Cont Formed by a Neu from the chota, July 1827. NTATIVES OF LINE WE, THE REPRESENTATION OF THE CHEROKEE sembled, in order to rder to c. tranquility, 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 accomblement do ordain and establish Convention as K tot лта Do O Do O ploring his aid and direction in its ne-complishment, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Government of the Cherokee Nation. ARTICLE I.
THE BOUNDARIES of this pracing the lands solemnly ; embracing nation, embracing the lands solemnly guarantical 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 ι. .τ 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 Hivassee 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 vaters of the Hivassee and little Tellico, to the Tennessee river at Tallasco; thence along the main channel, including Islands, to the junction of and shan unalterably the s T IV I. 6-Aincluding is closes in on sate above Hiwassee old along the ridge which divides ters of the Hiwassee and little Temor to the Temessee river at Tallastee; there along the main channel, including Islands, to the junction of along the ridge in the fork of said river, to the top of the blue ridge; at the country in the constitution of Turnpike road; thence by a straight line to the main source of the constitution of Turnpike road; thence by a straight line to the main source of the chestate: thence along its main channel, including Islands, to the Chattahochy; 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 Cosa river opposite the menth of Wills Creek; thence down along the South bank of the same to a point on the Creek, thence up along the East bank of said creek, to the West branch thereof, and up the same to its owner; and thence along the ridge witch songrates the Tombochee and Tennessee waters, to a point on the Camp Coffee on Tennessee river, which is opposite the Chickasaw Islands of the South bank of the Gaid ridge; thence due North to Camp Coffee on Tennessee river, which is opposite the Chickasaw Islands of the South bank of South bank So EJ . અદ and; thence to the place of beginning. See. 2. The Sovereignty and Jurisdiction of this Government shall extend over the Country within the boundaries above described, and 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. ess, and tion in the passession of the critzens of the Nation, are the exclusive and indefeasible property of the citizens respectively who made, or may rightfully be in possession of them; Fravidad, That the citizens of the National School of ession of them; Frovided. izens of the Nation, pos-ive and indefeasure r That in possession the citizens y. in possession ditem, in possessing the citizens of the Nation, possessing exclusive and indefeasure right to their respective improvements are respective improvements as experience of their effects on the United States, individual states, and that, whenever any such citizen or citizens shall remove with their effects out of the limits of his and the consecutive of any individual senses. That the Legislature shall have powered that their effects out of the limits of his Nation and become citizens of any privileges as citizens of this Nation and become citizens of any individual senses; Provided nevertheless. That the Legislature shall have powered that the consecutive of citizenship, any such person or persons, who may at any time desire to readmit by law to all the rights of citizenship, any such person or persons, who may at any time desire to readmit by law to all the rights of citizenship, any such person or persons, who may at any time desire to readmit by the Council for such essing

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 monopolizations with the view of speculation. ARTICLE II. THE POWER of this Go-shall be divided into three epartments;—the Legisla-1. Sec. ive, and the Judicial. ve, the Executive, and the Judicial. Sec. 2. No person or persons, be-orging to one of these Departments, onging 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.

Anticle III. THE LEGISLATIVE POWER vested in two distinct a Committee, and a Country have a negative on the Sec. i 1. ; each to have a negative on the her, and both to be styled, the Gene-l Council of the Cherokee Nation e Nation; and laws D\$1 the style of their acts shall "RESOLVED by the Committee and ouncil in General Council conven-Council in General z Sec. 2. The Cherokee I laid off into eight Districts, Nation, us s, shall so z, land on the remain.

Sec. 3. The Committee shall consist of two members from each District, and the Council shall consist of three members from each District, to be chosen by the qualified electors of their respective Districts for two years; and the elections to , , z 126 æ1 Z P ΛG T F 10° 10° 10° 10° න් න Di В D 0

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to be chosen by the qualified belectors of their respective Districts for two years; and the elections to be held in every District on the first in Monday in August for the year 1828, and every succeeding two years thereafter; and the General Council shall be held once a year, to be convened on the second Monday of October in each year, at New Echota.

Sec. 4. No person shall be eligible to a seat in the General Council, but a free Cherokee Male citizen, who shall have attained to the age of twenty-five years. The descendants of Cherokee men by all free women, except the African race, whose purents may be or have been living together as man and wife, according to the customs and laws of this Nation, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of this Nation, as well as the 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 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 vice voce.

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cance at erection, and at the General Council, and in going to, and returning from, the same.

See. G. 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 & Sheriffs shall superintend within the precincts which may be assigned them by the Circuit Judges of their respective Districts, together with one other person, who shall be appointed by the Circuit Judges for each to the circuit Judges for each their respective Districts; and the Circuit Judges shall also appoint a clerk to each precinct.—

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The superintendents and clerks shall, on the Wednesday morning succeeding the election, assemble at their respective Court Houses and proceed to examine and ascertain the true state of the polls, and shall issue to each member, duly elected, a certificate; and also make an official return of the state of the polls of election to the principal Chief, and it shall be the du-

y of the Sherills to deliver the same to the Executive Office; Providet ner-chieless, The General Council shall have power, after the election of 1828 to regulate by law the precincts an apperintendents and clerks of elections in the several Districts.

Sec. 7. All free Male, citizens have power, after the election of 1828, to regulate by law the precincts and superintendents and clerks of elections in the several Districts.

Sec. 7. All free Male, citizens, (excepting negroes, and descendants of white and Indian men by negro women, who may have been set free,) who shall have attained to the age of eighteen years, shall be equally entited to vote at all public elections.

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

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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.

which may happen in either branch thereof.

Sec. 13: Each member of the General Council, before he takes his seat, shall take the following oath, or alifrmation; to wit: "I, A. B., do, solemly swear (or affirm as the case may be) that I have not obtained my election by Reihery, Treates, or any undue and unlawful means used by himself, or others by my desire or approbation, for that purpose; that I consider myself Constitutionally qualified as a member of and that, on all questions and measures

sider myself Constitutionally qualinea as a member of Sand that, on all questions and measures which may come before me. I will so give my vote, and so conduct my-self, as may, in my judgment, appear most conducive to the interest and prosperity of this Nation; and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same, and to the utmost of my a-bility and power observer conform to; support, and defend the Constitution

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Soc. 15. The General Council
shall have power to make all laws and
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Nation, which shall not be contrary to
this Constitution.

Sec. 16. It shall be the duty of the
General Council to pass such laws as
may be necessary and proper, to deide differences by arbitrators to be

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17. No power of suspending ys of this Nation shall be exer-unless by the Legislature or its

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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 lackleding taxes, for the purpose

collecting that a said a revenue. Sec. 20. All bills making appropriate and appropriate in the Committee the Council may propose amend the same.

Sec. 23. All acknowledged Tren-ties shall be the Supreme law of the land.
Sec. 25. The General Council shall have the sole power of deciding en the construction of all Treaty stip-ulations.

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Sec. 10. Each House of the General Council, when assembled, shall choose its own officers; a majority of each house shall constitute a quorun 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 Council; and the members of the Council shall each receive two dollars per day, for their services, during their attendance at the General Council; and the members of the Council shall each receive two dollars per day, for their services, during their attendance at the General Council; That the same may be increased or diminished by law, but no alteration shall take effect during the period of service of the members of the General Council, by whom such afteration shall have been made.

Sec. 12. The General Council shall regulate by law, by whom and in what manner, writs of elections which may shappen in either branch thereof.

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Sec. 25. All impeachments shall be tried by the Committee; when sitting for that purpose, the members shall be upon auth or affirmation; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the

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members present.

Sec. 24. The Council shall have !-

ble to impeachment for any misdemeanor in office hout. Judgment, in sight cases, shall not extend further than removal from office, and disqualified tior to hold any office of honor, trust or, profit, under this Nation. The party, whether convicted or acquitted, shall, nevertheless, be liable, to sudict ment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to law.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]