT N.

Taylor Chissoe, being duly sworn, upon his oath says that he was member of school board 1891, 1892, and 1893; that there never was due him and never was issued to him a warrant on the Creek Government for \$1,500; and that "old warrant" No. 8309, presented to Eufaula committee as having been issued to him July 7, 1892, for \$1,500, must have been a forged warrant, such sum never having been due him from Creek Government. He was only entitled to \$600 per annum, and this was paid him quarterly, \$150 per quarter. Creek Government don't owe me anything on account of salary.

TAYLOR CHISSOE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

## EXHIBIT O.

Samuel C. Davis, being duly sworn, on his oath says that he is a half-breed Creek Indian; that he is 25 years old, a citizen of Tulsa, Ind. T., and that he was private secretary to Principal Chief L. E. Perryman continuously from the latter part of 1892 until the chief was impeached and deposed in 1895; that one of his duties as said private secretary was to issue the warrants for the chief, and that he issued the most of these warrants. He says that the custom of the office was to follow the law in the matter of issuing all warrants, i. e., the Creek statute provided that all appropriations for the support of the various schools of Creek Nation were to be paid in quarterly payments, and that this was the unvarying custom of the office; that there never was issued a single warrant out of said office by Chief Perryman for the full sum of an appropriation for the support of any school in the nation for an entire year, and that any old warrants upon which new warrants were issued which were for the sum of a full appropriation were forgeries. And he believes that warrants Nos. 8297, dated May 12, 1894, building Eufaula High School, \$13,000; 8310, dated June 10, 1893, to D. M. Hodge, \$500; 8309, July 7, 1892, Taylor Chissoe, board of education, \$1,500; 8305, April 20, 1893, support Coweta school, \$2,750; 8304, dated January 16, 1892, to board of education Eufaula school, for \$6,000; 8296, March 3, 1893, J. M. Perryman, building Creek Orphan School, \$12,000; 8306, June 20, 1892, J. P. Davison, superintendent Pecan school, \$2,250; 8293, February 10, 1893, to S. B. Callahan, superintendent Wetunka school, \$750; 8301, February 22, 1893, T. W. Manuel, Tallahassee school, \$500; 8302, February 22, 1893, T. W. Manuel, Tallahassee school, \$2,500; 8308, July 15, 1892, William Anderson, intruder commission, \$1,000; 8303, February 18, 1893, William Robinson, superintendent Wetunka school, \$2,500; 8307,

June 1, 1892, J. M. Perryman, superintendent Eufaula High School, \$2,500, were all bogus warrants, not only because warrants were never issued for these amounts, but for the further reason that these warrants are all numbered 8000 or more (except one, the stub of which is gone), and that there were no warrants of as high a number as this issued prior to the year 1895; that he himself purchased the book of blank warrants numbered from 8000 to 9000, and that during L. C. Perryman's tenure he only used a few of these warrants.

He knows of his personal knowledge that no warrants numbered as high as 8000 were issued prior to 1895, and consequently none prior to his incumbency as private secretary, and that he knows the following old warrants, No. 7007, dated March 17, 1895, to T. W. Mannel, support Tallahassee school, \$2,250; No. 7006, May 20, 1895, to William Robinson, support Wetumka school, \$2,250; No. 7005, April 15, 1895, board education, building Euchee N. S., \$5,000; No. 7008, July 7, 1894, Supt. N. Y. school, \$5,600, were not issued by Chief Perryman, because the warrants for these purposes were all issued in small amounts.

Burrell Cox, in talking to Colonel Corkins and myself one day, said that warrants could be "got through" or favorably passed upon by the investigating committee at Eufaula by paying them about 38 per cent of the face value of the warrants. In the summer of 1895 Ed. Egan, a brother of James Egan, who now holds some \$23,000 of the Isparhecher warrants, succeeded in getting possession of Chief Perryman's warrant book and put it in the safe of his brother James, and when Chief Perryman got the book of warrants back some twenty, up to about the number 8200, had been extracted. After this James Egan and Burrell Cox came to Chief Perryman and asked him to give them an order on Ed. Egan for the blank warrants he had taken from the book. This Chief Perryman at first refused to do but, when they, James Egan and Cox, offered him \$5,000 for said order he gave it to them. They afterwards refused to give the chief the promised money.

SAMUEL C. DAVIS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

#### EXHIBIT P.

C. H. Warth, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That in the fall of 1894 he purchased of L. W. Colby, attorney for the Creek Nation, warrant No. A5758, for \$500, and warrant No. A5759, for \$500, both issued on November 24, 1894, to said L. W. Colby as attorney for said nation. These warrants were substantially audited by the national auditor on November 29, 1894, and were by me presented for payment to the national treasurer, and were estimated and considered in the amount presented to the treasurer, Sam Grayson, in February, 1895, and prorated with the balance of the warrants so presented at that date—that is, the pro rata was paid and other warrants of smaller denominations surrendered in their stead.

Afterwards, in the year 1895, a special committee, known as the Le Blanche committee, was appointed by the Creek council to register all outstanding warrants. The committee refused to register the two warrants above named, on account, as stated by them, of some irregularity on the part of the chief, L. C. Perryman, in issuing the warrants.

Thus, after these warrants had been in the hands of the bank for over a year and had been duly audited and acknowledged by the national treasurer, I was for the first time advised of the claim that they were irregular. They being in due form and issued by the lawfully authorized officers of the Creek Nation, I believed them to be perfectly regular. In view of the difficulty of collecting the warrants, I took advice of one of the directors and concluded to offer to surrender the two \$500 warrants to the nation for a new warrant for \$700, conditioned that said warrant for \$700 should be paid at the approaching payment of warrants. I filed the two \$500 warrants above described with G. W. Stidham, one of the members of the warrant committee, with the proposition, if within their jurisdiction to consider the matter, that we would take a new warrant for \$700 in full settlement of the claim. Stidham stated to me that they had full authority to consider the matter; that he would present it to the committee, and, as far as he was concerned, he saw no objection to it. There was no promise or tender of reward or consideration of any nature made or mentioned between us at that or any other time, nor any intention on my part to influence the action of the committee in passing upon these warrants.

Some time elapsed and I had not been advised of any action having been taken in this matter, and I wrote to the secretary of the chief inquiring about it, but received no reply. Afterwards I met Mr. Lynch, of the chief's office, in Muscogee, and inquired of him concerning it. He said no report had been received from the warrant committee. I met Mr. Crabtree, member of the warrant committee, in Muscogee, on his way to market with a load of cattle, and in answer to my inquiry he said the committee had acted favorably on my warrants, and the report had been

held for signatures of some of the committee. He told me he had or would write to S. B. Callahan, secretary to the chief, stating the agreement with reference to the warrants, and that I would carry it out. Later on Callahan brought and delivered to me a new warrant for \$1,000, and asked as to the manner in which I would cover into the treasury the \$300. I said to him that my proposition was to accept a \$700 warrant and surrender the two \$500 warrants to the nation, on condition that the \$700 should be paid at the approaching payment; but as he had bought the warrant for the full \$1,000, I would accept it and agree to pay into the treasury the \$300 when the warrant was paid, and it was accordingly so arranged. I neither paid nor promised to pay one cent to any one other than the \$300 in the manner and for the purpose above stated.

C. H. WARTH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1897.

[SEAL.]

D. J. BALL, *Notary Public.*

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EXHIBIT Q.

WAGONER, IND. T., *October 8, 1897.*

J. W. Wallace, cashier First National Bank of Wagoner, being sworn, says that he is now and has been cashier First National Bank of Wagoner since it opened. He says that E. B. Childers has not now and never has had deposited with First National Bank of Wagoner any Creek warrants as collateral security; that the First National Bank of Wagoner was approached by Childers and asked to buy a half interest in \$28,000 of Creek warrants at about 80 cents on the dollar; that the bank refused to enter into an arrangement with Childers about it, and never has bought, sold, or held any Creek warrants of Childers.

Deponent further says that Childers has not now on deposit, as treasurer of the Creek Nation, any money whatever, and that he has not had since December 18 any account with this bank as treasurer, and that his total deposit as treasurer amounted to \$2,891.25. Childers has had an individual account here almost since the bank opened. On August 16, 1897, Childers drew out of bank on his check \$5,000 in gold coin, and this left a balance to his credit of \$2,976.57. This sum constitutes part of his present balance, which amounts to-day to \$2,340.74.

J. W. WALLACE, *Cashier.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

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EXHIBIT R.

WAGONER, IND. T., *October 8, 1897.*

E. E. Baldrige, being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says that he has not now, and never has had, deposited with him as collateral security \$4,000 of Creek or Muscogee warrants, or any amount of these warrants.

Further, deponent says that on the 8th day of September, 1897, he sold to E. B. Childers and F. M. Davis cattle amounting to about \$14,000; that Childers, for his part of the purchase money that was to be paid down, gave to deponent a check on the subtresury at St. Louis for \$2,500; that afterwards, on the same day, he came back and took up said check with a check on the First National of Wagoner.

At the present time I have of Childers's money, as collateral security, \$7,500, which was paid to me by checks, \$4,500 First National, Muscogee, and \$3,000 on First National of Wagoner. These checks I have subsequently cashed. The check which was given me in lieu of the check on the subtresury at St. Louis was given in consequence of a telegram from Warth, of First National Bank of Muscogee, dated at Kansas City, authorizing Childers to draw on Muscogee National Bank for \$3,000.

E. E. BALDRIDGE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

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EXHIBIT S.

H. F. Jones, being duly sworn, upon his oath says that the only warrants of the Muscogee government in which he had any interest were the "old" warrants which are now represented by the new or Isparhecher warrants, numbered 329, general fund, and 135, school fund, amounting to, No. 329, general fund, \$1,387.10; No. 135, school fund, \$827.70, making a total of \$2,214.80 belonging to the Jones Mercantile Com-

pany, of which firm he is a member; that these warrants he has sold to Mr. E. B. Childers and got the money for them.

Deponent further says that warrant No. 403, general fund, for \$5,000, and warrants Nos. 177, for \$1,500, and 178, for \$1,700, school fund, issued by Isparhecher in his name, do not and never did belong to him; that he never presented to the examining committee warrants for any such amounts, and never authorized the use of his name in the matter of issuing same; that the old warrants upon which the three last-named warrants were issued were presented to the examining committee, Messrs. Gibson, Crabtree, and Stidhem, by E. B. Childers, and the committee directed by Childers to direct the principal chief to issue them in my name. When they were presented to me for indorsement I made inquiry as to the meaning of it and was advised that Mr. Childers, being treasurer, it might complicate his accounts to carry these in his own name, and without giving the matter much thought I indorsed the warrants. I have not now and never had any interest in said warrants, and don't know where Childers obtained them, or in whose possession they are at this time.

H. F. JONES.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

EXHIBIT T.

OKMULGEE, MUSCOGEE NATION,  
October 4, 1897.

The undersigned, members of the commission appointed on behalf of the Muscogee Nation to confer with the Dawes Commission to formulate a treaty between the two nations, and at present acting in said capacity, being advised that the investigating committee, composed of Messrs. Gibson, Crabtree, and Stidhem, has reported to Isparhecher that the Creek Nation was indebted to us in the sum of \$295.55 each for services rendered as members of the above-mentioned commission, and that there were presented to the above-named investigating committee, for their action, warrants of the Creek treasurer payable to us in the above-named sums, and the said committee returned said warrants to the principal chief as valid warrants, and that he issued new warrants for said sums, said warrants being numbered as follows:

No. 1, P. Porter.....	\$295.60
No. 2, D. M. Hodge.....	295.55
No. 3, W. A. Sapulpa.....	295.55
No. 4, Joseph Mingo.....	295.55
No. 5, R. W. Stewart.....	295.55
No. 6, J. H. Lynch.....	295.55
No. 8, J. H. Lynch.....	50.00

We are further advised that a list of the "Isparhecher" warrants issued in lieu of the old warrants, which were to be destroyed by the chief when the new ones were issued, was given to Indian Agent Wisdom and by him forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and that by said report the above amounts are reported to be due us.

We desire to say that when the "old" warrants were issued to us we presented them to the various merchants, and we have been paid in full on said account; and, further, that the warrants reported to be outstanding against the Creek Nation, and due us, are not now and never have been in our possession, and that the person or persons who presented them to the investigating committee did so without our knowledge or consent.

The situation seems to be that duplicate warrants have been issued for the same services. We have already been paid, and the payment of the above-numbered warrants would be a fraud upon the Creek Nation. We therefore ask that when they are presented for payment the same be immediately canceled and turned over to the chief of the nation.

P. PORTER,  
D. M. HODGE,  
ROWLAND BROWN (his x mark).  
CONCHARTIE MICO (his x mark).  
W. A. SAPULPA,  
G. A. ALEXANDER,  
JOSEPH MINGO,  
ROBT. W. STEWART, *Interpreter.*  
J. H. LYNCH, *Secretary.*

Witness:

G. C. ROSS, *Assistant Attorney, Interior Department.*

## EXHIBIT U.

TULSA, IND. T., *October 11, 1897.*

T. E. Smiley, of Tulsa, Ind. T., makes the following statement with respect to the warrants of the Creek Nation issued to him:

I do not now nor have I ever had any interest in any warrants issued on the order of the examining committee at Eufaula on which new warrants were issued.

Warrant No. 368, drawn on the general fund of the Creek Nation for \$150, and warrants Nos. 167 and 168, each for \$7,490, in all \$15,130, appear to have been issued in my name, but I did not own the original warrants upon which these warrants were based, nor do I have any interest in either one of said warrants.

These warrants all belonged to Burrell Cox, of Tulsa, Ind. T., so said Cox informed me. About June 1, 1897, I loaned Burrell Cox \$800 in money, which, with what he had prior to that time borrowed of me, amounted then to about \$1,900. To secure the payment of this sum to me, said Cox left with me about \$16,000 of old warrants. When these old warrants were turned over to the committee the new warrants were made out in my name. Said Cox went with me to the committee to get the old warrants favorably passed upon. Cox himself presented them to the committee.

When the chief issued the said new warrants I then found for the first time that the new warrants were issued in my name. I told J. H. Lynch, the secretary to the chief, that I would like to have him reissue the warrants to said Cox, since they were not mine. This Lynch refused to do. I never had possession of them. They were all returned to Cox.

To pay me the \$1,900 which Cox owed me, I went with said Cox to Muscogee, where he sold one of the warrants amounting to \$7,490 and obtained the money through the Commercial Bank of Muscogee. Cox got some money, I don't know how much, and also a St. Louis draft drawn by First National Bank of Muscogee for \$4,356.50; this draft, with \$925 in cash, Cox gave to me; I sent the draft to the National Bank of Commerce at St. Louis and directed that it be placed to the credit of the Tulsa, Ind. T., Bank for me. With the money Cox gave me and the draft for \$4,356.50 I paid myself what Cox owed me, and the balance I held to Cox's credit in the Tulsa Bank, amounting to about \$3,291.55. I still have of his money in the bank about \$250.

T. E. SMILEY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

[Inclosure to exhibit.]

[Tulsa Lumber Company. T. E. Smiley, W. S. Dickson, Chas. Goodman.]

TULSA, IND. T., *October 2, 1897.*J. W. ZEVELY and G. C. ROSS, Esqrs.,  
*Muscogee, Ind. T.*

DEAR SIR: In reply to yours of October 1, will say that I loaned money on these warrants and only held them as collateral, and they should not of (have) been issued to me, but the parties owning the warrants had it done in order to fully secure the payment of my claim, which was paid after selling one of them. I have asked that the receipt be sent me and I will send them to you. I would attend to this myself, but I go to Vinita to-morrow to serve as a grand juror, and have not time sufficient to do so. I will try and have it done at once. I never held the receipts.

Very respectfully,

T. E. SMILEY.

## EXHIBIT V.

EUFAULA, IND. T., *September 29, 1897.*

I, Charles Gibson, of Eufaula, Ind. T., make the following statement as one of the committee authorized to be appointed by the act of the national council of the Creek Nation in the session (regular) of October, 1896, for the purpose of "calling in all outstanding warrants and to examine them thoroughly as to their correctness by comparing them with the stubs from which they were issued and with the appropriations made therefor."

In pursuance of this act, myself, J. H. Crabtree, and G. W. Stidhem were appointed by Hon. Isparhecher, principal chief of the Creek Nation, about December, 1896, and soon thereafter entered upon our duties. It required about five months for the committee to complete its work.

We carefully examined all the warrants presented to us and endeavored to find out the exact indebtedness of the nation. We examined the warrants presented,

and as nearly as could be traced the same to the original stubs, appropriations, records, auditor's records, etc. There was placed before us all the records of the nation, with the exception of those of the year 1894, when certain books thought to be in the possession of L. C. Perryman could not be obtained. We had great difficulty in arriving at the true indebtedness of the nation, finding that many spurious warrants had been floated. When we were satisfied that a warrant presented for investigation and reissue had been fraudulently issued we stamped the warrant "void" on its face by a stamp kept for that purpose; we also wrote on the back of such warrants the reasons which impelled us to such action. The warrants thus voided amounted to about \$27,000.

When we finished our work we made a report to the chief of all warrants we had decided were genuine. We made a copy of our original report and sent the same to Chief Isparhecher, and the original report containing a list of all the warrants we found to be valid we kept in our office at Eufaula; this original list I have, at the request of Messrs. J. W. Zevely and George C. Ross, United States officers, delivered to these gentlemen for examination, to be returned to me when the same has served its purpose with these officers.

I may add that, as a matter of fact, the examining committee never signed the report sent to the chief, but on learning that we had inadvertently omitted to sign it, we directed Mr. Callahan, secretary of the chief, to append our names to the report.

I am, however, certain that the copy of our report sent to the chief was an exact copy of the list submitted to Messrs. Zevely and Ross. The list so given to these officers represents the exact amount, when properly footed or added up, that we found of the outstanding indebtedness of the nation.

I will further say that the appropriation for the payment of the examining committee was exhausted before the work was completed.

This caused the other members of the committee, Messrs. Crabtree and Stidhem, to stop work before it was completed, and I alone finished the work, and with my own hand, unaided by the other two members of the committee, I made out the full list of the indebtedness of the nation and took a copy of the original list of valid warrants to the chief and retained the original list, which I loaned to Messrs. Zevely and Ross. This original list of what was found to be genuine warrants has not been changed or altered in any respect, or as to any warrant, since I made it; it has been under my exclusive keeping and control. It required nineteen days for me to complete the investigation after Messrs. Crabtree and Stidhem quit their investigation, but this time was consumed principally in making out the reported list.

CHAS. GIBSON.

EUFULA DISTRICT, *Indian Territory*, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this September 29, 1897.

I hereby certify that the above statement, covering 8 pages, was explained to deponent before he signed the same, including all erasures and interlineations, and that the material facts as set forth in the affidavit were first given to Messrs. Ross and myself by affiant and then reduced to writing as above set forth.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector*.

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#### EXHIBIT W.

Charles Gibson, being duly sworn, says the committee of which he was a member for the investigation of outstanding Muscogee warrants, in their reports to the principal chief of the old warrants they considered valid, invariably set out in their said report the description of each warrant passed upon as follows: Number of warrant; date of warrant; to whom issued; for what purpose; year appropriated and whether from the general or school fund and the amount of the warrant; that in every case the exact amount of the warrant passed upon was set out. In passing upon warrants and certifying them to the principal chief for the issuance of new warrants, one member of the committee signed the names of all the committee. It was the custom of all of us to consider together the character of warrants presented.

All of the warrants that were presented for reissue in favor of James Egan were presented by G. W. Stidhem, a member of our committee. The warrants that were presented for reissue in favor of H. F. Jones were all presented by G. W. Stidhem. The warrants presented for reissue in favor of F. M. Davis were all presented by G. W. Stidhem. The warrants presented for issue in favor of J. A. Harris were all presented by G. W. Stidhem. The warrants presented for reissue in favor of T. E. Smiley were all presented by G. W. Stidhem. The warrants presented for reissue in favor of U. B. Gray were presented by G. W. Stidhem. E. B. Childers never appeared before the investigating committee either officially or individually; he never pre-

sented any warrants for investigation. We tried to have the chief have him come, and tried to have the counsel direct him to come to aid us, but were unsuccessful.

In our consideration of warrants the manner of doing the work was for one member of the committee to take the warrants presented, another the old stub books, and another the appropriation books. My duty was to examine the warrant presented, read its number, date, appropriation, person to whom payable, and the fund out of which it came. Crabtree held the old stub books, and he either reported that the number, date, and amount, etc., corresponded to the stub, or that the stub was gone. Stidhem (G. W.) claimed that he was familiar with appropriations, having been a member of the council, hence he held the appropriation books, and when I would read out a warrant, unless he found the appropriation the warrant was voided. All of the Egan, Smiley, Gray, Davis, Jones, and Harris warrants, above referred to, numbered 7007, 7006, 7005, 7008, 8311, 8314, 7010, 8315, 8250, 8313, 8312, 7004, 8297, 8310, 8309, 8305, 8266, 8304, 8296, 8306, 8293, 8301, 8302, 8308, 8303, 8307, and 8294, were read to him, and in every instance he reported the appropriation act found.

E. B. Childers sent us two or three small warrants, amounting to something over \$100. I did not know he held or owned or in any manner controlled any other warrants; never had any conversation with him about warrants; never have been to Wagoner since I have been on the committee.

Stidhem and Crabtree were frequently away from Eufaula, but they told me they were out buying cattle. If either Crabtree or Stidhem have had anything to do with Childers or anybody else in the matter of issuing warrants outside the committee room, I had no knowledge of the fact. When old warrant No. 8297, payable to J. M. Perryman, building Eufaula high school, for \$13,000, was presented, I said it seemed late for it to be presented and thought it remarkable, but Stidhem said we could not help this, and so warrant was passed. I never knew until to-day that the council had passed a resolution directing the treasurer of the Creek Nation not to pay warrants numbered 8250 to 8316, inclusive.

CHAS. GIBSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

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EXHIBIT X.

Burnie McIntosh, being duly sworn, says that about August, 1897, he had a conversation with G. W. Stidhem, a member of the committee appointed to investigate Creek warrants, in which Stidhem said to me that the committee could have made \$3,000 out of some warrants of a man named Egan, if it had not been for his brother, Theodore Stidhem, talking so much around the country to the effect that the commission was making money out of these warrants; and he wanted me to keep his brother quiet, and told me if I could do so he and I would make \$500 apiece out of it.

BURNIE MCINTOSH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

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EXHIBIT Y.

J. H. Lynch, being duly sworn, on his oath says that he is 38 years old and a resident citizen of the Muskogee Nation. I hold the position of assistant secretary to the private secretary, S. B. Callaghan, of Principal Chief Isparhecher of the Muskogee Nation; have held said position since December, 1895. One of my duties was to issue the warrants on the reports of the committee and to sign the names of Isparhecher, chief, and Callaghan, private secretary. I issued everyone of the warrants. I am satisfied the chief knew nothing about this. Makes the following statement about his connection with the issuance of certain warrants: Crabtree and Stidhem, members of committee, presented reports in favor of T. E. Smiley for \$15,130, James Eagan for \$24,300, R. E. Lynch for \$1,300, and C. R. Reedes for \$2,117.65, in the early summer, some time after May 26, 1897. There were present James Eagan and T. E. Smiley, in addition to Stidhem and Crabtree. Eagan and Smiley didn't come to the office on business.

Crabtree and Stidhem offered me a consideration to issue above warrants—about \$1,600. I issued the warrants while they were there and delivered them to Stidhem or Crabtree—Stidhem, I think. The money was paid to me before I issued the warrants, either by Crabtree or Stidhem; I don't remember which delivered the money. I don't know anything about who holds the warrants now or what became of them

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after they were issued. My connection with them then ceased. They left the impression on me that these warrants were all right, but that the holders were willing to pay this much to get them in shape.

Some time later, and after July 12, 1897, G. W. Stidhem, of the Eufaula committee, presented the following reports to be issued on:

J. A. Harris .....	\$6,000
F. M. Davis .....	10,600
H. F. Jones .....	14,200
F. M. Davis .....	9,500

There were present in the town when these were presented James Egan, Burrill Cox, Ellis Childers, and Crabtree and Stidhem. As well as I can remember, Crabtree, Stidhem, and Childers came to the office and offered me a consideration to issue warrants on these reports—about \$2,000 being offered. I issued the warrants, the money being paid me before I issued the warrants; the money was delivered to me by G. W. Stidhem.

Don't know anything about these warrants or what became of them; turned them over to the three then present. About July 12 James Egan came to me and offered me \$600 to issue warrant in favor of U. B. Gray for \$6,000. The warrant was issued and the money paid to me at the time, before the warrant was issued—\$400 in currency and a due bill for \$200, which I subsequently collected through the Commercial Bank of Muscogee. I don't know where these warrants are or what became of them.

About August 5 the First National Bank of Muscogee mailed to the executive office a report of the Eufaula committee in favor of the above-named bank for \$1,000. I held the report for further instructions from either Callaghan or the chief, and it happened that Callaghan was at the office soon afterwards and I mentioned the matter to him, and I think he told me to still hold the report until he could see about it. Subsequently he told me that Warth had agreed to pay, I think, \$300 to have those warrants issued, and he instructed me to issue the warrants, which I did. I was led to believe that the bank or Warth gave to Crabtree \$100, Stidhem \$100, and Callaghan \$100. I know nothing more about these warrants.

None of the reports above referred to were accompanied by old warrants. The old warrants have all been destroyed by me, under Mr. Callaghan's instructions. The new warrants issued by me, as above detailed, to the various parties mentioned were issued according to the reports, so far as the names of the persons to whom they were to be issued were concerned, and for the amounts they suggested, and bear the following numbers and are for the following amounts:

GENERAL WARRANTS.

No.	Name.	Amount.	No.	Name.	Amount.
368	T. E. Smiley .....	\$150.00	423	First National, Muscogee .....	\$1,000.00
369	James Egan .....	1,000.00	402	F. M. Davis .....	5,000.00
370	R. E. Lynch .....	588.13	403	H. F. Jones .....	5,000.00
371	C. R. Reeder .....	1,105.15			

SCHOOL WARRANTS.

159	F. M. Davis .....	\$1,000.00	173	C. R. Reeder .....	\$1,012.50
160	do .....	1,000.00	177	H. F. Jones .....	4,500.00
161	do .....	1,000.00	178	do .....	4,700.00
162	do .....	500.00	179	J. A. Harris .....	3,000.00
163	do .....	500.00	180	do .....	3,000.00
164	do .....	750.00	181	F. M. Davis .....	5,600.00
165	do .....	3,000.00	182	U. B. Gray .....	500.00
166	do .....	1,750.00	183	do .....	500.00
167	T. E. Smiley .....	7,490.00	184	do .....	500.00
168	do .....	7,490.00	185	do .....	500.00
169	James Egan .....	10,000.00	186	do .....	1,000.00
170	do .....	10,000.00	187	do .....	1,000.00
171	do .....	3,300.00	188	do .....	1,000.00
172	R. E. Lynch .....	771.93	189	do .....	1,000.00

Private Secretary Callaghan didn't pay any attention to this business at all.

I concluded from the fact that Crabtree and Stidhem paid me the money themselves that they had already been paid their share.

Never discussed the matter with anybody other than Crabtree and Stidhem, except one conversation with Charley Gibson, the other member of the committee, and he made the impression upon me that he knew what was going on. Stidhem and Crabtree never came to see me or offered me any money in connection with any other warrants. I was never approached by any holders of any other of the old warrants upon which new ones were issued—only the ones above enumerated.

J. H. LYNCH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October, 1897.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

EXHIBIT Z.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

[Investigation of Creek national warrants.]

EUFAULA, I. T., 7-12-1897.

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No.	Date.	To whom issued.	For what purpose.	Yr. app.	General.	School.
7960	11-3-95	J. P. Davison.....	Supt. P. C. S.....	94		\$37.50
9631	7-22-96	W. A. Rentie.....	do.....	95		421.43 $\frac{3}{4}$
9628	7-22-96	do.....	do.....	95		146.70
9629	7-22-96	do.....	do.....	95		123.30
5707	11-6-94	D. C. Waton.....	Nat. treas.....	93	\$43.00	
6327	1-29-95	John Bruner.....	Mileage bal.....	95	4.40	
6331	1-29-95	Eli Jacobs.....	do.....	95	4.00	
6523	1-29-95	Snow Sells.....	do.....	95	4.00	
7536	10-15-95	J. C. Johnson.....	Com. clerk.....	95	3.00	
7821	11-28-95	Lena Benson.....	Clk. C. com.....	95	25.00	
8831	12-14-95	Martha Perryman.....	Indigent.....	95	15.00	
8834	12-14-95	Bettie.....	do.....	95	15.00	
8870	12-14-95	Chutkey.....	do.....	95	15.00	
8879	12-14-95	Jane Hardage.....	do.....	95	15.00	
9645	8-10-96	Dacey Grayson.....	Pet capita.....	95	14.40	
9956	10-16-96	Tom Conard.....	Aud. certf.....	96	33.33 $\frac{3}{4}$	
211	11-9-96	D. C. Watson.....	Translator.....	96	30.00	
291	11-7-96	Dick Heard.....	Mem. H. of W.....	96	152.00	
321	11-7-96	Ben Norris.....	do.....	96	140.00	
113	11-7-96	Mrs. McKelloy.....	Clk. com.....	96	60.00	
9842	8-10-96	Wm. Peters.....	Cit. com.....	95	15.00	

Please issue this list to R. E. Lynch, Tulsa, I. T.

CHAS. GIBSON,  
J. H. CRABTREE,  
G. W. STIDHAM,  
*Com.*

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No.	Date.	To whom issued.	For what purpose.	Yr. app.	General.	School.
8296	3-3-93	J. M. Perryman.....	B. C. Orphan S.....	92	.....	\$12,000
8306	6-20-92	J. P. Davison.....	Supt. P. C. S.....	91	.....	2,250
8293	2-10-93	S. B. Callahan.....	Supt. W. S.....	92	.....	750
8301	2-22-93	T. W. Manuel.....	Supt. Tallehassee S.....	92	.....	500
8302	5-10-92	.....do.....	Supt. Tallehassee S.....	91	.....	2,500
8308	7-15-92	Wm. Anderson.....	Int. Com.....	91	\$1,000	.....
8303	2-18-93	Wm. Robison.....	Supt. W. S.....	91	.....	2,500
8307	6-1-92	J. M. Perryman.....	Supt. E. H. S.....	91	.....	2,500
8294	9-16-95	L. C. Perryman.....	Exp. Ex. Of.....	94	.....	300

Please issue these warrants as per above list to James Egan, Tulsa, Ind. T.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
J. H. CRABTREE.  
G. W. STIDHAM.

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No.	Date.	To whom issued.	For what purpose.	Yr. app.	General.	School.
5758	11-24-94	L. W. Cooly.....	Atty. fees.....	92	\$500	.....
5759	11-24-94	.....do.....	.....do.....	92	500	.....

Please issue these warrants to First National Bank, Muscogee.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
J. A. CRABTREE.  
G. W. STIDHAM.

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8111	8-12-95	J. W. Mathis.....	Prin. S. Tehr.....	94	.....	\$80
7004	5-27-95	N. G. Gregory.....	Supt. E. S.....	94	.....	1,125
8297	5-12-94	J. M. Perryman.....	Bd. Ed. H. S.....	93	.....	13,000
8310	6-10-93	D. M. Hodge.....	Delegate W. C.....	93	.....	500
8309	7- 7-92	Taylor Chissoe.....	Salary B. of E.....	91	\$150	.....
8305	4-20-93	Richard Bruner.....	Suppt. C. S.....	92	.....	275

Please issue the warrants as per above list to T. E. Smiley, Tulsa, I. T.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
J. H. CRABTREE.  
G. W. STIDHAM.

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8311	5-20-95	B. of Ed.....	Bldg. Euchee S.....	94	.....	\$4,500
8314	9-13-94	Creek Comm'n.....	Expel intruders.....	93	\$5,000	.....
7010	2-8-92	B. of Ed.....	Tallehassee S.....	91	.....	4,700

Please issue to H. F. Jones, Wagoner, I. T.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
J. H. CRABTREE.  
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No.	Date.	To whom issued.	For what purpose.	Yr. app.	General.	School.
8313	4-6-95	B. of Ed.....	Colo. Or. Sch.....	94	.....	\$3,000
8312	1-10-95	.....do.....	Rep. Wetumka Sch.....	94	.....	3,000

Please issue the above warrants to J. A. Harris, Wagoner, I. T.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
J. H. CRABTREE.  
G. W. STIDHAM.

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No.	Date.	To whom issued.	For what purpose.	Yr. app.	General.	School.
8304	1-16-92	B. of E.....	Eufaula S.....	91	.....	\$6,000

Please issue above to N. B. Gray, Tulsa.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
J. H. CRABTREE.  
G. W. STIDHAM.

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No.	Date.	To whom issued.	For what purpose.	Yr. app.	General.	School.
5823	11-3-94	S. Davis .....	Cancellation ct. certificate.....	94	\$841.62	.....

Please forward this to the Muskogee Bank.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
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7007	3-17-95	T. W. Manuel.....	Sup. Tallahassee S.....	94	.....	\$2,250
7006	5-20-95	Wm. Robinson.....	Sup. Wetumka S.....	94	.....	2,250
7005	4-15-95	Bd. of Ed.....	Bldg. Euchee N. S.....	93	.....	5,000
						9,500

Please issue warrants as per above list to F. M. Davis, Wagoner, I. T.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
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No.	Date.	To whom issued.	For what purpose.	Yr. app.	General.	School.
8315	10-10-94	Surv. pastures.....	Bal. on survey.....	93	\$5,000	.....
7008	7-7-94	Sup. N. Y. Sch.....	Sup. N. Y. Sch.....	93	.....	\$5,600

Please issue above to F. M. Davis, Wagoner, I. T.

CHAS. GIBSON.  
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6973	6- 5-95	Edmond Henry .....	Light horse .....	94	\$75.00	.....
6975	6- 5-95	John Ganett .....	do .....	94	68.75	.....
6980	6- 5-95	Wosie Hayo .....	do .....	94	75.00	.....
7015	6- 1-95	D. Anderson .....	Suppt. W. M .....	94	.....	\$730.00
408	11- 7-96	S. W. Bruner .....	Mem. H. of K .....	96	50.00	.....
409	11- 7-96	do .....	do .....	96	50.00	.....
410	11- 7-96	do .....	do .....	96	25.00	.....
438	11- 7-96	W. Thompson .....	Com. for above .....	96	75.00	.....
441	11- 7-96	do .....	do .....	96	50.00	.....
6781	4-17-95	Dave Anderson .....	Suppt. W. M .....	94	.....	35.00
463	11-10-96	Rosa Perkins .....	Indigent .....	96	15.00	.....
8266	4-11-95	L. C. Perryman .....	Stationery Ex. Of .....	94	25.00	.....
450	11-10-96	Inlotka Charky .....	Indigent .....	96	15.00	.....
462	11-10-96	Mahala Chisholm .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
512	11-10-96	David Proctor .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
517	11-10-96	Arehima .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
518	11-10-96	James Tiger, jr. ....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
512	11-10-96	Mary Grayson .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
546	11-10-96	Gotargo Snake .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
676	11-10-96	Masih .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
678	11-10-96	Wash Bruner .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
680	11-10-96	Hullthoge .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
695	11-10-96	Paley Johnson .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
703	11-10-96	Delila Marshal .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
711	11-10-96	Jeffry Genge .....	do .....	96	15.00	.....
412	11- 7-96	A. J. Childers .....	Mem. H. of K .....	96	122.00	.....
8170	6- 5-95	James Kemals .....	L. H. .....	94	75.00	.....
8142	12-13-95	Vina Sampson .....	Indigent .....	94	15.00	.....
8214	12-13-95	Sallie Logan .....	do .....	94	15.00	.....
8382	12-19-95	Hettie Frame .....	Per capita .....	94	14.40	.....
8779	12-14-95	Teparker .....	Indigent .....	94	15.00	.....
8800	12-14-95	Rachel Grayson .....	do .....	94	15.00	.....
8803	12-14-95	Mary Ann Grayson .....	do .....	94	15.00	.....
8809	12-14-95	Judy Grayson .....	do .....	94	15.00	.....
8147	9- 5-95	W. A. Palmer .....	Nat. auditor .....	94	50.00	.....
8148	9- 5-95	do .....	do .....	94	50.00	.....
7173	6-...-95	Josephine Marshal .....	Primary tchr .....	94	.....	27.50
7915	11- 4-95	Danderson .....	Suppt. W. M .....	94	.....	80.00
7997	11- 4-95	R. Bruner .....	Suppt. C. M .....	94	.....	140.00

Please issue the list of warrants to C. R. Reeder, Tulsa, I. T.

CHAS. GIBSON,  
J. H. CRABTREE,  
G. W. STIDHAM, *Com.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, February 23, 1898.

Mr. DEW M. WISDOM,  
*United States Indian Agent, Union Agency, Ind. T.*

SIR: Under the act of Congress approved June 7, 1897, entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department," etc. (50 Stats., p. 68), it is provided that—

"Upon the properly authenticated demand of the Creek Nation, made after the passage of this act, the Secretary of the Interior shall, though an officer of the Government, disburse three hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars of the money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the Creek Nation of Indians, only for the payment of the debts of the government of the Creek Nation: *Provided*, That no debts shall be paid until by investigation the Secretary of the Interior shall

be satisfied that said nation of Indians incurred said debt or issued its warrants representing the same for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debt or the issue of warrants."

In conformity with this act, the honorable Secretary of the Interior caused the indebtedness of the Creek Nation to be investigated, as you are aware, by yourself, and also by Special Inspector J. H. Zevely and Assistant Attorney George C. Ross, and the reports of these officials were submitted to the Department under the dates of September 7, 1897, November 2, 1897, and February 1, 1898, respectively.

From these reports the Department has found that of the list of warrants contained in your report of September 7 last (aggregating \$208,941.08, payable from the Creek general fund, and \$143,302.08, payable from the Creek school fund; total, \$352,243.16) certain warrants particularly described in the reports of Messrs. Zevely and Ross, amounting to \$11,150 of the general fund and \$74,580 of the school fund, are fraudulent, and that \$2,534.90 of the general fund and \$1,784.43 of the school fund, while not positively shown to be fraudulent, are considered doubtful, and that \$3,443.85 of the general fund and \$211.75 of the school fund have been paid. This leaves \$191,812.33 of the general fund and \$66,725.90 of the school fund (total, \$258,538.23) which are found to have been regularly issued on bona fide indebtedness; that they are now held, with few exceptions, by reputable business men, and recommendation is made in the report of Mr. Ross, dated the 1st instant, that they be paid.

The Department being satisfied from the data contained in the reports of the investigating officers that the warrants last alluded to, and described by number, name of drawee, and amount, in the said report of Assistant Attorney Ross, on pages 11 to 41, both inclusive, amounting in the aggregate to \$191,812.33 of the general fund and \$66,725.90 of the school fund—total, \$258,538.23—represent the indebtedness of said Creek Nation incurred for adequate valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said indebtedness, or of the issuing of the said warrants, did, under date of the 3d instant, direct this office to take immediate steps to cause them to be paid by you after you shall have furnished an approved bond in the sum of not less than \$100,000 to cover deposits for such payment, either in whole or by installments. You were notified of this action in office telegram of the 7th instant, and in office letter of the 11th instant you were advised that your bond had been fixed at \$260,000.

Your bond in the sum mentioned has received the approval of the Department. Requisitions will be issued in your favor in four installments, to be placed with the assistant United States treasurer at St. Louis. Upon receiving notice of proper credit, you will immediately proceed to make payment of the valid warrants.

The receipts of the parties entitled to receive payment must appear on the pay rolls as well as on the warrants presented by them for redemption, and the warrants will be taken up and filed with the original roll when you transmit the same to this office.

All payments must be made by check to the order of the persons entitled to receive same, and must be delivered by you into their hands. Powers of attorney must not be recognized in any case whatsoever.

Before making any payment, you will require indisputable evidence that the parties presenting the warrants are either the original payee or the present legal owners of the warrants. Should warrants be presented by persons other than the payee, you will require them to furnish evidence that they became possessed of them by legal means. In a case where no evidence of a legal transfer exists, you will serve a proper notice on the payee before making any payment to a holder of a warrant.

In the report of Special Inspector J. H. Zevely, dated November 2, 1897, with reference to this matter, he states the following-named persons as "implicated, beyond a reasonable doubt, in conspiring to issue or procure the issuance of fraudulent Creek warrants:"

E. B. Childers (Creek citizen), treasurer Creek Nation, Wagoner, Ind. T.

James H. Crabtree (Creek citizen), member of Creek warrant investigating committee, Eufaula, Ind. T.

George W. Stidham (Creek citizen), member of Creek warrant investigating committee, Eufaula, Ind. T.

J. H. Lynch (Creek citizen), assistant secretary to private secretary of Principal Chief Isparhecher, Okmulgee, Ind. T.

James Egan (United States citizen), merchant, of Tulsa, Ind. T.

Burrell Cox (United States citizen), occupation unknown, Tulsa, Ind. T.

T. E. Smiley (United States citizen), merchant, of Tulsa, Ind. T.

U. B. Gray (United States citizen), clerk, of Egan, Tulsa, Ind. T.

The following aided and abetted the conspirators, but against whom the evidence is meager and circumstantial:

S. B. Callahan (Creek citizen), lately private secretary of Principal Chief Isparhecher.

The following aided and assisted the conspirators, but whether with criminal intent or not is uncertain:

- H. F. Jones (United States citizen), merchant, Wagoner, Ind. T.
- F. M. Davis (United States citizen), merchant, Wagoner, Ind. T.
- J. A. Harris (United States citizen), merchant, Wagoner, Ind. T.

With respect to the above-named persons, alleged to have been engaged in the fraudulent issue of warrants, you are directed to exercise particular care in seeing that any of the warrants herein directed to be paid that may be presented for payment by any of the said persons are supported by indisputable evidence of their validity.

You are hereby directed to require all persons presenting warrants for redemption to make affidavit as to the genuineness of the same, as an additional safeguard in protecting the interests of the Creek Nation, the Government, and yourself, and you will cause a sufficient number of blanks, in the following form, to be printed for the purpose, and, when properly executed, to be attached to each warrant:

\_\_\_\_\_ }  
 \_\_\_\_\_ } ss:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, being of lawful age and duly sworn according to law, depose and say that I am the lawful owner of warrant No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, of the Creek Nation, originally issued to \_\_\_\_\_, on account of \_\_\_\_\_ fund; that to the best of my knowledge and belief the said warrant represents bona fide indebtedness incurred by the Creek Nation for adequate valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurrence of said indebtedness or the issuance of said warrant. And further deponent saith not.

Witness, \_\_\_\_\_.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1898.

[SEAL.]

In case of the death of a payee prior to payment the amount due will be deposited to the credit of the United States under the proper fund, and at the same time a proper explanation will be noted after the name on the rolls, to indicate the reason for withholding said payment.

In all other respects it is desired that this payment shall be made with particular care and in strict accordance with the regulations of the Department and the best business methods; and further, it is expressly directed that no warrants be paid except those enumerated on pages 11 to 41, both inclusive, of the report of Mr. Ross.

When in any particular case you may feel in doubt as to the propriety of making payment you are authorized and directed to withhold same and submit the question, with all evidence and papers bearing thereon, to this office for proper action.

Proper vouchers covering the expenses incurred in having the blank affidavits printed should be forwarded to this office for approval.

Upon completion of the payment the rolls, vouchers, and all other evidence connected therewith will be transmitted to this office as a "special account," and will not be confounded with your regular agency accounts.

A full and comprehensive report of the incidents of the payment should be made by you, and you should include therein specific data relative to action taken in any particular case out of the ordinary course, as, for instance—

- Death of payee, amount deposited.
- Payment withheld, power of attorney not recognized.
- Payment withheld, no evidence of valid transfer of warrant.
- Payment withheld, evidence of genuineness of warrant not satisfactory.

For your further guidance in carrying out these instructions, I transmit herewith an official copy of the report of Mr. Ross, above referred to.

I transmit herewith a copy of a form of pay roll to be used by you in this payment. If, in your opinion, there are any essential features omitted in this form which will tend to strengthen it, you are at liberty to make such additions as may be necessary. Five pay rolls will be prepared by you, four of which should accompany your account. This requirement is made necessary by reason of the fact that two pay rolls will be transmitted to Congress with a report of the payment; one copy will be transmitted to the Auditor for the Interior Department; the fourth copy will remain in the files of this office.

Very respectfully,

A. C. TONNER,  
 Acting Commissioner.

Approved.

C. N. BLISS, Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,  
*Union Agency, Muscogee, Ind. T., April 14, 1898.*

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that, pursuant to instructions issued to me from your office in communication "A, Authority 55371-1898," of date February 23, 1898, directing me to pay certain valid Creek warrants which had been found, after due investigation, to represent debts properly incurred by the Creek government, and issued for a valuable consideration and without fraud. (See act of Congress approved June 7, 1897, 30 Stats., p. 68.)

I proceeded, at the office of Union Agency, Muscogee, Creek Nation, Indian Territory, as fast as practicable, to make such payment, after having entered into bond, which was approved, as a special disbursing officer of the United States, and I now submit the following report:

The whole amount of money placed to my credit with the subtreasury at St. Louis, Mo., to meet said payment was as follows:

February 26, 1898 .....	\$65,000.00
March 16, 1898 .....	65,000.00
March 19, 1898 .....	65,000.00
March 27, 1898 .....	63,538.23

Total amount of money received .....

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258,538.23

Amounts disbursed:

Paid general fund, Creek warrants .....	187,611.69
Paid school fund, Creek warrants .....	65,410.94

Total amount paid out .....

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253,022.63

Outstanding warrants:

General fund .....	4,164.15
School fund .....	1,350.95

Total .....

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5,515.10

Balance cash returned to United States Treasury .....

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5,515.61

The discrepancy of 51 cents between the outstanding warrants and the cash returned to the Treasury is fully explained by the balance sheet attached to the rolls.

I would further state that five pay rolls, according to your instructions, were prepared, four of which are herewith submitted as vouchers to my account, and one has been retained for the files of this agency.

Certain warrants, listed as valid, and which I was directed to pay, were not paid, and the reasons for not paying the same are fully set out in the annotations on said rolls, and to which you are respectfully referred for more specific information.

All payments were made by check to the persons entitled to receive the same and delivered by me to the payee. No power of attorney was recognized, and in all cases I endeavored to carry out your instructions, as the rolls and warrants with indorsements thereon will show.

Each and every warrant paid by me was duly canceled at the time of payment, and all such warrants so paid are herewith returned as additional vouchers to the rolls themselves.

Mr. J. W. Zevely, special inspector, was present and supervised the payment, and I acknowledge myself indebted to him for much valuable advice in settling legal entanglements and in guiding me along safe lines in the discharge of my duty.

I also acknowledge myself indebted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for elaborate and timely instructions, which I endeavored to follow at all times, with due regard, however, to a reasonable discretion which I used to protect myself, and which every paymaster must exercise on doubtful points which it is impossible for instructions always to cover or anticipate.

Whatever else may be said of the payment, I can say, without self-laudation, that it was an honest one, and I believe that it was entirely satisfactory to all parties interested, and that it will stand as a precedent for similar payments in the future.

The payment was marked by no sensational incidents, and only a few persons were present on any given day during its progress, and they represented business interests, and might be said to be the best representatives of such interests in the

Indian Territory. They only seemed to want what was due them, and I believe they received that in every instance, and I do not believe that it will be found that there was any serious mistake made along the whole line of payment, and I feel safe in saying that no fraudulent warrants were honored or cashed by me in this payment.

In this connection, also, I will say that including the payment made by Treasurer Moore, of the Creek Nation, which covered warrants not funded by the act of council, this payment made by me has practically reduced the whole indebtedness of the Creek Nation in round numbers to about \$20,000, and hereafter if their revenues are properly collected and disbursed the nation will soon escape the thralldom of debt, and can so remain so long as it maintains its sovereignty as a nation.

I therefore strongly recommend that hereafter and henceforth all payments made by the Creek treasurer be made under the supervision of a United States disbursing officer, or Indian agent having supervision over said tribe, and that such officer or agent be required to countersign all checks issued by said treasurer. This mode of payment would be an effectual bar against all fraudulent warrants.

After my accounts have been administratively examined, I respectfully ask to be relieved from the penalty of my bond.

Very respectfully,

DEW M. WISDOM,  
*Special Disbursing and United States Indian Agent.*

UNION AGENCY, MUSKOGEE, IND. T.

*The United States in account-current with Dew M. Wisdom for the quarter ending June 30, 1898, under bond dated February 14, 1898.*

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April 13, 1898.—To amount per abstract of disbursements.....	\$253, 022. 63
To amount deposited to credit of Treasurer of United States.....	5, 515. 61
To amount certificate of deposit No. 2421, dated April 11, 1898.	
Total .....	258, 538. 24

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February 26, 1898.—By amount from Int. Ind. War. No. 3760.....	\$65, 000. 00
March 16, 1898.—By amount from Int. Ind. War. No. 4134.....	65, 000. 00
March 19, 1898.—By amount from Int. Ind. War. No. 4216.....	65, 000. 00
March 27, 1898.—By amount from Int. Ind. War. No. 4350.....	63, 538. 23
April 9, 1898.—By amount deposited by Agent Wisdom to correct error.	. 01
Total .....	258, 538. 24

I do solemnly swear that no miscellaneous funds were received by me during the period embraced in the third and fourth quarters, 1898, and that the above account is just and true as stated; that the disbursements have been faithfully made for the objects expressed in the vouchers; that the accounts given embrace all the public money received by me and not heretofore accounted for, and that of the balance of the funds due the United States, \$—— are on deposit to my credit with the —— and \$—— in hand.

Union Agency, April 13, 1898.

DEW M. WISDOM,  
*Special Disbursing and United States Indian Agent.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1898.

[SEAL.]

JAS. A. WINSTON, *Clerk.*  
By N. S. YOUNG, *D. C.*

50 DISBURSEMENT OF THE FUND OF THE CREEK NATION.

*Abstract of disbursements made by Dew M. Wisdom, special disbursing and United States Indian agent, on account of the service within the Union Indian Agency, Muskogee, Ind. T., during the quarter ending June 30, 1898.*

Date, 1898.	No. of voucher.	To whom paid.	For what paid.	Creek gen- eral funds.
Apr. 13	1	Sundry persons.....	Creek warrants.....	\$253, 022. 63
		Amount disbursed.....		253, 022. 63
		Amount deposited (see account-current).....		5, 515. 61
		Total deposited and disbursed.....		258, 538. 24
		Amount deposited by Agent Wisdom to cor- rect error.....		. 01
		Amount received during the quarter.....		258, 538. 23
		Total on hand.....		258, 538. 24

I certify, on honor, that the above abstract is correct and true.

DEW M. WISDOM,  
*Special Disbursing and U. S. Indian Agent.*

MUSKOGEE, IND. T., *April 13, 1898.*

CREEK WARRANT PAYMENT PAY ROLL.

We, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge the receipt from Dew M. Wisdom, United States Indian agent, of the sums severally affixed to our names, being the full proportion of the amount due us, pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress, approved June 7, 1897, entitled: "Upon the properly authenticated demand of the Creek Nation made after the passage of this act the Secretary of the Interior shall, through an officer of the Government, disburse three hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars of the money in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the Creek Nation of Indians, only for the payment of the debts of the government of the Creek Nation: *Provided*, That no debts shall be paid until by investigation the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that said nation of Indians incurred said debt, or issued its warrants representing the same for a full and valuable consideration, and that there was no fraud in connection with the incurring of said debt or the issue of warrants."

[NOTE.—All warrants paid are drawn by the principal chief upon the national treasurer of the Creek Nation.]

Warrant. No.	Date.	Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	By whom presented.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Check on subtreasury at St. Louis, Mo., issued in payment.		Signature of owner and last indorser.	Witnesses.	Date of payment.
						Amount.	No.			
361	Apr. 30, 1897	First National Bank of Muscogee, Ind. T.	Nelson M. Moody	General	\$10,348.30			Nelson M. Moody	J. R. Taylor, jr., J. F. Wisdom	Mar. 11, 1898.
362	do	do	do	do	10,511.62			do	do	Do.
363	do	do	do	do	10,270.05			do	do	Do.
158	do	do	do	School	130.00			do	do	Do.
						\$31,259.97	138800			
273	Mar. 26, 1897	F. B. Severs	do	General	220.60			do	do	Do.
292	do	do	do	do	300.00			do	do	Do.
281	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
282	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
269	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
285	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
287	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
388	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
293	do	do	do	do	136.55			do	do	Do.
272	do	do	do	do	300.00			do	do	Do.
106	do	do	do	School	386.00			do	do	Do.
108	do	do	do	do	384.00			do	do	Do.
107	do	do	do	do	386.00			do	do	Do.
						6,113.15	138801			
19	Feb. 20, 1897	F. M. Davis	F. M. Davis <sup>1</sup>	General	100.00			F. M. Davis	do	Mar. 5, 1898
20	do	do	do	do	32.00			do	do	Do.
						132.00	138798			
11	do	Ben. T. Du Val	Ben. T. Du Val	do	500.00			Ben. T. Du Val	do	Do.

<sup>1</sup> This is a woman, and is not related or has any connection with F. M. Davis, of Wagoner, Ind. T.

Creek warrant payment pay roll—Continued.

No.	Warrant. Date.	Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	By whom presented.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Check on subtreasury at St. Louis, Mo., issued in payment.		Signature of owner and last indorser.	Witnesses.	Date of payment.
						Amount.	No.			
12	Feb. 20, 1897	Ben. T. Du Val.....	Ben. T. Du Val.....	General.	\$500.00			Ben. T. Du Val.....	J. R. Taylor, jr., J. F. Wisdom	Mar. 5, 1898.
13	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
14	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
15	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
16	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
17	do	do	do	do	40.00			do	do	Do.
18	do	do	do	do	40.00			do	do	Do.
						\$1,480.00	138799			
137	Apr. 6, 1897	Maddin Hardware Co.	J. G. Huber, manager	School	112.50			J. G. Huber, manager	do	Mar. 17, 1898.
372	June 14, 1897	First National Bank of Muscogee.	do	General.	20.00			do	do	Do.
374	do	do	do	do	68.75			do	do	Do.
375	do	do	do	do	68.75			do	do	Do.
						270.00	138817			
38	Mar. 12, 1897	W. E. Gentry & Co.	J. A. Cochran	School	100.00			J. A. Cochran, mgr.	do	Mar. 12, 1898.
20	Mar. 6, 1897	E. E. Hardridge	do	do	66.13			do	do	Do.
37	Mar. 12, 1897	W. E. Gentry & Co.	do	do	200.00			do	do	Do.
36	do	do	do	do	300.00			do	do	Do.
348	Apr. 17, 1897	do	do	General.	12.00			do	do	Do.
200	Mar. 17, 1897	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
78	Mar. 12, 1897	do	do	do	81.70			do	do	Do.
77	do	do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
76	do	do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
75	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
74	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
73	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
72	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
71	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
70	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
						2,759.83	138803			
80	Mar. 13, 1897	James Parkinson	E. H. Lerblance	General.	5,000.00			E. H. Lerblance	do	Apr. 1, 1888.
81	do	do	do	do	5,000.00			do	do	Do.
82	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
83	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
84	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
85	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
86	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
87	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
88	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
89	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
90	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.

91	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
92	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
93	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
94	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
95	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
96	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
97	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
98	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
99	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
100	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
101	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
102	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
103	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
104	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
105	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
106	do	do	do	do	100.00	do	do	Do.
107	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
108	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
109	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
110	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
111	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
112	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
113	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
114	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
115	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
116	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
117	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
118	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
119	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
120	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
121	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
122	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
123	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
124	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
125	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
126	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
127	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
128	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
129	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
130	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
131	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
132	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
122	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
133	do	do	do	do	50.00	do	do	Do.
134	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
135	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
136	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
137	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
138	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
139	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.
140	do	do	do	do	25.00	do	do	Do.

<sup>1</sup> See affidavit as to authority for signature as manager.

Creek warrant payment pay roll—Continued.

Warrant.		Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	By whom presented.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Check on subtreasury at St. Louis, Mo., issued in payment.		Signature of owner and last indorser.	Witnesses.	Date of payment.
No.	Date.					Amount.	No.			
142	do	do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.
143	do	do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.
144	do	do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.
145	do	do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.
146	do	do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.
147	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
148	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
149	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
150	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
151	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
152	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
153	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
154	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
155	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
156	do	do	do	do	312.31			do	do	Do.
166	Mar. 16, 1898	do	do	do	36.00			do	do	Do.
42	Mar. 15, 1898	do	do	School	500.00			do	do	Do.
43	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
44	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
45	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
46	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
47	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
48	do	do	do	do	81.60			do	do	Do.
67	Mar. 16, 1898	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
68	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
69	do	do	do	do	250.00			do	do	Do.
70	do	do	do	do	250.00			do	do	Do.
71	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
72	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
109	Mar. 26, 1897	F. B. Severs.....	J. M. Givens.....	do	100.00	\$26,129.91	138846	J. M. Givens.....	do	Mar. 21, 1898
110	do	do	do	do	76.25			do	do	Do.
294	do	do	do	General	186.35			do	do	Do.
112	Apr. 2, 1897	Leo E. Bennett.....	C. W. Turner.....	School	52.50	362.60	138824	C. W. Turner.....	do	Mar. 12, 1898
85	Mar. 22, 1897	C. W. Turner.....	do	do	48.00			do	do	Do.
38	Mar. 1, 1897	John A. Myers.....	do	General	50.00			do	do	Do.
380	June 14, 1897	J. A. Wilkerson.....	do	School	36.50	150.50	138804	do	do	Mar. 18, 1898
						136.50	138821			

384	June 21, 1897	Turner Hardware Co.	do	General	400.00			do	do	Mar. 12, 1898
387	July 12, 1897	do	do	do	15.00			do	do	Do.
389	do	J. E. Turner	do	do	15.00			do	do	Do.
						430.00	138805			
87	Mar. 22, 1897	C. W. Turner	do	School	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
88	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
89	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
90	do	do	do	do	68.65			do	do	Do.
91	do	do	do	do	5.48			do	do	Do.
86	do	do	do	do	22.30			do	do	Do.
134	Apr. 5, 1897	J. H. Lynch	do	do	127.50			do	do	Do.
11	Mar. 1, 1897	P. J. Byrne	do	do	15.00			do	do	Do.
						3,238.93	138806			
230	Mar. 22, 1897	C. W. Turner	do	General	238.03			do	do	Do.
						<sup>2</sup> 238.03	138821			
231	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
232	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
234	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
235	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
236	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
237	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
233	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
						<sup>3</sup> 7,000.00	138807			
238	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
						1,000.00	138821			
229	do	do	do	do	423.17			do	do	Do.
						<sup>4</sup> 423.17	138821			
29	Mar. 1, 1897	W. F. Seaver	do	do	110.00			do	do	Do.
36	do	P. J. Byrne	do	do	34.00			do	do	Do.
302	Apr. 2, 1897	Leo. E. Bennett	do	do	600.00			do	do	Do.
298	do	do	do	do	96.70			do	do	Do.
379	June 14, 1897	A. P. McKellop	do	do	5.00			do	do	Do.
355	Apr. 19, 1897	Sam Grayson	do	do	27.00			do	do	Do.
339	Apr. 14, 1897	T. F. Mcagher	do	do	551.00			do	do	Do.
						1,423.70	138808			
4	Feb. 27, 1897	Anna D. Florence	G. H. Williams	School	70.00			G. H. Williams	do	Mar. 17, 1898.
24	Mar. 6, 1897	D. G. Watson	do	do	30.00			do	do	Do.
28	Mar. 8, 1897	La Fayette & Bro	do	do	30.00			do	do	Do.
32	Mar. 11, 1897	J. H. Land	do	do	35.00			do	do	Do.
41	Mar. 13, 1897	Frank Likowski	do	do	20.00			do	do	Do.
73	Mar. 17, 1897	C. W. Garrett	do	do	34.00			do	do	Do.
76	Mar. 19, 1897	P. K. Morton	do	do	27.50			do	do	Do.
77	do	do	do	do	62.50			do	do	Do.
78	do	do	do	do	33.85			do	do	Do.
79	do	do	do	do	20.50			do	do	Do.
80	do	do	do	do	60.00			do	do	Do.
81	do	do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.

<sup>1</sup> On instructions as general warrant paid on advice from Interior Department accompanying roll.

<sup>2</sup> On instructions \$1,000. Paid on advice from Interior Department accompanying roll.

<sup>3</sup> On instructions \$423.17. Paid on advice from Interior Department accompanying roll.

<sup>4</sup> On instructions 28303. Paid on instructions from Interior Department accompanying roll.

Creek warrant payment pay roll—Continued.

Warrant. No.	Date.	Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	By whom presented.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Check on subtreas- ury at St. Louis, Mo., issued in payment.		Signature of owner and last indorser.	Witnesses.	Date of pay- ment.
						Amount.	No.			
147	Apr. 15, 1897	E. P. Benbow .....	G. H. Williams .....	School ..	\$90.00			G. H. Williams .....	J. R. Taylor, jr., J. F. Wisdom.	Mar. 17, 1898
32	Mar. 1, 1897	W. W. McKay .....	do .....	General.	52.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
37	do .....	Smith Brothers .....	do .....	do .....	141.60			do .....	do .....	Do.
56	Mar. 6, 1897	D. G. Watson .....	do .....	do .....	326.05			do .....	do .....	Do.
79	Mar. 13, 1897	Frank Likowski .....	do .....	do .....	975.75			do .....	do .....	Do.
196	Mar. 17, 1897	C. W. Garrett .....	do .....	do .....	50.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
197	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	50.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
198	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	47.54			do .....	do .....	Do.
202	Mar. 19, 1897	P. K. Morton <sup>1</sup> .....	do .....	do .....	400.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
203	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	400.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
204	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	250.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
205	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	250.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
206	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	200.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
207	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	100.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
208	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	100.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
209	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	100.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
210	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	100.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
211	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	100.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
212	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	50.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
213	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	50.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
214	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	26.06			do .....	do .....	Do.
243	Mar. 23, 1897	John Smith .....	do .....	do .....	4.50			do .....	do .....	Do.
251	Mar. 25, 1897	S. J. Haynes .....	do .....	do .....	18.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
345	Apr. 15, 1897	Frank Likowski .....	do .....	do .....	15.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
366	May 27, 1897	do .....	do .....	do .....	15.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
382	June 21, 1897	L. G. McIntosh .....	do .....	do .....	29.40			do .....	do .....	Do.
408	Aug. 30, 1897	Yarteka Harjo .....	do .....	do .....	4.50			do .....	do .....	Do.
420	Sept. 1, 1897	C. W. Garrett .....	do .....	do .....	4.10			do .....	do .....	Do.
422	Sept. 3, 1897	Leo E. Bennett .....	do .....	do .....	129.60			do .....	do .....	Do.
149	Apr. 15, 1897	P. K. Morton .....	do .....	School ..	75.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
9	Feb. 18, 1897	Mortie .....	J. E. Turner .....	General.	42.25	\$4,602.45	138814	J. E. Turner .....	do .....	Do.
23	Feb. 27, 1897	Mildred McIntosh <sup>2</sup> .....	do .....	do .....	188.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
27	Mar. 1, 1897	O. A. Morton .....	do .....	do .....	33.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
228	Mar. 22, 1897	C. W. Turner .....	do .....	do .....	143.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
332	Apr. 6, 1897	J. E. Turner .....	do .....	do .....	30.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
336	do .....	J. B. Neeley .....	do .....	do .....	58.23			do .....	do .....	Do.
342	Apr. 15, 1897	J. E. Turner & Co. ....	do .....	do .....	1,820.91			do .....	do .....	Do.
343	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	5,000.00			do .....	do .....	Do.
344	do .....	do .....	do .....	do .....	2,762.95			do .....	do .....	Do.

353	Apr. 17, 1897	Maty Tiger	do	do	97.30			do	do	Do.
356	Apr. 26, 1897	J. E. Turner & Co.	do	do	24.00			do	do	Do.
357	do	do	do	do	68.75			do	do	Do.
383	June 21, 1897	Turner Hardware Co.	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
385	do	do	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
386	do	do	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
391	July 15, 1897	Patterson Mercantile Co.	do	do	444.04			do	do	Do.
84	Mar. 22, 1897	C. W. Turner	do	School	165.00			do	do	Do.
143	Apr. 15, 1897	J. E. Turner & Co.	do	do	10,000.00			do	do	Do.
144	do	do	do	do	3,726.82			do	do	Do.
145	do	do	do	do	171.65			do	do	Do.
146	do	do	do	do	52.50			do	do	Do.
150	do	Miss Hepsey Jimbo	do	do	20.05			do	do	Do.
190	Sept. 1, 1897	C. W. Turner	do	do	5.00			do	do	Do.
49	Mar. 15, 1897	W. B. Robe	C. H. Warth, cashier	do	500.00	26,053.45	138813	C. H. Warth, cash	do	Mar. 12, 1898
50	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
51	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
52	do	do	do	do	62.50			do	do	Do.
154	Apr. 30, 1897	First National Bank of Muscogee.	do	do	2,000.00			do	do	Do.
155	do	do	do	do	2,167.50			do	do	Do.
156	do	do	do	do	520.00			do	do	Do.
157	Mar. 15, 1897	W. B. Robe	do	General	125.00			do	do	Do.
158	do	do	do	do	65.00			do	do	Do.
219	Mar. 22, 1897	Hutchings & English	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
220	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
222	do	do	do	do	200.00			do	do	Do.
225	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
270	Mar. 26, 1897	F. B. Severs	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
271	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
280	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
283	do	do	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
284	do	do	do	do	264.70			do	do	Do.
358	Apr. 30, 1897	First National Bank of Muscogee.	do	do	60.00			do	do	Do.
360	do	do	do	do	788.55	11,253.25	138802	do	do	Do.
142	Apr. 14, 1897	T. F. Meagher	T. F. Meagher	School	504.55			T. F. Meagher	do	Mar. 21, 1898
340	do	do	do	General	161.00			do	do	Do.
341	do	do	do	do	1,662.40			do	do	Do.
95	Mar. 26, 1897	W. C. Trent	W. C. Trent	School	216.00	2,327.95	138827	W. C. Trent	do	Do.
96	do	do	do	do	108.35			do	do	Do.
98	do	do	do	do	143.50			do	do	Do.
99	do	do	do	do	143.50			do	do	Do.
100	do	do	do	do	143.50			do	do	Do.
252	do	do	do	General	1,074.40			do	do	Do.
253	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.

<sup>1</sup> Alterations and erasures made before signing.

<sup>2</sup> Mildred and Millie are one and the same person.

<sup>3</sup> Warrant for \$58.22 overpaid 1 cent. See recapitulation.

Creek warrant payment pay roll—Continued.

Warrant. No.	Date.	Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	By whom presented.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Check on subtreas- ury at St. Louis, Mo., issued in payment.		Signature of owner and last indorser.	Witnesses.	Date of pay- ment.
						Amount.	No.			
254	Mar. 26, 1897	W. C. Trent.....	W. C. Trent.....	General.	\$296.40			W. C. Trent.....	J. R. Taylor, jr., J. F. Wisdom.	Mar. 21, 1898
255	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
256	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
257	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
258	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
259	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
260	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
261	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
262	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
263	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
264	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
265	do	do	do	do	210.76			do	do	Do.
266	do	do	do	do	200.00			do	do	Do.
267	do	do	do	do	200.00			do	do	Do.
2	Feb. 27, 1897	Mildred McIntosh.....	H. B. Spaulding.....	School.	45.00	\$10,236.41	138816	H. B. Spaulding.....	do	Do.
139	Apr. 14, 1897	Spaulding & Co.....	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
153	Apr. 26, 1897	do	do	do	785.60			do	do	Do.
141	Apr. 14, 1897	do	do	do	326.15			do	do	Do.
140	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
151	Apr. 17, 1897	Hutchings & English.....	do	do	336.08			do	do	Do.
138	Apr. 14, 1897	Spaulding & Co.....	do	do	3,000.00			do	do	Do.
337	do	do	do	General.	805.79			do	do	Do.
195	Mar. 17, 1897	J. L. Thomas.....	J. L. Thomas.....	do	310.08	6,298.62	138811	J. L. Thomas.....	do	Do.
331	Apr. 6, 1897	do	do	do	34.00			do	do	Do.
1	Feb. 22, 1897	J. A. Scott.....	H. J. Evans <sup>1</sup> .....	School.	52.50	344.08	138815	H. J. Evans.....	do	Do.
124	Apr. 2, 1897	Leo E. Bennett.....	do	do	97.25			do	do	Do.
152	Apr. 26, 1897	Patterson Mercantile Co.	do	do	52.70			do	do	Do.
157	Apr. 30, 1897	First National Bank of Muskogee.	do	do	40.00			do	do	Do.
22	Feb. 27, 1897	Saloman Sam.....	do	General.	26.50			do	do	Do.
311	Apr. 2, 1897	Leo E. Bennett.....	do	do	300.00			do	do	Do.
324	do	do	do	do	200.00			do	do	Do.
400	July 15, 1897	Patterson Mercantile Co.	do	do	4,031.75			do	do	Do.
390	do	do	do	do	161.90			do	do	Do.
393	do	do	do	do	385.10			do	do	Do.

394	do	do	do	do	895.61			do	do	Do.
395	do	do	do	do	66.08			do	do	Do.
396	do	do	do	do	1,285.53			do	do	Do.
397	do	do	do	do	1,049.28			do	do	Do.
398	do	do	do	do	45.00			do	do	Do.
399	do	do	do	do	490.60			do	do	Do.
						9,179.80	138809			
25	Mar. 17, 1897	Charley Roberts <sup>2</sup>	C. W. Turner	School	120.00			C. W. Turner	do	Mar. 17, 1898
						120.00	138812			
33	Mar. 1, 1897	T. W. Perryman	T. W. Perryman	General	181.45			T. W. Perryman	do	Do.
						181.45	138810			
101	Mar. 26, 1897	F. B. Severs	O. D. Strother	School	<sup>3</sup> 409.84			O. D. Strother	do	Do.
102	do	do	do	do	409.84			do	do	Do.
103	do	do	do	do	409.84			do	do	Do.
111	do	do	do	do	193.50			do	do	Do.
277	do	do	do	General	358.00			do	do	Do.
278	do	do	do	do	300.75			do	do	Do.
279	do	do	do	do	200.00			do	do	Do.
						2,281.77	138818			
52	Mar. 6, 1897	G. W. Snider	C. H. Warth, cashier	do	125.00			C. H. Warth, cashier	do	Do.
						125.00	138819			
351	Apr. 17, 1897	J. P. Davidson	J. P. Davidson <sup>4</sup>	do	14.60			J. P. Davidson	do	Do.
						14.60	138820			
60	Mar. 11, 1897	J. H. Land	F. H. Nash	do	125.00			F. H. Nash	do	Mar. 24, 1898
						125.00	138833			
306	Apr. 2, 1897	Leo E. Bennett	C. U. Dorman	General	500.00			C. U. Dorman	do	Mar. 18, 1898
307	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
308	do	do	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
309	do	do	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
310	do	do	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
313	do	do	do	do	300.00			do	do	Do.
314	do	do	do	do	150.00			do	do	Do.
315	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
316	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
317	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
318	do	do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
319	do	do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
320	do	do	do	do	69.47			do	do	Do.
323	do	do	do	do	300.00			do	do	Do.
392	July 15, 1897	Patterson Mercantile Co.	do	do	94.12			do	do	Do.
9	Mar. 1, 1897	W. M. Pope	do	School	52.50			do	do	Do.
121	Apr. 2, 1897	Leo E. Bennett	do	do	203.00			do	do	Do.
125	do	do	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
126	do	do	do	do	400.00			do	do	Do.
127	do	do	do	do	300.00			do	do	Do.
128	do	do	do	do	200.00			do	do	Do.
130	do	do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
131	do	do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.

<sup>1</sup> See affidavit for authority as to indorsement as assistant treasurer.

<sup>2</sup> Charley and Charles are one and the same person. <sup>3</sup> Warrant for \$409.84; on instructions, \$409.94. Error in instructions, 10 cents. <sup>4</sup> Affidavit accompanying warrant.

*Creek warrant payment pay roll—Continued.*

Warrant.		Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	By whom presented.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Check on subtreasury at St. Louis, Mo., issued in payment.		Signature of owner and last indorser.	Witnesses.	Date of payment.
No.	Date.					Amount.	No.			
133	do	do	do	do	438.20			do	do	Do.
54	Mar. 6, 1897	Pearl M. Warren	do	General	15.00			do	do	Do.
22	do	do	do	School	183.91			do	do	Do.
						\$5,866.10	138823			
105	Mar. 26, 1897	F. B. Severs	F. B. Severs	do	80.00			F. B. Severs	do	Mar. 21, 1898.
104	do	do	do	do	153.50			do	do	Do.
268	do	do	do	General	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
289	do	do	do	do	607.61			do	do	Do.
290	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
291	do	do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
296	Apr. 2, 1897	Leo E. Bennett	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
325	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
						3,441.11	138825			
274	Mar. 26, 1897	F. B. Severs	do	do	300.00			do	do	Do.
275	do	do	do	do	200.00			do	do	Do.
276	do	do	do	do	207.55			do	do	Do.
						707.55	138826			
3	Feb. 27, 1897	P. R. Ewing	C. E. Foley	School	50.00			C. E. Foley	do	Mar. 22, 1898.
6	do	E. M. Perryman	do	do	264.99			do	do	Do.
15	Mar. 6, 1897	Burdett Hardware Co	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
19	do	C. G. Moore Drug Co.	do	do	75.00			do	do	Do.
21	do	S. J. Grimes	do	do	63.00			do	do	Do.
25	Mar. 8, 1897	J. H. Land	do	do	1,077.50			do	do	Do.
30	Mar. 11, 1897	do	do	do	1,560.00			do	do	Do.
31	do	do	do	do	161.95			do	do	Do.
53	Mar. 16, 1897	Foley & Tully	do	do	5,830.40			do	do	Do.
56	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
58	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
59	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
60	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
61	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
62	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
63	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
64	do	do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
65	do	do	do	do	190.32			do	do	Do.
66	do	do	do	do	172.50			do	do	Do.
92	Mar. 22, 1897	C. E. Foley	do	do	470.13			do	do	Do.
93	do	do	do	do	470.13			do	do	Do.
94	Mar. 24, 1897	Foley & Tully	do	do	28.00			do	do	Do.

24	Feb. 27, 1897	Wm. Barnett	do	General.	12.00		do	do	Do.
25	Mar. 1, 1897	Charles Gibson	do	do	14.40		do	do	Do.
26	do	James H. Crabtree	do	do	48.90		do	do	Do.
28	do	William Whitlaw	do	do	183.00		do	do	Do.
50	Mar. 6, 1897	Burdett Hardware Co.	do	do	214.40		do	do	Do.
61	Mar. 11, 1897	J. H. Land	do	do	20.00		do	do	Do.
161	Mar. 16, 1897	Foley & Tully	do	do	1,881.20		do	do	Do.
163	do	do	do	do	7,190.35		do	do	Do.
164	do	do	do	do	1,092.47		do	do	Do.
165	Mar. 16, 1897	do	do	do	254.17		do	do	Do.
193	Mar. 17, 1897	March Thompson	do	do	503.00		do	do	Do.
240	Mar. 22, 1897	C. E. Foley	do	do	500.00		do	do	Do.
239	do	S. B. Callahan	do	do	13.00		do	do	Do.
241	do	C. E. Foley	do	do	457.97		do	do	Do.
242	do	J. H. Crabtree	do	do	15.00		do	do	Do.
245	Mar. 24, 1897	Charles Gibson	do	do	90.00		do	do	Do.
330	Apr. 6, 1897	C. E. Foley	do	do	474.38		do	do	Do.
346	Apr. 15, 1897	C. H. Tully	do	do	123.00		do	do	Do.
381	June 21, 1897	do	do	do	25.00		do	do	Do.
388	July 12, 1897	Charles Gibson	do	do	12.00		do	do	Do.
418	Aug. 30, 1897	Foley & Tully	do	do	14.00		do	do	Do.
					27,052.16	138828			
364	May 27, 1897	Robert E. Lynch	C. H. Warth, cashier	do	29.40		C. H. Warth, cashier	J. R. Taylor, jr., W. F. Wells	Mar. 28, 1898
					29.40	138839			
174	June 14, 1897	First National Bank of Muscogee.	W. A. Maddin	School	140.00		W. A. Maddin	J. R. Taylor, jr., J. F. Wisdom	Mar. 23, 1898
175	do	do	do	do	22.75		do	do	Do.
373	do	do	do	General.	20.00		do	do	Do.
376	do	do	do	do	44.00		do	do	Do.
377	do	do	do	do	40.00		do	do	Do.
378	do	do	do	do	125.85		do	do	Do.
					392.60	138832			
30	Mar. 1, 1897	A. E. McKellass	H. J. Evans	do	106.64		H. J. Evans	do	Mar. 24, 1898
					106.64	138835			
82	Mar. 22, 1897	Hutchings & English	F. B. Severs	School	500.00		F. B. Severs	J. R. Taylor, jr., W. F. Wells	Mar. 28, 1898
83	do	do	do	do	56.75		do	do	Do.
215	do	do	do	General.	1,000.00		do	do	Do.
216	do	do	do	do	1,000.00		do	do	Do.
217	do	do	do	do	500.00		do	do	Do.
218	do	do	do	do	265.80		do	do	Do.
					3,322.55	138836			
221	do	do	do	do	463.35		do	do	Do.
223	do	do	do	do	200.00		do	do	Do.
224	do	do	do	do	200.00		do	do	Do.
226	do	do	do	do	100.00		do	do	Do.
227	do	do	do	do	85.00		do	do	Do.
					1,048.35	138837			
57	Mar. 8, 1897	First National Bank of Wagoner.	Hiram E. Dodge assistant cashier.	do	7,203.28		Hiram E. Dodge, assistant cashier.	do	Mar. 23, 1898
167	Mar. 16, 1897	do	do	do	1,000.00		do	do	Do.

<sup>1</sup> Warrant for \$90.32; on instructions, \$90.73; error in instructions, 41 cents.

Creek warrant payment pay roll—Continued.

No.	Warrant.		Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	By whom presented.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Check on subtreasury at St. Louis, Mo., issued in payment.		Signature of owner and last indorser.	Witnesses.	Date of payment.
	Date.						Amount.	No.			
168	Mar. 16, 1897		First National Bank of Wagoner.	Hiram E. Dodge, assistant cashier.	General.	\$1,000.00			Hiram E. Dodge, assistant cashier.	J. R. Taylor, jr., W. F. Wells	Mar. 23, 1898
169	do		do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
170	do		do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
171	do		do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
172	do		do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
173	do		do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
174	do		do	do	do	500.00			do	do	Do.
175	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
176	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
177	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
178	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
179	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
180	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
181	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
182	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
183	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
184	do		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
185	do		do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
186	do		do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
187	do		do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
188	do		do	do	do	50.00			do	do	Do.
189	do		do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.
190	do		do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.
191	do		do	do	do	25.00			do	do	Do.
192	do		do	do	do	17.20			do	do	Do.
201	Mar. 19, 1897		do	do	do	100.00			do	do	Do.
160	Mar. 16, 1897		Foley & Tully	Fred. Parkinson	General.	1,250.00	\$14,595.48	138829	Fred. Parkinson	do	Do.
29	Mar. 11, 1897		B. F. La Fayette, trustee Chicotah Lodge I. O. O. F.	William T. Hutchings.	School	674.82	1,250.00	138830	William T. Hutchings.	do	Do.
18	Mar. 6, 1897		C. G. Moore Drug Co.	do	do	123.85			do	do	Do.
58	Mar. 8, 1897		La Fayette & Bro.	do	General.	270.00			do	do	Do.
23	Mar. 6, 1897		H. H. Holman	T. H. Scales	School	47.26	1,068.67	138831	T. C. Scales	do	Mar. 24, 1898.
33	Mar. 11, 1897		T. H. Scales	do	do	1,500.00			do	do	Do.
34	do		do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
35	do		do	do	do	493.89			do	do	Do.
74	Mar. 17, 1897		J. A. Reck	do	do	340.00			do	do	Do.

176	July 12, 1897	L. T. Sheets	do	do	75.00			do	do	Do.
21	Feb. 26, 1897	Simmer	do	General	12.00			do	do	Do.
44	Mar. 5, 1897	Robert Carr	do	do	75.00			do	do	Do.
55	Mar. 6, 1897	H. H. Holman	do	do	68.00			do	do	Do.
62	Mar. 11, 1897	T. H. Scales	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
63	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
64	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
65	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
66	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
67	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
68	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
69	do	do	do	do	143.78			do	do	Do.
365	May 27, 1897	do	do	do	27.00			do	do	Do.
421	Aug. 31, 1897	do	do	do	52.90			do	do	Do.
350	Apr. 30, 1897	First National Bank of Muscogee	E. A. Estes	do	106.00	10,834.83	138834	E. A. Estes	do	Mar. 28, 1898
31	Mar. 1, 1897	Walker Dunson	C. H. Warth, cashier	do	3,000.00	106.00	138838	C. H. Warth, cashier	do	Do.
352	Apr. 17, 1897	S. B. Callahan	G. W. Elliott	do	15.00	3,000.00	138840	G. W. Elliott	do	Mar. 29, 1898
419	Aug. 30, 1897	Poe & Campbell	Harry Campbell	do	70.25	15.00	138844	Harry Campbell	do	Mar. 31, 1898
244	Mar. 24, 1897	Charles Gibson <sup>1</sup>	H. J. Evans	do	20.00	70.25	138845	H. J. Evans	do	Mar. 29, 1898
354	Apr. 17, 1897	do	do	do	70			do	do	Do.
5	Feb. 27, 1897	Lizzie Keener	Lizzie Keener	School	246.75	20.70	138842	Lizzie Keener	do	Apr. 2, 1898
10	Mar. 1, 1897	G. C. Kindley	G. C. Kindley	do	280.00	246.75	138847	G. C. Kindley	do	Apr. 4, 1898
40	do	do	do	General	50.00			do	do	Do.
14	Mar. 4, 1897	Brown Bros.	C. E. Foley	School	142.50	330.00	138848	C. E. Foley	do	Mar. 29, 1898
16	Mar. 6, 1897	Burdette Hardware Co.	do	do	631.33			do	do	Do.
17	do	C. G. Moore Drug Co.	do	do	527.38			do	do	Do.
54	Mar. 16, 1897	Foley & Tully	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
55	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
57	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
41	Mar. 4, 1897	Brown Bros.	do	General	27.60			do	do	Do.
43	do	Ispokoke	do	do	68.75			do	do	Do.
45	Mar. 6, 1897	Burdette Hardware Co.	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
46	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
47	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
48	do	do	do	do	1,000.00			do	do	Do.
159	Mar. 16, 1897	Foley & Tully	do	do	1,250.00			do	do	Do.
162	do	do	do	do	7,190.34			do	do	Do.
246	Mar. 22, 1897	do	do	do	4,177.18			do	do	Do.
410	Aug. 30, 1897	Echo Emarthea	do	do	5.15			do	do	Do.
						21,020.23	138841			

<sup>1</sup> Charles and Chas. are one and the same person.

Creek warrant payment pay roll—Continued.

Warrant.		Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	By whom presented.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Check on subtreasury at St. Louis, Mo., issued in payment.		Signature of owner and last indorser.	Witnesses.	Date of payment.
No.	Date.					Amount.	No.			
114	do	do	do	do	130.50	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
115	do	do	do	do	100.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
116	do	do	do	do	85.75	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
117	do	do	do	do	123.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
118	do	do	do	do	150.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
120	do	do	do	do	45.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
122	do	do	do	do	100.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
123	do	do	do	do	49.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
129	do	do	do	do	200.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
297	do	do	do	General.	100.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
301	do	do	do	do	1,100.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
303	do	do	do	do	68.75	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
304	do	do	do	do	120.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
326	do	do	do	do	50.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
327	do	do	do	do	44.00	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
328	do	do	do	do	43.75	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
347	Apr. 17, 1897	do	do	do	30.79	.....	.....	do	do	Do.
51	Mar. 6, 1897	Kelker & Thomas ...	D. N. Kelker .....	do	165.60	\$2,740.54	138843	D. N. Kelker .....	do	Apr. 6, 1898
						165.60	138849			
		Total .....	.....	.....	.....	253,022.63	.....	.....	.....	.....

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount Creek warrants, general fund, paid by Dew M. Wisdom, as shown by roll.....	\$187,611.69	Amount Creek warrants, general fund, as shown by instructions .....	\$191,812.33
Amount Creek warrants, school fund, paid by Dew M. Wisdom, as shown by roll.....	65,410.94	Amount Creek warrants, school fund, as shown by instructions .....	66,725.90
Amount Creek warrants, general fund, outstanding not paid, as shown on page 18 .....	4,164.15	Amount deposited by Dew M. Wisdom with subtreasurer United States, St. Louis, Mo., overpaid general fund warrant No. 336.....	.01
Amount Creek warrants, school fund, outstanding not paid, as shown on page 18 .....	1,350.95		
Amount error in instructions, Creek school fund warrant No. 65 .....	.41		
Amount error in instructions, Creek school fund warrant No. 101.....	.10		
	<u>258,538.24</u>		<u>258,538.24</u>
Total amount Creek warrants paid by Dew M. Wisdom.....	253,022.63	Amount deposited with subtreasurer United States, St. Louis, Mo., credit Dew M. Wisdom, to pay Creek warrants .....	258,538.23
Balance returned to Treasurer of United States.....	5,515.61	Amount deposited with subtreasurer United States, St. Louis, Mo., by Dew M. Wisdom, overpaid general warrant No. 336.....	.01
	<u>258,538.24</u>		<u>258,538.24</u>

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,  
*Union Agency, Muscogee, Ind. T., April 13, 1898.*

I, Dew M. Wisdom, special disbursing and United States Indian agent, hereby certify, on honor, that all alterations and erasures on the Creek warrant payment pay rolls were made before signing.

DEW M. WISDOM,  
*Special Disbursing and United States Indian Agent.*

## ANNUITY PAY ROLL.

• *Certificate of witnesses.*

We, the undersigned, hereby certify, on honor, that we were present and witnessed the payment by Dew M. Wisdom, special disbursing and United States Indian agent, on the respective dates mentioned in the foregoing pay roll, of the several sums to the individuals opposite whose names our signatures are affixed as witnesses, and that we saw said individuals sign the same, by writing their names or making their marks; and that the pages of said pay roll are numbered from one (1) to seventeen (17), inclusive, and contain the names of — (—) persons, numbered from one (1) to — (—), inclusive; and we further declare our entire disinterestedness in this matter.

April 13, 1898.

April 13, 1898.

April 13, 1898.

J. R. TAYLOR, JR.,

W. F. WELLS,

J. F. WISDOM,

*Witnesses.**Certificate of agent.*

I, Dew M. Wisdom, special disbursing and United States Indian agent, hereby certify, on honor, that on the respective dates mentioned in the foregoing pay roll I made payment of the several sums to the individuals who have receipted for the same; that the pages of said pay roll are numbered from one (1) to seventeen (17), inclusive, and contain the names of — (—) persons, numbered from one (1) to — (—), inclusive; and that the aggregate amount of said payments was two hundred and fifty-three thousand twenty-two dollars 63 cents (\$253,022.63); payment to general fund Creek warrants Nos. 35, 39, 59, 249, 250, 286, 312, 321, 329, 333, 334, 335, 350, 401, 404, 405, 406, 407, 409, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 417, 423; school fund Creek warrants 8, 12, 13, 26, 119, 135, 136; (school-fund warrant 65, error 41 cents; school-fund warrant 101, error 10 cents=51 cents), amounting to five thousand five hundred and fifteen  $\frac{10}{100}$  dollars (\$5,515.10), not having been made.

April 13, 1898.

DEW M. WISDOM,

*Special Disbursing and United States Indian Agent.**Outstanding Creek warrants.*

Warrant No.	Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Remarks.
35	J. C. Menifee .....	General.	\$31. 25	Not presented for payment.
39	S. W. Brown .....	do	77. 50	Do.
59	B. F. Lafayette .....	do	86. 00	This warrant in hands of Creek treasurer: it was taken up by Creek Nation in payment of taxes.
249	Fred. Parkinson .....	do	7. 60	Do.
250	do .....	do	55. 40	Do.
286	F. B. Severs .....	do	1, 000. 00	Payment withheld on this warrant by direction of Special Inspector J. W. Zevely; see affidavit of J. H. Lynch attached.
312	Leo E. Bennett .....	do	43. 20	This warrant in hands of Creek treasurer; it was taken up by Creek Nation in payment of taxes.
321	do .....	do	30. 85	Do.
329	H. F. Jones Mer. Co. ....	do	1, 387. 10	This warrant taken up in settlement by E. B. Childers, ex-treasurer Creek Nation; not presented for payment.
333	W. A. Maddin .....	do	32. 00	Not presented for payment.
334	Maddin Hardware Co. ....	do	45. 00	This warrant in hands of Creek treasurer: it was taken up by Creek Nation in payment of taxes.
335	Maddin & Co .....	do	12. 75	Do.
350	Hotulkoche .....	do	130. 00	Not presented for payment.
401	T. C. Horvison .....	do	15. 00	This warrant in hands of Creek treasurer: it was taken up by Creek Nation in payment of taxes.
404	W. B. Wadsworth .....	do	45. 00	Not presented for payment.
405	C. S. Smith .....	do	75. 00	Do.
406	John Jefferson .....	do	2. 80	Do.
407	John Smith .....	do	4. 50	Do.
409	Manuel Jefferson .....	do	14. 00	Do.
411	Mina (indigent) .....	do	15. 00	Do.
412	Sunday (indigent) .....	do	15. 00	Do.
413	Semarye (indigent) .....	do	15. 00	Do.

Outstanding Creek warrants—Continued.

Warrant No.	Party in whose favor warrant was originally drawn.	Fund.	Amount of each warrant.	Remarks.
414	H. C. Reed .....	General.	\$5.29	This warrant in hands of Creek treasurer; it was taken up in payment of taxes by Creek Nation. Not presented for payment.
415	W. C. McNae .....	do .....	4.00	
417	Commercial Bank .....	do .....	15.09	This warrant in hands of Creek treasurer; it was taken up by Creek Nation in payment of taxes. Payment held up on this warrant by direction of Special Inspector J. W. Zevely. It is known as the Colby warrant and was issued for his services as attorney for Creek Nation, and contract with Colby and Creek council was rescinded and contract never approved by Interior Department. It was purchased by First National Bank of Muscogee, Ind. T.
423	First National Bank of Muscogee.	do .....	1,000.00	
			4,164.15	
8	B. B. Gregory.....	School..	30.00	This warrant in hands of Creek treasurer; it was taken up by Creek Nation in payment of taxes. Not presented for payment.
12	L. L. Allen.....	do .....	279.00	
13	J. C. Menfee.....	do .....	47.50	Do.
26	L. T. Sheets.....	do .....	37.50	Do.
119	Leo E. Bennett .....	do .....	59.00	Not presented for payment, account of not being audited.
135	H. F. Jones Mer. Co. ....	do .....	827.70	This warrant taken up in settlement by E. B. Childers, ex-treasurer Creek Nation. Not presented for payment.
136	E. B. Childers.....	do .....	70.25	
			1,350.95	
			5,515.10	

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,  
*Union Agency, Muscogee, Ind. T., April 2, 1898.*

J. H. Lynch, being duly sworn, upon oath says that in his capacity as clerk to the private secretary to Chief Isparhecher, the duty of issuing new warrants in lieu of old ones canceled devolved upon him; that in issuing warrants to F. B. Severs in lieu of old ones presented an error was made and a warrant for \$1,000 was issued to said F. B. Severs improperly and was never delivered to him; that said warrant was either destroyed or is now at the office of the principal chief at Okmulgee, Ind. T.

The said F. B. Severs having presented and been paid the total amount that the Creek Government was in debt to him, it is probable that warrant No. 286, general fund, for the sum of \$1,000, which Agent Wisdom was directed by the Secretary of the Interior to pay to said Severs, is the one which was so erroneously issued, and, if so, was issued without consideration.

J. H. LYNCH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 2, 1898, at Muscogee, Ind. T.

J. W. ZEVELY, *Special Inspector.*

UNION AGENCY, MUSCOGEE, IND. T., *April 13, 1898.*

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original, a tissue copy of which is on file in the records of this agency.

DEW M. WISDOM,  
*United States Indian Agent.*