

pressed the sentiments of the people of his Nation in the following letter addressed to our Principal Chief:

EMET, OKLA., October 6th, 1914.

HON. MOTY TIGER,

Principal Chief of the Creek Nation,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

My Dear Chief Tiger:—

The recent resolution unanimously adopted by the Creek Council at Okmulgee is a just recognition of the earnest efforts, untiring energy and faithful performance of duty manifested by the splendid administration of Hon. Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The Commissioner is not animated by a spirit of self renown, but labors solely for the welfare and advancement of the Indian race. His master brain and prescient intelligence has established a less burdensome, more auspicious, stable, and incorruptible Indian policy than the Chickasaws have heretofore enjoyed. By unusual executive ability and force of character, he has instituted a system of tribal control more just and simple in its principle, less intricate and dilatory in its proceedings, and more certain in its execution than my people have experienced in the past.

Mr. Sells does not permit obsolete precepts to pervert or impede his policies. By abolishing long distant government, he has elicited the support of commonwealth, has effected complete harmony between state and federal authorities who now cordially co-operate to protect the weak from imposition, legal artifice and fraud.

By demanding an inviolable security to the rights of minors, he is conserving their estates. He is protecting the Indian in his property rights and at the same time teaching him the value of self reliance and individuality.

Cato Sells has won for himself a nation-wide acknowledgement of merit and has secured for the Department of the Interior the trust and regard of the American Indian. He is as prompt in the fulfillment of an obligation as in the assumption of same and this keeping of faith with our people has gained their confidence.

His eloquent and practical addresses and inspiring messages have awakened the dormant energies of the Indian. History will regard him as a potent factor in the future social, moral, material and intellectual development of the race.

With high regard, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

D. H. JOHNSTON,

Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.