

of the bill secures to each tribe residing within said Territory the right of self-government for the regulations of their own internal concerns, as to them, may seem proper. The 4th Section provides for the appointment of a Governor of said Territory, the President of the U.S. with the consent of the Senate, who is to be Superintendent of Indian affairs of said Territory, the 6th & 7th Sections provide for a convention of the Chiefs of the various Tribes who have emigrated from the Eastern to the Western side of the Mississippi river together with the Chiefs of such other native Tribes of said Region who from their extraction & habits, may be qualified to be admitted. The object of this convention is to form a Confederacy & to establish a General Council, the latter to have power to make all necessary regulations, respecting the intercourse among the various Tribes, to preserve peace, to put a stop to hostilities, to settle any question of dispute respecting boundaries, to arrest & punish all Indians who may commit offenses within the district of one Tribe & who may flee to another, & generally to take such measures, as may be necessary to give effect to this act; Such Confederacy is however not to take effect until the Choctaw, Creek, & Cherokee Tribes have given their consent thereto; The 11th Section declares that in order to encourage the said Tribes and to pro-
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their advancement in the acts of civilized life and to afford them a convincing proof of the desire of the United States that they may eventually be secured in all the blessings of free government and admitted to a full participation of the privileges now enjoyed by the American people it shall be competent for the said Confederate Tribes to elect in such a manner as the General Council may prescribe, a Delegate to Congress who shall have the same powers, privileges & compensation, as are possessed by the Delegates of the respective Territories.

The Committee in their report to Congress speaking in reference to this Section & that the right to a Delegate in Congress is a subject of the deepest solicitude to the Indians & will be received by them as the strongest assurance for the fulfillment of our guarantees in all future time; It will probably do more to elevate the Indian character & to establish & consolidate their Confederacy than any other perhaps & all other measures combined.

The act proposed for the better organization of the Indian Department and that for the regulation of Trade and intercourse above referred to contains many important provisions which if administered in the same spirit in which they appear to have originated cannot fail to be highly conducive to the benefit & future welfare of the Indian Tribes; Thirty different