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CONSTITUTION OF THE CHEROKEE NATION,

Formed by a Convention of Delegates from the several Districts, at New Echota, July 1827.

WE, THE REPRESENTATIVES of the people of the CHEROKEE NATION in Convention assembled, in order to establish justice, ensure tranquility, promote our common welfare, and secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of liberty; acknowledging with humility and gratitude the goodness of the sovereign Ruler of the Universe, in offering us an opportunity so favorable to the design, and imploring his aid and direction in its accomplishment, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Government of the Cherokee Nation.

ARTICLE 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, includ-

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OAT OYFA-A.

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AA OYUOAOAJA, DE DE TAPALAJI DE  
ZHI GWY ASAI KYOOLAJA, OOP JY-  
OOLAJA OTO KYOET HEP EY, DE  
KPB OOP OAY TCAI EHALAJA, KY-  
WOCIA, AD JcAUO-AI GWY OYTFE OY-  
FO. OAWLIE EA, HEP OYECOA, OY-  
LATOB; DE OYEPHE OAY TCAI HEP  
AD OAY TCAI KYOOLAJI HEPALHE,  
DE OAY OYATAJA, DE OYHIA, OYW  
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1. DOOP HTEJI DAWY OYTFE OAA,  
OYHOEA JcAUO-A-AE SCAP, DE EQL-  
AJA HEP, OYEP OYUOAO, AD OAI; DE  
OAY OYATAJI HEP OYUOAOAJI HEP  
FARRIS. HEP OYHET WOL OYDT JcAUO-  
A, OAY OY HEP, HEP DJEP HEP  
GWY JcAUO-A, DOOE OYAC TCAI, OY-  
OAY OYAL OYH OYAL OYAL OYH  
OYAL, WEP TCEOP KY OYAL OYOT,  
DJEP DE OYH OY OY JcAUO-A. OY-  
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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,

“RESOLVED by the Committee and Council in General Council convened.”

Sec. 2. The Cherokee Nation, as laid off into eight Districts, shall so remain.

II.

1. GWY OYH OYALAJA HEP TCEY  
OYAL; JAWY OYAWY, OYHOEA DJEP  
OYAL OYUOAJA OY OYAWY, DE  
JcAUO-A OY OYAWY.

2. JcAUO-A HEPALAJI FARRIS AD  
KY TCEY, ILE YH OYH OYALAJA  
OYAL; TCEYH OY DE AD JcAUO-A  
OYAL TCEY.

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### A GOOD CONSCIENCE.

WHAT is there, in all the pomp of  
the world, the enjoyments of luxury,  
the glories of power, the pleasures of  
the senses, the tranquil delight of a good  
conscience? It is the health of the mind.  
It is a sweet perfume, that diffuses  
its fragrance over every thing near it  
without exhausting its store. Uncon-  
scious with this, the gay pleasures  
of the world are like brilliant to a dis-  
passionate eye, music to a deaf ear, wine in  
an ardent fever, or dainties in the lap-  
paw of an agree. To lie down on the  
pillow, after a day spent in temperance  
in beneficence, and piety, how sweet  
is it! How different from the state of  
him, who reclines, at an unmatrimonial  
hour, with his blood inflamed, his head  
throbbing with wine and stultony, his  
heart aching with rancorous malice,  
his thoughts totally estranged from  
Him who has protected him in the day,  
and will watch over him, merciful as  
he is, in the night season! A good  
conscience is, indeed, the peace of  
God. passions billow to sleep, clear  
thoughts, cheerful temper, a dispo-  
sition to be pleased with every obvious  
and innocent object around; these are  
the effects of a good conscience; these  
are the things which constitute happi-  
ness; and these conducted to dwell  
with the poor man, in his humble cot-  
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mouth of the Hiwassee river, thence  
up the main channel of said river, in-  
cluding islands, to the first hill which  
closes in on said river, about two miles  
above Hiwassee old Town; thence al-  
ong the ridge which divides the wa-  
ters of the Hiwassee and Little Telli-  
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see; thence along the main channel,  
including islands, to the junction of  
the Covee and Nantawalee; thence  
along the ridge in the fork of said ri-  
ver, to the top of the blue ridge; thence  
thence along the blue ridge to the Uni-  
versity Turnpike road; thence by a  
straight line to the main source of the  
Chickasaw; thence along its main chan-  
nel, including islands, to the Chatta-  
hoocny; 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 Tombigbee 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 fall-  
line; and thence to the place of beginning.

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