

Confidential.

In the Senate of the U.S.
May 27, 1830.

Mr. White, from the Committee on Indian Affairs
to whom was referred the message of the President
of the United States, of the 6th inst. relating
to the Choctaw Indians, ^{submitted the following} Report
to whom
The Committee on Indian Affairs

was referred the message of the President of the United
States, dated the 6th instant, and its accompanying docu-
-ments, marked B. C. D. E. F. G. H. has had the same
under consideration, and beg leave to submit the follow-
-ing Report:

The Document- C. is the project of a treaty
between the United States and the Choctaw Indians,
prepared in the Choctaw Nation, without the knowledge
of any officer of the Federal Government, and trans-
mitted to the President of the United States, ready signed,
by those pretending to represent the Indians, and wanting
nothing but the sanctions of the United States, in due
form, to make it obligatory upon the parties.

Document D. is a protest under the signatures of
a portion of the Choctaws against it, and containing

charges against those who had an active agency in
preparing and forwarding ^{it} to the President.

The Committee are of opinion that whether the charges
are well founded or not; as they have been formally made,
they ought to induce the President of the United States
to withhold his sanction to it, until the sense of the
Nation could be fairly taken, even if the terms proposed
in the instrument, were such, as the United States
would deem reasonable and just. But independent
of this objection, the terms themselves, are, in the opinion
of the Committee, so unreasonable that the United
States ought by no means to accede to them, even
if the Nation was unanimous in proposing them.

In the opinion of the Committee it would be a waste of time
to go much into detail in specifying objections, they would barely
remark that the 3^d 12th 16th 18th and 20th articles ~~are~~
contain stipulations which ought not to receive the counte-
nance of the President or of the Senate. They therefore

recommends to the Senate the adoption of the following
Resolution.

Resolved that the Senate do advise the President
of the United States, not to make, or ratify, the treaty which
the Choctaw Indians have proposed, in the project submitted
to him, dated the 17th day of March 1830 and which accompanied
his message to the Senate on the 6th instant.

The Committee has extended its examination to the
contents of Document E. intended to be proposed by the
President of the United States to the Choctaw Indians,
as the terms to be embraced in a treaty to be formed with
them, and find it very difficult to satisfy themselves
as to the precise stipulations, which ought to be contained
in any treaty to be concluded.

They are decidedly of opinion that the terms to be
proposed ought not only to be just, but liberal, towards
the Indians; and in this respect it appears to the
Committee that if the terms about to be proposed require

any alterations, they should consist, in lessening the considerations
to be offered, for the lands now occupied by the Choctaws.
It appears from the documents submitted that very serious
discontents exist in the Nation, and if the Senate should,
in advance of any negotiation, attempt to fix, in detail
the terms and stipulations, to be included in a treaty, such
course might have the effect of defeating entirely, an agree-
ment with the Choctaws, which might be highly advanta-
geous to them, and to the United States. The Committee
therefore ask to be discharged from the further con-
sideration of this subject.

Report respecting
a treaty with the
Choctaw Indians

Print 52
Copies. The
Senate desire
that it shall
be up by 12
o'clock to-morrow

In Senate Ch. S.
May 27. 1830.

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to be printed in
confidence for
the use of the
Senate.

~~By order of the~~

Secretary

Wm. L. Chapin