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**Coleman Cole Collection**

**Cole, Coleman. Printed materials, 1875–1879. .33 foot.**

American Indian chief. Typescripts of correspondence (1875–1879) relating to Choctaw participation in the proposed Indian Union growing out of the Okmulgee Council; published speeches (1877–1878); Choctaw Tribal Council proceedings (1873–1878); accounts of Choctaw court cases (1877); and other papers (1875–1879) pertaining to the problem of intruders, tribal citizenship, and royalties from Choctaw coal lands, all during the period of Cole's tenure as principal chief, 1874–1878.

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1. An act by Choctaw Council of October 24, 1873, warning against cutting railway ties or other timber to ship outside the Choctaw Nation without authorization from Choctaw National Agency, March 27, 1875.
2. Letter of Tuskahoma to editors of *The Vindicator* regarding the need for schools, June 12, 1875.
3. Letter of Coleman Cole regarding the Court of Claims, Choctaw Nation, July 3, 1875.
4. Letter of Coleman Cole to Editor of *The Vindicator* indicating that he would like the fence removed from around the Executive Mansion, Sept 4, 1875.
5. Proclamation of Coleman Cole to white persons claiming Choctaw citizenship, September 25, 1875.
6. Synopsis of Governor Coleman Cole's annual message to the Choctaw Council, October 13, 1875. (*noted missing 09-30-2008, dy*)
7. Special Message of Coleman Cole to Choctaw Council regarding protest to the Caddo-Boudinot resolutions, November 10, 1875.
8. An Act, authorizing the principal chief to appoint a national agent to sell timber, stone and stone coal to railways, November 17, 1875.
9. Marriage Act, requiring that whites desiring to marry Choctaw women must obtain a license, November 17, 1875.
10. Letter of Coleman Cole to Choctaw Council regarding withdrawal of funds from the Treasury; November 17, 1875; Resolution to pay officers and members of the General

Council, national officers and light-horsemen, November 17, 1875.

11. Letter of Coleman Cole to Editor of *The Vindicator* regarding use of executive veto, March 29, 1876.
12. Answer to Coleman Cole's letter regarding the use of executive veto (a protest), March 29, 1876.
13. Letter of Coleman Cole regarding use of executive veto, April 5, 1876.
14. Letter of Simpson McGilbery to Coleman Cole regarding use of executive veto, regarding movement of the capital to Atoka, April 19, 1876.
15. Letter of Levi Willis to Coleman Cole's use of executive veto, April 26, 1876.
16. Letter of Coleman Cole to editors of *The Vindicator*, an answer to Levi Willis, May 10, 1876.
17. Notice of Coleman Cole to non-citizens, that they must make application to the Executive Office if they intend to remain, May 10, 1876.
18. Memorial of Coleman Cole to the Secretary of the Interior, regarding payment for Choctaw lands sold to the state of Mississippi, October 11, 1876.
19. Biographical sketch of Coleman Cole, October 18, 1876; Annual Message of Coleman Cole to Choctaw General Council, October 18, 1876.
20. Report of the Indian Commissioner on Indian law, Indian Territory, Government for Indian Territory, January 13, 1877.
21. Editorial on Coleman Cole, a visit to McAlester, February 10, 1877.
22. Notice of Coleman Cole, regarding infringement upon Choctaw rights by Indian Agent S.W. Marston of Muskogee, April 26, 1877.
23. Memorial of Coleman Cole to the U.S. House of Representatives, regarding lands belonging to Choctaw sold to the state of Mississippi, April 26, 1877.
24. Proclamation of Coleman Cole to officers to attend the meeting of the Executive Council, May 24, 1877.
25. Letter of Coleman Cole to editor of *The Indian Journal* opposing a mass meeting to oppose infringement by speculators, May 31, 1877.
26. Address by Coleman Cole to the Executive Council of the Choctaw Nation, June 21, 1877.

27. Editorial on Coleman Cole, questioning the discharge of a sheriff; Editorial on Coleman Cole, denouncing his naming his baby Ulysses Grant, June 23, 1877.
28. Editorial on Coleman Cole, on arrested men escaping the officers of the Light Horse; Editorial on Coleman Cole, rumor that he was going to tear up the switch on track entering coal mines, July 28, 1877.
29. Editorial on Coleman Cole, his arbitrary arrests, August 18, 1877.
30. Editorial on Coleman Cole, attempts to refute rumors that he intended to tear up switch on tracks to coal mines; Letter of Coleman Cole, August 25, 1877.
31. Editorial on Coleman Cole, he was to meet with parties he had arrested, September 1, 1877.
32. Editorial on Coleman Cole, questions his intentions regarding arrests, September 15, 1877.
33. An Order of Arrest by Coleman Cole; Editorial on Coleman Cole, regarding an article entitled "Gov. Cole's defense," September 22, 1877.
34. Message of Coleman Cole to Choctaw Council; Editorial on Coleman's message to Choctaw Council, regarding his views on confiscation of the property of whites, his appraisal of his own administration, etc, October 17, 1877.
35. Choctaw Bills #3 - 4- 5; Editorial on Coleman Cole's special message regarding the courts; Editorial on the impeachment of Coleman Cole; Letter to "Dear Mac" Concerning impeachment of Coleman Cole; News item impeachment, October 29, 1877.
36. Item on impeachment of Governor Cole, October 26, 1877.
37. Bill No. 6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13, concerning the impeachment of Coleman Cole, the establishment of precincts, money appropriations, etc. October 27, 1877.
38. Bills no. 14-15-16, regarding appropriations, granting citizenship, etc; An Act by Coleman Cole, in recognition of deceased member of General Council; bill in Washington; Editorial on Coleman Cole, appointing delegates to go to Washington, November 6, 1877.
39. Bill # 23, on road improvement; Bill #25, on Council adjournment; Bill #27, on selling the old Capitol bell; Bill # 31, paying jurors; Bill #32, on selling improvements made by non-residents; Bill #35, to increase the pay of County Judges; Bill #44, to increase pay of sheriffs, November 6, 1877.
40. Financial report of B.J. Pickens to General Council, November 6, 1877.
41. Appropriation bill approved by Coleman Cole; Bill #24 governing whites in Choctaw territory; Bill #33 preventing leasing lands to non-citizens; Bill #28, authorizing the National Secretary to dispose of surplus volumes of Choctaw code; Bill # 26, preventing

- blacks from selling timber, November 10, 1877.
42. Letter of Thomas D. Ainsworth on impeachment of Governor Cole, December 22, 1877.
  43. Message of Coleman Cole to General Council, containing information on population, school attendance, economics, etc, Term, 1878.
  44. Protest of Coleman Cole of federal Indian policy, January 30, 1878.
  45. Memorial of Coleman Cole protesting the territorializing of Indian Territory without Indian consent, March 27, 1878.
  46. Editorial on letter of Coleman Cole, a protest to his methods, April 27, 1878.
  47. Last Choctaw Marriage law signed by Coleman Cole; Editorial on Coleman Cole, charging him with legal violation, June 15, 1878.
  48. Petition of Coleman Cole, on U.S. treaty obligations.
  49. Letter of Coleman Cole, lamenting the passing of Indian freedom, and denouncing federal Indian policy, April 24, 1879.
  50. Biographical sketch on Coleman Cole, September 1926.