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U.S. Indian Affairs 25th 1882

To the Hon. Secretary of the Interior
Washington D.C.

your attention, to my statements respecting our organization
as a Union, or tribe, the Creeks Indians, do not intend
we raise strong efforts to send Delegation to visit the
City of Washington, for the express purpose to confer with
the General Government, and secure to ourselves the ben-
efit of having our laws allotted to us individually and
other benefits connected with it. Badshaw reasons Mr
D. Stephens, our Mission Agent did not approve our
going, but he wrote to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs
asking a grant of permission for our Delegation to visit
our great Father, the President, to transact business
for our people, and look after our best interest as a tribe.
Now in reply to his letter, Commissioner said he thought
it would be useless for our Delegates to go there, because
the Indian Question is already before the Committee.
And as he was so soon the Bill would pass for the allot-
ments of Indian lands so, (if the same time he does not
object our going) providing we bear our own expenses,
then goes on to say, if we had a partner for business
to transact for our people just communicate to him
our wishes by letter, Mr. D. so, and forward a regular
Bill, and transmit it to the Senator Sawyer, or our
he reject our Bill, He can the Commissioner
of the same opinion says the danger, as he reports the

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Bill to him as received, and he Mr Sawyer has quite
a plan how the Bill should be enlarged, and wrote to the
Citizens of Green Bay, instead of writing to us, and it appears
that nothing will be done, unless we first compromise
with the Citizens of Green Bay, and we were called upon
to counsel with them at the City of Green Bay sometime
in April last, and we came to a certain agreement,
but nothing further was done. You have no idea
the miserable conditions we are in, our business, or case
must be attended to, or we cannot live. We have Affairs
too too by the people, we have no money or funds to pay
them, and many other business just as important to be
executed if we have funds at our command,
and now I ask your Honors, will you donate, or author-
ize the Speaker and Counselors to set and regulate the dis-
position of our Amnity, that is to say to appropriate this
Amnity for certain objects, a portion of it for the poor and
other matters for the interest of the State, generally, with the
consent of the Union Congress? Please answer soon as soon
as convenient, so I can lay the matter before the General
Council to be held on first Monday in July next,
no more at present.

Yours most respectfully,
Yours obedient servant
George Costello, Secretary

Dr. Henry H. Costen, Secretary

P.S. Please send me a copy of the General Bill bearing
before Congress last winter, and how long for the last two years
of the same opinion says Mr Sawyer, when
H. H. Costen