

April 23, 1963

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Mr. E. B. Maytubby
County Treasurer
Muskogee County
Muskogee, Oklahoma

My dear Mr. Maytubby:

Thank you for your letter of April 16th with reference to the delay in filling the position of Governor for the Chickasaw Nation, left vacant by the death of the beloved Governor Floyd Maytubby.

Although the advice of the United States Senators is generally sought for clearance in these matters, it is not considered to be senatorial patronage and the choice generally represents the views of the majority of the delegation, as well as that of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

I will check to determine whether or not there is any undue delay or any opposition that might be holding up the decision.

Assuring you of my continuing interest, I beg to remain

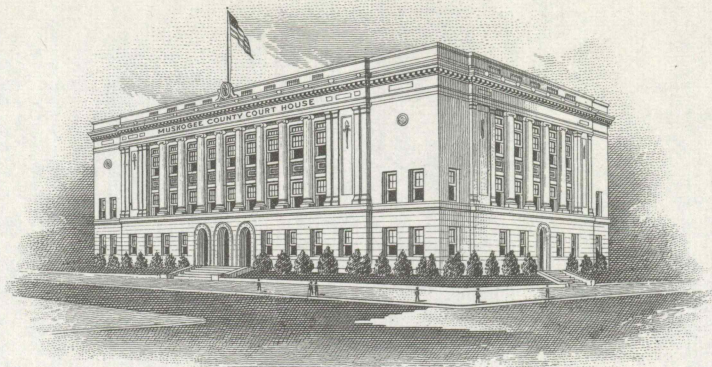
Yours very truly,

OFFICE OF

E. B. MAYTUBBY

COUNTY TREASURER

MUSKOGEE COUNTY



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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

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Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

It has been several weeks since I was in Washington and had a fine talk with you concerning the appointment of a Governor for the Chickasaw Nation. Just want you to know that I am as eager now for the appointment as I was then. For the life of me I cannot see why the appointment has been delayed this long. As I see it, the delay has done no one any good politically or for the Chickasaw Indians, and the longer it is delayed it is bound to produce more worries for everybody. Last Wednesday, the Inter Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes had a meeting in Oklahoma City and after the meeting several of us Chickasaws had a short meeting about our Governorship matter and we came to the conclusion that since Congressman Carl Albert had written a number of letters to some of his constituents who had written him in my behalf, statements similar to the following quote. "It is my understanding that the Secretary will rely heavily on the advice of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, but, of course, other endorsements will be considered, particularly those of our United States Senators" end of quote. In view of these statements which have been made by Congressman Albert, our thought was to suggest that you three gentlemen call on the Secretary of the Interior which might produce some results. I am in no position to suggest how you should proceed. Of course you know about that and I do not. According to Judge Earl Welch, Congressman Carl Albert has stated more than once that such an appointment was formerly considered as in the nature of Senatorial patronage. I thought I should pass

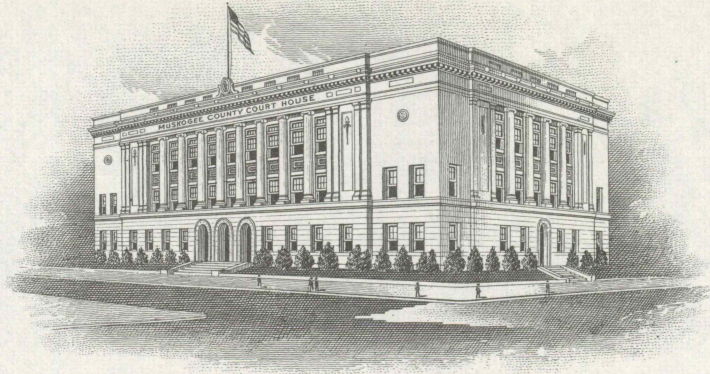


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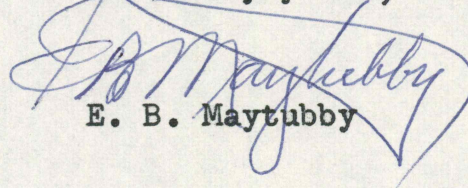
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on to you this bit of information. As you know, the official advisory committee which unanimously endorsed me is the only committee or council or confederation of the Chickasaws which has any official recognition at all. So that this endorsement is the last and the first and the only official action of the Chickasaw Nation on the matter. That might justify urging that at least Maytubby should now be appointed to serve until there is reason for some other action.

Do you have any suggestions as to what any of us could do now to bring the matter to a head?

Thanking you for past courtesies.

Sincerely yours,


E. B. Maytubby