Constitution of the Cherokee Nation
Formed by a Convention of Delegates from the several Nations, at New Echota, July 4, 1825.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. There shall be a President of the Cherokee Nation, who shall be elected by the citizens of the several tribes, and who shall act as President of the Senate.

Sec. 2. The President shall be elected by the people of the Cherokee Nation, in the year of our Lord 1827, and his term of office shall be three years.

Sec. 3. The President shall be a member of the Senate, and shall be entitled to the same salary as the members thereof.

Sec. 4. The President shall have the power of appointment to all offices and positions of trust in the Cherokee Nation, and shall have the power to remove any officer from office, for misbehavior.

Sec. 5. The President shall have the power to appoint such officers as may be necessary for the administration of the public business of the Nation.

Sec. 6. The President shall have the power to veto any act of the Legislature, which he shall consider contrary to the Constitution of the Nation, or to the public interest.

Sec. 7. The President shall have the power to call the Legislature to extraordinary sessions, when such call may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 8. The President shall have the power to make treaties with foreign nations, subject to the ratification of the Legislature.

Sec. 9. The President shall have the power to command the military forces of the Nation, and to issue general orders and proclamations.

Sec. 10. The President shall have the power to appoint judges of the courts of the Nation, and to remove any judge from office, for misconduct.

Sec. 11. The President shall have the power to issue pardons, commutations of sentence, and reprieves, in all cases except treason and felons, and for any term not exceeding two years.

ARTICLE VII.

Sec. 1. The Legislature of the Cherokee Nation shall consist of two houses, namely, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Sec. 2. The Senate shall consist of twenty-four members, to be elected by the citizens of the several tribes, and who shall hold their offices for a term of three years.

Sec. 3. The House of Representatives shall consist of forty members, to be elected by the citizens of the several tribes, and who shall hold their offices for a term of two years.

Sec. 4. The Legislature shall meet at New Echota, on the first Monday in December, in every even-numbered year, and shall continue in session for not more than thirty days.

Sec. 5. The Legislature shall have the power to make all necessary laws for the welfare of the Nation, and for the punishment of all offenses against the Constitution and laws of the Nation.

Sec. 6. The Legislature shall have the power to appoint such officers as may be necessary for the administration of the public business of the Nation.

Sec. 7. The Legislature shall have the power to levy taxes, issue paper money, and regulate the value thereof.

Sec. 8. The Legislature shall have the power to establish and maintain a system of public schools, and to provide for the education of the Cherokee Nation.

Sec. 9. The Legislature shall have the power to regulate the conduct of all persons within the limits of the Nation, and to prescribe penalties for all offenses against the laws of the Nation.

Sec. 10. The Legislature shall have the power to make all necessary provisions for the defense of the Nation, and to provide for a system of militia.

Sec. 11. The Legislature shall have the power to make all necessary provisions for the government and administration of the public affairs of the Nation.

Sec. 12. The Legislature shall have the power to make all necessary provisions for the welfare of the Cherokee Nation, and to provide for the support of the poor, the sick, and the deaf and dumb.

Sec. 13. The Legislature shall have the power to make all necessary provisions for the punishment of all offenses against the laws of the Nation.

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Sec. 15. The Legislature shall have the power to make all necessary provisions for the support of the officers of the Nation, and to provide for the compensation of their services.

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