

Caddo I.T.

July 7-1891

Gen M. Curtin

Tanbark I.T.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed

the two notes against Standby Harris & Ward. Which I want you to collect at whatever proportion it will be, and be certain to arrange the notes properly so that we can collect the balance on notes when the balance of the leased district is paid for. Mr Ward wrote to Wilburn on 27 June 1891 that the notes would be paid at a reduction in proportion to the appropriation made by Congress. You wrote me that you had notes for W. H. Hampton for \$20,000. Wilburn says he had no such accounts of notes made out & does not understand. Sir, are they endorsed to Thebo? Do the best you can, but do not give

Notes unless they make out new ones  
for the balance. and I understand  
there is nothing in the way now but to  
go and get it. That the Secretary had  
made all arrangements for the payment

Very Respectfully Yours  
Ben Hampton



Washington, D.C., August 21st, 1891.

Hon. Green W. McCurtain,

Sans Bois,

Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

On receipt of your letter of June 27th, in which you informed me of your purpose of visiting Washington, I at once came on here expecting to meet you here. Failing to find you here, I now desire to inform you of the condition of your matters as I have learned them from reliable and trustworthy sources.

Since I have been here during the last month, I have investigated very carefully the status of your case with the Government. I have information which induces me to believe that unless you come here at once and push the matter yourself, you may never get a dollar:- or if you do, payment will be deferred a long time.

The case has been submitted to the President without the recommendation for payment, by the Secretary of the Interior. He has had the case two months without action, and unless some political influence is brought to bear in the matter no action will be taken before Congress meets: when, owing to the present condition of the public Treasury, the law may be repealed or suspended for an indefinite period.

The parties you have here managing this matter do not



seem to understand the situation of the case, or comprehend what is necessary to be done to prosecute it to success, and secure the payment of the appropriation.

I believe that if you come here at once, I can put you in communication with parties who can settle the matter and secure payment to you within thirty days at the very furthest, and perhaps in ten days.

I write you urgently, because I fully understand the importance of the matter, and the great danger ~~if~~ there is in delays and postponements of such cases here at the National Capital. It is my deliberate judgement that unless you get your money before the assembling of Congress in December it will be tied up by resolution to suspend payment or by a repealing Act which will place it entirely beyond your reach.

My advice is to come on here at once with full authority to act, and I believe you can collect your money without much delay.

Up to this time nothing has been done; and the way the case is being managed here, nothing will be accomplished.

Write and telegraph me on receipt of this, when you will be here.

Very truly yours,

P.S.  
You might get the Gov Jones  
and Tom Anson to come right  
on with for delay & are dangerous -  
Shub

Geo. S. Shub