respectively, such co-operation, and the exertion of such influence, as in their wisdom they may deem proper, effectually to put a stop to the traffic, in ardent spirits, along the Indian lines of their respective States.

Tahlequah, C. N., Jan. 10th, 1845.

John Drew,

Pres't N. Committee pro tem.

Concurred: A. Campbell,

Speaker Council pro tem.

Approved: Jno. Ross.

Whereas, There are unsettled questions and points of interest which have long been pending between the Government of the United States and the Cherokee people;

And, Whereas, The rights and claims of the Cherokees, involved in those questions, have been fully and candidly recognized by the President of the U. States, in his letter of September 20th, 1841, and his views and feelings, in regard to the redress for which they ask ingenuously-and unreservedly expressed, we cannot withdraw the confidence which we have reposed in the promises there conveyed to us; which assure us that "a deaf ear has not been turned to our petitions and that" much attention "has been given to the weighty and important subjects, which we had urged," "adding if all the subjects presented by you on the part of your people have not been fully considered and decided, you will be able to satisfy them that it has been from no desire, on our part, to slight or neglect the wishes or interests of a Nation who have been for so many years, the steadfast friends of the United States, and for whose rights and interests this Government feels the strongest concern."

"I have looked over the several Treaties that have been made between the Cherokee Nation and the United States; and I find there promises of friendship on the one part, and of protection and guardian care on the other;