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CONSTITUTION OF THE CHERO-KEE NATION, y a Convention of Delegates from eral Districts, at New Echota, Ju-Formed by a ly 1827. ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The Supreme Executive Powerof this Nation shall be vested in a Principal
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The General to be elected as follows.—The General holds are fourth annual session, after the rising of this fourth annual session. to be elected as lonovs,—The Goldan Council, by a joint vote, shall, at their se-cond annual session, after the rising of this Convention, and at every fourth annual ses-sion thereafter, on the second day after the Houses shall be organized, and competent to proceed to business, elect a Principal 63.1 to proc 9 No person except a natural born all be eligible to the office of Chief; neither shall any person to that office, who shall no Sec. citizen shall be eligible to the office of Principal Chief; neither shall any person be eligible to that office, who shall not have attained to the age of thirty-five years. Sec. 3. There shall also be chosen at the same time, by the General Council, I the same manner, for four years, an assistant Principal Chief.

Sec. 4. In case of the removal of the Principal Chief from office, or of his death resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the assistant principal Chief, until the inability be removed or the vacancy filled by the General Council. ı Dhl JE. v 4 me shall devolve on the assistant princi-il Chief, until the inability be removed the vacancy filled by the General Coun LS1 cil.

Sec. 5. The General Council may, by law, provide for the case of removal. death, resignation or inability of both the Principal and assistant Principal Chiefs, declaring what officer shall then act as Pincipal Chief, until the disability be removed, or a Principal Chief shall be elected. d JE ì, ė 1-Sec. 6. The Principal Chief and assistant Principal Chief, shall, at stated times, receive for their services, a compensation, TB 10 which shall neither be increased nor dimin m which shall neither be increased not sished during the period for which they shall not receive, within that period, any other emolument from the Cherokee Nation, or any ıy he a. ly dument from the Cherokee Nation, or any other government.

Sec 7. Before the Principal Chief enters on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath, or affirmation; I do solemly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend, the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation."

Sec. 8. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the General Council at the Seat of Government.

Sec. 9. He shall from time to time give to the General Council information of the State of the Government, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may think expedient. Ĺr ch his rk he ener onoon m, po-e a ose e at fter may think expedient. Sec. 10. He shall take Sec. 10. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

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Sec. 11. It shall be his duty to visit the different districts, at least once in two years, to inform himself of the general condition of the Country.

Sec. 12. The assistant Principal Chief shall, by virtue of his office, aid and advise the Principal Chief in the Administration of the Government, at all times during his continuance in office. ent Bi-too en-1 of the Government, at all times during his continuance in office.

Sec. 13. Vacancies that may happen in offices, the appointment of which is vested in the General Council, shall be filled by by the Principal Chief, during the recess of the General Council, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the end of the next Session.

Sec. 14. Every Bill which shall have passed both Houses of the General Council shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. If he approve, he shall sign it, but if not, he shall return it, with his objections, to that house in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journals, and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the chimetims. MAN in ii in fane rce. l not sant me d to anic but but; that n to d no восіeced to reconsider it. II, after such re-consideration, two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other house, by which it shall likewise be recon-sidered, and if approved by two thirds of that house, it shall become a law. If any bill shall not be returned by the Principal some that y ig-iguo-Her-

Chief within five days (Sunday's excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he had signed it; unless the General Louncil by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall be a law, unless sent back within three days after their C=A F 21..10 0 A L T next meeting. OA UZ. да. 15. Дві і Чала Sec. 15. Members of the General Coun-cil and all officers, Executive and Judi-cial, shall be bound by oath to support the Constitution of this Nation, and to perform the duties of their respective offices, with Sec. 15 cil and all DOC. T Sec. 16. In case of disagreement be tween the two houses with respect to the time of adjournment, the Principal Chie р\$Р I 16 respect to the tween the two houses with respect to the time of adjournment, the Principal Chief shall have power to adjourn the General council to such a time as he thinks proper, provided, it be not to a period beyond the next Constitutional meeting of the same. Sec. 17. The Principal Chief shall, during the sitting of the General Council, attend at the Seat of Government

Sec. 18. There shall be a Council to consist of three men to be appointed by the joint you of both Houses, to advise the Sec. 18. There shall be a Council to consist of three men to be appointed by the joint vote of both Houses, to advise the Principal Chief in the Executive part of the Government, whom the Principal Chief shall have full power, at his discretion, to assemble; and he, together with the assistant Principal Chief, and the Counsellors, or a majority of them, may, from time to time, hold and keep a Council for ordering and directing the affairs of the Nation according to law. 18 ŀ · II 3 o-ocording to law.

Sec. 19. The members of the Council shall be chosen for the term of one year.

Sec. 20. The resolutions and advice of the Council shall be recorded in a register and signed by the members agreeing thereto, which may be called for by either house of the General Council; and any counsellor may enter his dissent to the resolution of the majority.

Sec. 21. The Treasurer of the Cherokee Nationshall be chosen by the joint vote of both Houses of the General Council for the term of two years. cording to law. Sec. 19. The members of P յր-գ 2 WO: 092 an: B F F G hAl of both Houses of the General Council for the term of two years. Sec. 22. The Treasurer shall, before entering on the duties of his office, give bond to the Nation with sureties to the sat-isfaction of the Legislature, for the faith-ful discharge of his trust. before P4 90 DG TLI æ6 Sec. 23. No money shall be drawn...
the Treasury, but by warrant from the Principal Chief, and in consequence of appropriations made by law.
Sec. 25. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all public moneys, and to make a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public moneys to the annual Session of the General Council.

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Sec. 3. The two Judges of each shall hold their Commissions four years, but any of them may be removed from office on the address of two thirds of each house of the General Council to the Principal Chief, for that nursusse. e de VOY Lat the General Council to the Trincipal Council, for that purpose,
Sec. 4. The Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts shall, at stated times, receive a compensation, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office, but they shall receive no fees or perquisites of office, nor hold any other office of profit or trust, under this Nation or any other power.
Sec. 5. No person shall be appointed a 1 AT 1 AT of profit or trust, under this reation of any other power.

Sec. 5. No person shall be appointed a Judge of any of the Courts before he shall have attained to the age of thirty years, nor shall any person continue to execute the duties of any of the said offices after he shall have attained to the age of seveno.c. RTL. 250 the Sana and the Years.

Sec. 6. The Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts shall be appointed by a ioint vote of both houses of the General Z KT TCT joint vote of Council. Sec. 7. T Sec. 7. There shall be appointed in each District, under the Legislative au-

thority, as many Justices of the Peace as ΛA it may be deemed the public good requires, AP. whose powers, duties and duration in office, 700 shall be clearly designated. Sec. 8. The Judges of the Supreme Court and Circuit Courts shall have com-۸4 plete criminal Jurisdiction in such cases & CTI in such manner as may be pointed out by 1-4 law. Each Court shall choose its own Clerks for the term of four years; but such Clerks shall not be continued in office unless their 4.0 qualifications shall be adjudged and approvυ. ed of, by the Judges of the Supreme Court, σò and they shall be removable for breach of 100 good behaviour at any time, by the Judges of their respective courts. Sec. 10. No Judge shall sit on trial of any cause, where the parties shall be connect-T ed with him by affinity or consanguinity, ے except by consent of the parties. æ In case all the Judges of the Supreme court shall JΩ be interested in the event of any cause, or Λĵ related to all, or either, of the parties, the w Legislature may provide by law for the se-'n. w lection of three men, of good character and knowledge, for the determination 0 thereof, who shall be specially commissioned by the Principal Chief for the case. Sec. 11. All writs and other process shall run, in the name of the Cherokee Na-G tion, and bear test, and be signed by the a respective clerks. Sec. 12. Indictments shall conclude, "against the peace & dignity of the Cher-okee Nation." ۸ 4 Sec. 13. The Supreme Court shall hold its Session annually at the Seat of Government to be convened on the second Moné day of October in each year. Sec. 14. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall have the right of being 1 heard, of demanding the nature and cause of the accusation against him, of meeting

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Sec. 14. In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall have the right of being heard, of demanding the nature and cause of the accusation against him, of meeting the witnesses face to face, of having compulsory process for obtaining witness in his favour; and, in prosecutions by indictment or information, a speedy public trial by an impartial jury of the vicinage; nor shall be be compelled to give evidence against himself.

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Sec. 15. The people shall be secure in their persons, houses, papers and possessions from unreasonable acisures and searches, and no warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things, shall issue without describing them as nearly as may be, nor without good cause, supported by oath, or affirmation. All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient securities, unless for capital offences, where the proof is evident, or presumption great.