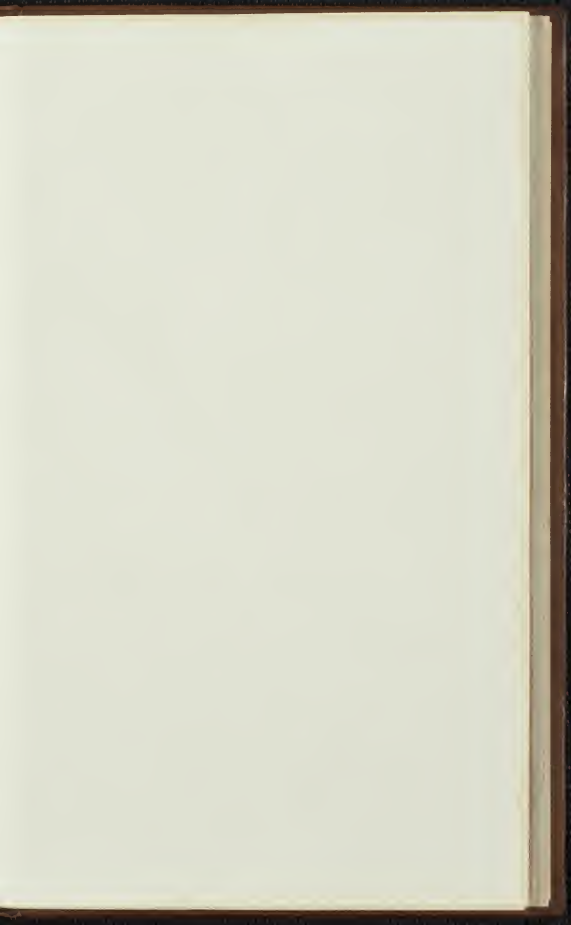
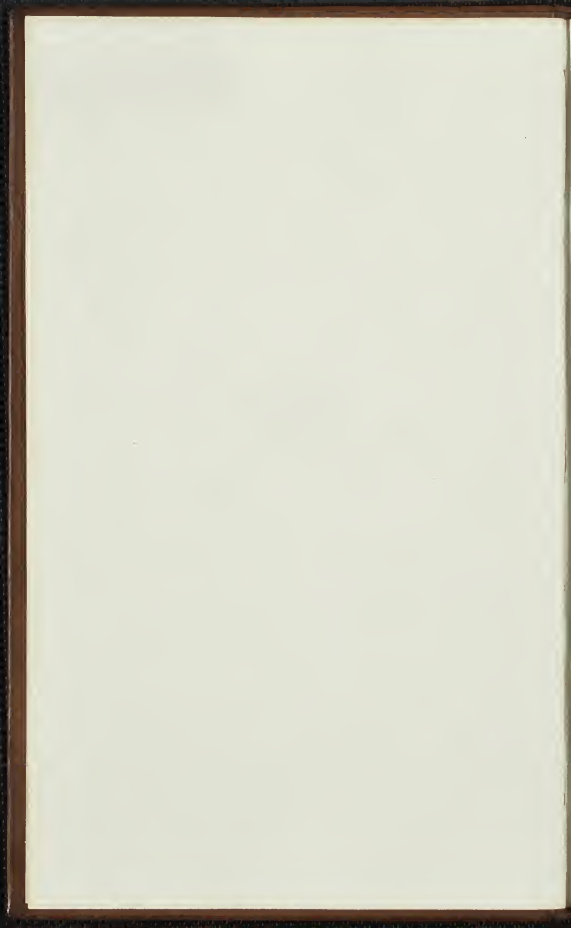
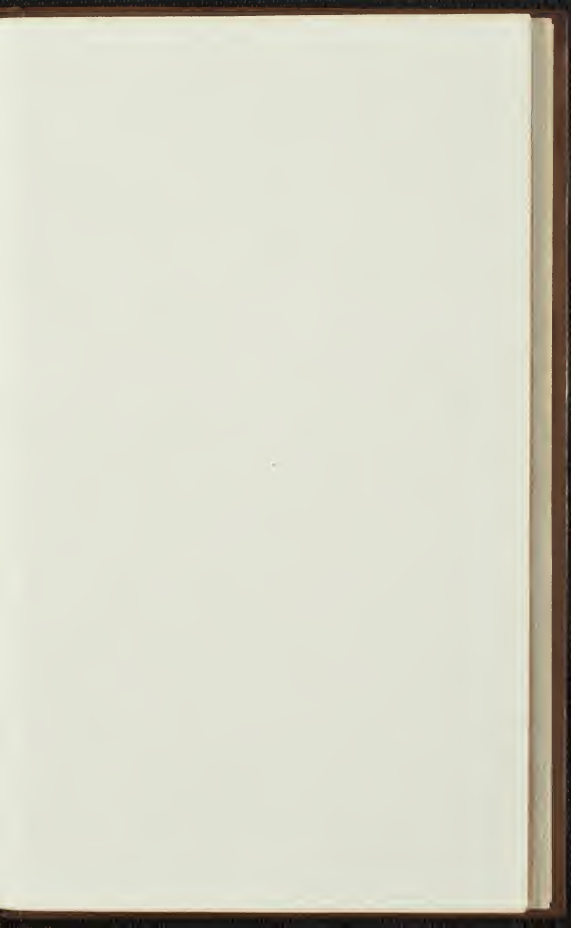


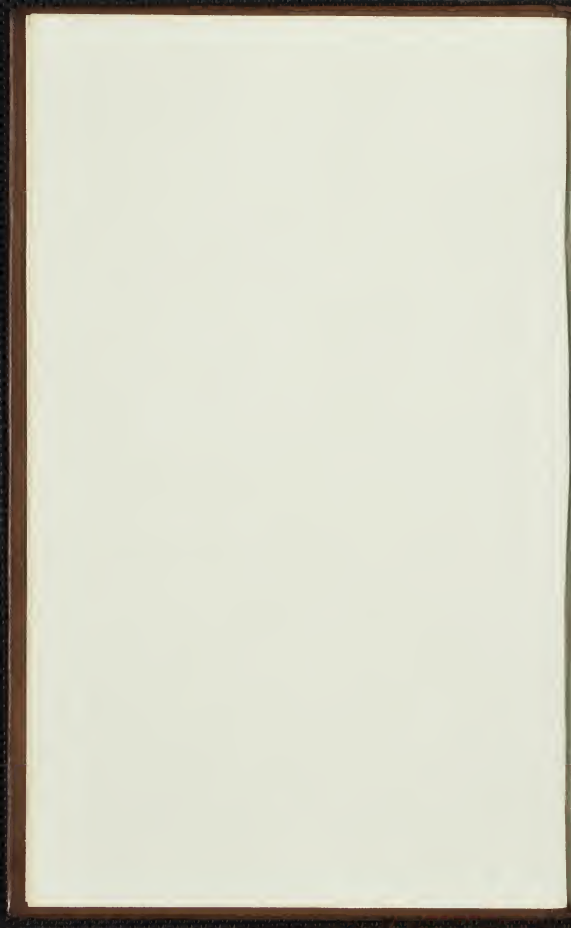
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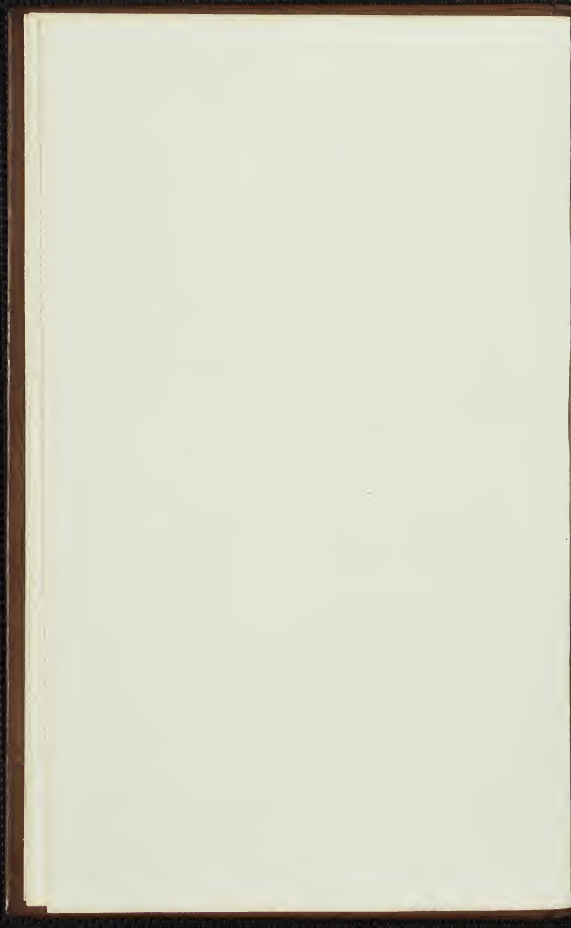












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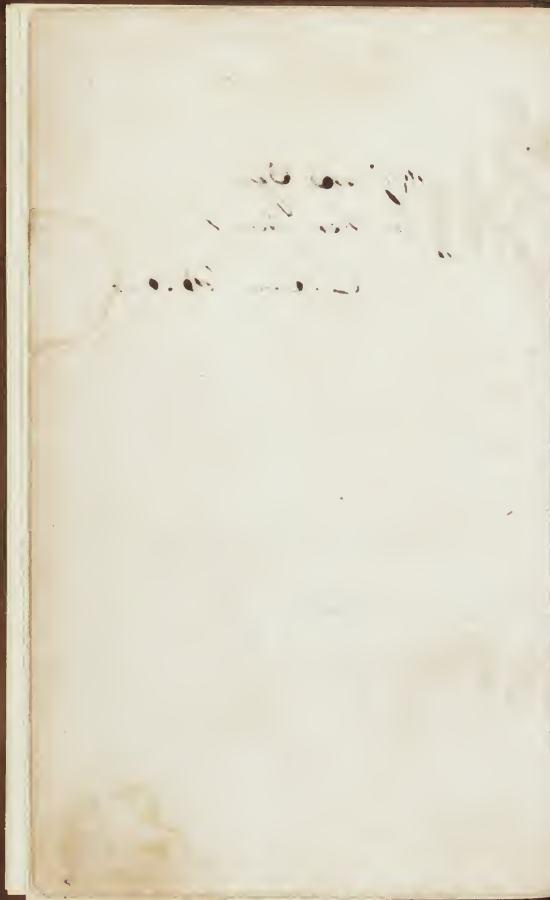
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# CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION,

FORMED BY A CONVENTION OF DELEGATES FROM THE  
SEVERAL DISTRICTS, AT

NEW ECHOTA, JULY 1827.

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Constitution for the Government of the Cherokee Nation.

ARTICLE I.

I.

Sec. 1. THE BOUNDARIES of this nation, embracing the lands solemnly guaranteed and reserved forever to the Cherokee Nation by the Treaties concluded with the United States, are as follows; and shall forever hereafter remain unalterably the same—to wit—Beginning on the North Bank of Tennessee River at the upper part of the Chickasaw old fields; thence along the main channel of said river, including all the islands therein, to the mouth of the Hiwassee river, thence up the main channel of said river, including Islands, to the first hill which closes in on said river about two miles above Hiwassee old Town; thence along the ridge which divides the waters of the Hiwassee and little Tellico, to the Tennessee river at Tallassee; thence along the main channel, including Islands, to the junction of the Cowee and Nanteyalee; thence along the ridge in the fork of said river, to the top of

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the blue ridge; thence along the blue ridge to the Union Turnpike road; thence by a straight line to the main source of the Chestnut; thence along its main channel, including Islands to the Chattahoochy; and thence down the same to the Creek boundary at Buzzard Roost; thence along the boundary line which separates this and the Creek Nation, to a point on the Coosa river opposite the mouth of Wills Creek; thence down along the South bank of the same to a point opposite to Fort Strother; thence up the river to the mouth of Wills Creek; thence up along the East bank of said creek, to the West branch thereof, and up the same to its source; and thence along the ridge which separates the Tombecbe and Tennessee waters, to a point on the top of said ridge; thence due North to Camp Coffee on Tennessee river, which is opposite the Chickasaw Island; thence to the place of beginning.

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Sec. 2. The Sovereignty and Jurisdiction of this Government shall extend over the Country within the boundaries above described, and

2. GWY OOTP DZF FR,  
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 OASA. SLZ OAY TASA. DCP  
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the lands therein are, and shall remain, the common property of the Nation; but the improvements made thereon, and in the possession of the citizens of the Nation, are the exclusive and indefeasible property of the citizens respectively who made, or may rightfully be in possession of them; *Provided*, That the citizens of the Nation, possessing exclusive and indefeasible right to their respective improvements, as expressed in this article, shall possess no right nor power to dispose of their improvements in any manner whatever to the United States, individual States, nor to individual citizens thereof; and that, whenever any such citizen or citizens shall remove with their effects out of the limits of this Nation, and become citizens of any other Government, all their rights and privileges as citizens of this Nation shall cease; *Provided nevertheless*, That the Legislature shall have power to re-admit by law to all the rights of citizenship, any such person or persons, who may at any time desire to return to the Nation on their memorializ-

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ing the General Council for such readmission. *Moreover*, the Legislature shall have power to adopt such laws and regulations, as its wisdom may deem expedient and proper, to prevent the citizens from monopolizing improvements with the view of speculation.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. THE POWER of this Government shall be divided into three distinct departments;—the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial.

Sec. 2. No person or persons, belonging to one of these Departments, shall exercise any of the powers properly belonging to either of the others, except in the cases hereinafter expressly directed or permitted.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. THE LEGISLATIVE POWER shall be vested in two distinct branches; a Committee, and a Council; each to have a negative on the other, and both to be styled, the General Council of the Cherokee Nation; and the style of their acts and laws shall be,

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2. ĤĤĤĤYĤ ĤĤĤĤĤĤĤ  
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posterity of Cherokee women by all free men. No person who is of negro or mulatto parentage, either by the father or mother side, shall be eligible to hold any office of profit, honor or trust under this Government.

Sec. 5. The electors, and members of the General Council shall, in all cases except those of treason, felony, or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at election, and at the General Council, and in going to, and returning from, the same.

Sec. 6. In all elections by the people, the electors shall vote *viva voce*. Electors for members to the General Council for 1828, shall be held at the places of holding the several courts, and at the other two precincts in each District which are designated by the law under which the members of this Convention were elected; and the District Judges shall superintend the elections within the precincts of their respective Court Houses, and the Marshals and Sheriffs shall superintend within the precincts which may be assign-

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 F4AL, DOLAOTLAE DAAW,  
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 ST, D' ALDLE; EH D'F D'  
 R4A O'HSO-C F4AL, D' AA  
 FR O'HHALC F4AL.

6. ISI LOLAOTLAE DHAL-  
 Y EPAI I'F O'HALAL F4-  
 AL. O'JO JHWAY 1828 O-  
 SIEHJR, IJALAY JHWOL-  
 AL3 OOLAOTLAI F4AL JAW  
 TSSY FRT, WFZ JFT3 D'F  
 O'PLC SHWOC, AD JOCOT-  
 AL DZPAY F'F'FRT. WFJZ  
 O'LAY IJALAY, AAT TC-  
 O'Y F4AL DOLAOTLAE IJ-  
 ALAY JHWOLAL3, O'GR D'  
 SSY O'FPAJ FRT. TE3Z S-  
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 AW ASSY D'K J'F'AL F4AL  
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tained to the age of eighteen years, shall be equally entitled to vote at all public elections.

Sec. 8. Each House of the General Council shall judge of the qualifications, and returns, of its own members.

Sec. 9. Each House of the General Council may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish a member for disorderly behaviour, and, with the concurrence of two thirds, expel a member; but not a second time for the same cause.

Sec. 10. Each House of the General Council, when assembled shall choose its own officers; a majority of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalty, as each house may prescribe.

Sec. 11. The members of the Committee shall each receive from the public Treasury a compensation for their services which shall be *two dollars and fifty cents* per day during their attendance at the General

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WI ER OHEAOTEO, DE SGA-  
O P-SPSP RT.

9. OPZ SSWOI JHWOU O-  
OR JOAWY SEWE JHATAI  
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AS DEQAIOAI P-4AI. DEY-  
HZO WP TGAOAI AI P-4AI  
UWU TGAOAI SY.

10. OPOU SSWOI JHWOU  
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AI JOPO-AY, JZSPAYZ.  
DSP TB DHEKAI OHEAI HTHI,  
OU SP JECHEAIOEAI P-4-  
AI. ROE TB HTHI OAWER  
ECZAAAI P-4AI, DE OOW  
ECHEATAI P-4AI, OORU Q-  
AO DEEO-TEO, JHMAAI S-  
THMEO, DE TS OHEOAI P-  
RT.

11. DSP DEEO-TEY KTA  
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DSP DEQ LORAP OHAOAI  
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unless by the Legislature or its authority.

Sec. 18. No retrospective law, nor any law impairing the obligations of contracts shall be passed.

Sec. 19. The Legislature shall have power to make laws for laying and collecting taxes, for the purpose of raising a revenue.

Sec. 20. All bills making appropriations shall originate in the Committee, but the Council may propose amendments or reject the same.

Sec. 21. All other bills may originate in either house, subject to the concurrence or rejection of the other.

Sec. 22. All acknowledged Treaties shall be the Supreme law of the land.

Sec. 23. The General Council shall have the sole power of deciding on the construction of all Treaty stipulations.

Sec. 24. The Council shall have the sole power of impeaching.

Sec. 25. All impeachments shall be tried by the Committee;—when sitting for that purpose, the members shall be upon oath or

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OHALAI P-4a.I TGPALH-  
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OJBA3.

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22. HSP SZPP JVAaGLc-  
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OOR OHALAI P-4a.I 9aP  
3Pc HSI OZPP JVAaGLc-  
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24. JAW TSSY IHWOY O-  
OR OGLSTPLa.I P-4a.I, TGZ  
Yc D3P DHAL9 TDa3O-Pa.I.

25. Yc DcSTPLa.I HSP-  
a.IaPa.I, D3P DGLcGLay O-  
OGLa.I P-4a.I, Dc ASP JHS-  
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affirmation; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

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Sec. 26. The Principal Chief, assistant principal Chief, and all civil officers, under this nation, shall be liable to impeachment for any misdemeanor in office; but Judgment, in such cases, shall not extend further than removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit, under this Nation. The party whether convicted or acquitted, shall, nevertheless, be liable to indictment, trial, judgment, and punishment, according to law.

26. OEOGA, WPAZ SAY OEOGA, DC OHI DFP FHALA-2, FHSFTFLAL F4AL, TGZ DFP FHALAT DHASO-FAL. TGZ OHRASO-C LSALHAPAL, FHEJLO-LA F4AL DC DFP FHALA HR0 TGFAL F4AL. DBAYHZO SFHSFTFLAL HSFALALAL J9ALAY, DC J00GAL HSEAE TEALPALL EALHALAL HSFALAL, TG OLA OHRASO-C DC LGHASO-C OORO NY DFP D00-ALAY.

ARTICLE IV.

IV.

Sec. 1. The Supreme Executive Power of this Nation shall be vested in a Principal Chief, who shall be chosen by the General Council, and shall hold his office four years; to be elected as follows,—The General Council by a joint vote, shall, at their second annual session, after the rising of this Convention, and at every fourth annual session thereafter, on the second day after the Houses

1. UO OEOGA TEB SLY F4AL, DC ORO SSWOI JHW0Y O0P3AL F4AL. DC OYA JALB J20ALAL F4AL. AD TGFAL DSP3AL F4AL; ORO SSWOI JHW0Y LHW0A WPA, OY WF 20L-TE J0ALAL O0P3AL F4AL. OYZ TGLAL OJALALAL O-G S0J O0P3AL HSFALALAL. WPA\* TS JHW0K-A FR OY O0P3AL F4AL OEOGA.

shall be organized, and competent to proceed to business, elect a Principal Chief.

Sec. 2. No person, except a natural born citizen, shall be eligible to the office of Principal Chief; neither shall any person be eligible to that office, who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years.

Sec. 3. There shall also be chosen at the same time, by the General Council, in the same manner for four years, an assistant Principal Chief.

Sec. 4. In case of the removal of the Principal Chief from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the assistant principal Chief, until the inability be removed, or the vacancy filled by the General Council.

Sec. 5. The General Council may, by law, provide for the case of removal, death, resignation or inability of both the Principal and assistant Principal Chiefs, declaring what officer shall then act as Principal Chief, until the disability be removed, or a Principal Chief shall be elected.

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 O2ER2L2 E42A.

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 OEOG'A E42A.

4. TGZ OEOG'A DB2P-  
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 2A2A D2 2P 2E2222A  
 2E2R2 T242A, 2422YH WFA  
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Sec. 6. The Principal Chief and assistant Principal Chief, shall, at stated times, receive for their services,—a compensation— which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which they shall have been elected; and they shall not receive, within that period, any other emolument from the Cherokee Nation, or any other government.

Sec. 7. Before the Principal Chief enters on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath, or affirmation; "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend, the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation."

Sec. 8. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the General Council at the Seat of Government.

Sec. 9. He shall from time to time give to the General Council information of the State of the Government, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may think expedient.

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TAAJ, O-HEOGWA\* ER O-CR  
I-SJBRJ F4AAI GWY SAI O-G-  
JH2 IE I-I-SJBRJ AIF4AAI, I-  
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7. OWA IICWA4AAI KJAO-  
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"SQA.I RA SO-AAJ I-ILATQ,  
GWY OEOGWA JAQAAIAI ER  
DEFEAAI JYAOAAIAI, D6  
OAA\* I-ILOR DEFEAAI OY-  
AAI I-IEOCTAAI GWY OET-  
SP."

8. OATLAAI ATAAI ASOAA-  
S, OEOGWA IFCWAAIAI F4-  
AAI OTC JWOTAAI.

9. TEPWA JZAAI F4AAI O-  
TC-SSWAI IHWQY, HSI9AAI-  
SE GWY SAI, D6 DSP ATAAI  
O-PATAAIB O-SFATAI JAT.I  
F4AAI.

Sec. 10. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

Sec. 11. It shall be his duty to visit the different districts, at least once in two years, to inform himself of the general condition of the Country.

Sec. 12. The assistant Principal Chief shall, by virtue of his office, aid and advise the Principal Chief in the Administration of the Government, at all times during his continuance in office.

Sec. 13. Vacancies that may happen in offices, the appointment of which is vested in the General Council, shall be filled by the Principal Chief, during the recess of the General Council, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the end of the next Session.

Sec. 14. Every Bill which shall have passed both Houses of the General Council, shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. If he approve, he shall sign it, but if not, he shall return it, with his objections, to that house in which it shall have

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time of adjournment, the Principal Chief shall have power to adjourn the General council to such a time as he thinks proper, *provided*, it be not to a period beyond the next Constitutional meeting of the same.

Sec. 17. The Principal Chief shall, during the sitting of the General Council, attend at the Seat of Government.

Sec. 18. There shall be a Council to consist of three men to be appointed by the joint vote of both Houses, to advise the Principal Chief in the Executive part of the Government, whom the Principal Chief shall have full power, at his discretion, to assemble; and he, together with the assistant Principal Chief, and the Counsellors, or a majority of them may, from time to time, hold and keep a Council for ordering and directing the affairs of the Nation according to law.

Sec. 19. The members of the Council shall be chosen for the term of one year.

Sec. 20. The resolutions and advice of the Council shall be recorded in a register and signed by the

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 I4AI, IAYHZO DPF OFAC  
 JHWOTAI OGRAAI JF4-  
 AI.

17. HAAI OPO SSWOI D-  
 SWAOT I4AI OEOGA.

18. OPO SSWOI JHWOY  
 OEBEAI JEPFAI I4AI DH-  
 KT TAIT DHASO OEOGA I-  
 EGWOY, OAYZ ECFZPAI D-  
 C ECAJAJAI I4AI HI:  
 DPF S4OALAT. DC IJH-  
 WOL RPAIAI OAY TGPAI  
 I4AI OAYZ OEOGA DC W-  
 PAI SAI OEOGA, DC OEOGA  
 JEGWOY, HSP DC DPF  
 GHERAI, TBT JHWOTAI  
 I4AI; DPF JH4OALAI DC  
 OFAC JHOCFAI I4AI.

19. OEOGA JEGWOY P-  
 SIBT JH4OALAI I4AI.

20. QAST OHALC OEOGA  
 JEGWOY, OZSGI I4AI A-  
 WPA, DC OAY OHALC SAI J-  
 ZSGI I4AI. ADZ AWP O-







cept by consent of the parties. In case all the Judges of the Supreme court shall be interested in the event of any cause, or related to all, or either, of the parties, the legislature may provide by law for the selection of three men, of good character and knowledge, for the determination thereof, who shall be specially commissioned by the Principal Chief for the case.

Sec. 11. All writs and other process shall run, in the name of the Cherokee Nation, and bear test, and be signed by the respective clerks.

Sec. 12. Indictments shall conclude, "against the peace and dignity of the Cherokee Nation."

Sec. 13. The Supreme Court shall hold its Session annually at the Seat of Government to be convened on the second Monday of October in each year.

Sec. 14. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall have the right of being heard, of demanding the nature and cause of the accusation against him, of meeting the witnesses face to face, of having compulso-

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pastoral functions, shall be eligible to the office of Principal Chief, or a seat in either house of the General Council.

Sec. 2. No person who denies the being of a God, or a future state of rewards and punishments, shall hold any office in the civil department of this Nation.

Sec. 3. The free exercise of religious worship, and serving God without distinction shall forever be allowed within this Nation: *Provided*, That this liberty of conscience shall not be so construed as to excuse acts of licentiousness, or justify practices inconsistent with the peace or safety of this Nation.

Sec. 4. Whenever the General Council shall determine the expediency of appointing delegates or other public Agents, for the purpose of transacting business with the Government of the United States; the Principal Chief shall have power to recommend, and by the advice and consent of the Committee, shall appoint and commission such delegates or Public Agents

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ĠWY SĠĠIT.

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Sec. 7. There shall be a Marshal appointed by a joint vote of both houses of the General Council for the term of four years, whose compensation and duties shall be regulated by law, and whose jurisdiction shall extend over the Cherokee Nation.

Sec. 8. No person shall for the same offence be twice put in jeopardy of life, or limb, nor shall any person's property be taken or applied to public use without his consent; *Provided*, That nothing in this clause shall be so construed as to impair the right and power of the General Council to lay and collect Taxes. All courts shall be open, and every person for an injury done him in his property, person or reputation, shall have remedy by due course of law.

Sec. 9. The right of trial by jury shall remain inviolate.

Sec. 10. Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good Government the preservation of liberty, and the happiness of mankind, Schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged in this Nation.

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Sec. 11. The appointment of all officers, not otherwise directed by this Constitution, shall be vested in the legislature.

Sec. 12. All laws in force in this Nation, at the passing of this Constitution, shall so continue until altered or repealed by the legislature, except where they are temporary, in which case they shall expire at the times respectively limited for their duration; if not continued by act of the legislature.

Sec. 13. The General Council may at any time propose such amendments to this Constitution as two thirds of each house shall deem expedient; and the Principal Chief shall issue a proclamation, directing all the civil officers of the several Districts to promulgate the same as extensively as possible within their respective Districts, at least nine months previous to the next General election, and if at the first session of the General Council after such General election, two thirds of each house shall, by yeas and nays, ratify such proposed amendments they shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as parts of this Constitution;

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*Provided*, That such proposed amendments shall be read on three several days, in each house, as well when the same are proposed, as when they are finally ratified.

Done in Convention at New Echota, this twenty-sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven; In testimony whereof, we have each of us, hereunto subscribed our names.

JOHN ROSS, *Pres. of Con.*

JNO. BALDRIDGE, his x mark.

*Del. of Chickamauga Dist.*

GEORGE LOWREY,

JOHN BROWN,

EDWARD GUNTER,

*Del. of Chattooga Dist.*

JOHN MARTIN,

JOSEPH VANN,

KELECHULEE, his x mark.

*Del. of Coosawatee Dist.*

LEWIS ROSS,

THOMAS FOREMAN,

HAIR CONRAD, his x mark.

*Del. of Amoshee Dist.*

JAMES DANIEL,

JOHN DUNCAN,

*Del. of Hickory Log Dist.*

JOSEPH VANN,

THOS. PETITT, his x mark,

JOHN BEAMER, his x mark,

*Del. of Etowah District.*

OOCLENOTA, his x mark,

WM. BOLING, his x mark,

*Del. of Taquoee District.*

JOHN TIMSON,

SITUWAKEE, his x mark,

RICHD. WALKER, his x mark.

*Del. of Aquohee District.*

A. M'COY, *Sec'y to Convention.*

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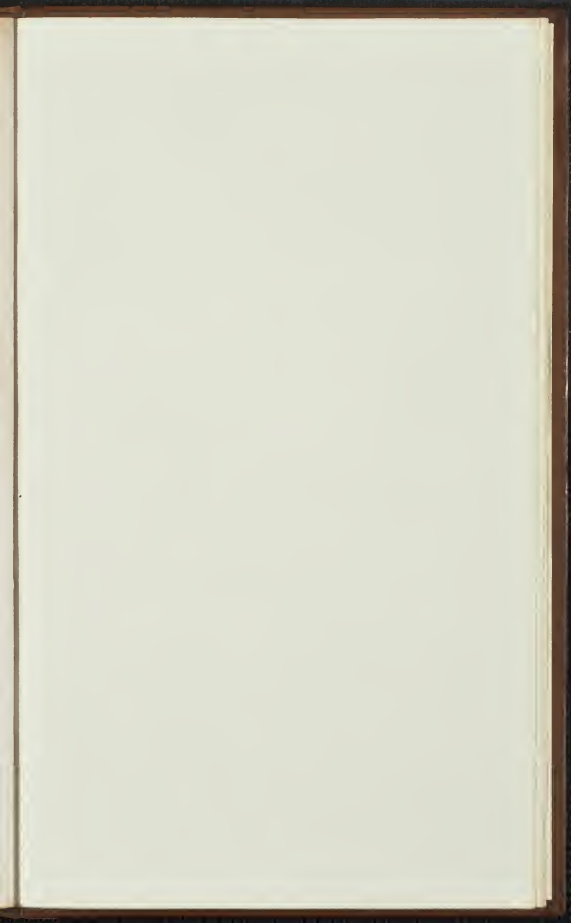
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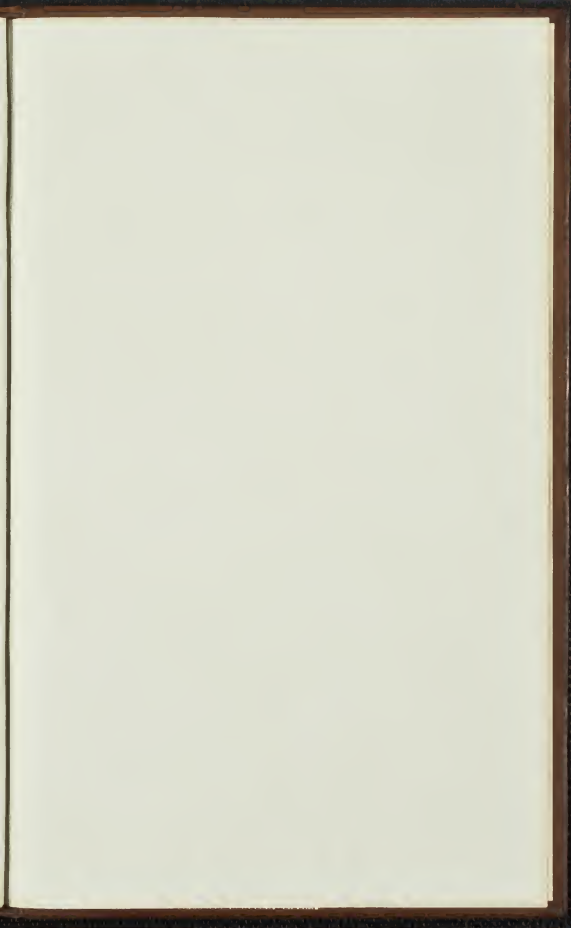
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