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Oochalata (Charles Thompson) Collection

Oochalata (d. 1891). Printed materials, 1875–1891. .75 foot.

Indian chief. Typescripts of newspaper articles (1875–1891), including biographical items, editorials, speeches, and messages of Oochalata, also known as Charles Thompson, the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, 1875–1878, mostly relating to education, schools, finances, Cherokee Indian lands, and tribal government in general.

Box O-20

1. Charles Thompson to the National Council, Dec. 1, 1875, regarding appropriations for articles needed. Also, Thompson to National Council, Dec. 3, 1875.
2. Acts approved by C. Thompson from the *Cherokee Advocate*, March 1, 1876, regarding the law that the *Cherokee Advocate* be continued by the Cherokee Nation.
3. Editorial on Thompson from the *Cherokee Advocate*, March 11, 1876, regarding contract of bids for a printing office, etc.
4. Laws of the Cherokee Nation from the *Cherokee Advocate*, March 18, 1876, regarding appropriations of payment list and other acts.
5. Editorial on the New Code, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, April 8, 1876, regarding publishing laws in Cherokee, etc.
6. Letter of W. L. Miller to editor of *Cherokee Advocate*, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, April 15, 1876, regarding the case of the Supreme Court vs. the Chief of the Cherokee.
7. Letter of Thompson from the *Cherokee Advocate*, April 22, 1876, regarding the right of the nation to make their own laws.
8. Proclamation approved by Thompson from the *Cherokee Advocate*, April 29, 1876, regarding the Supreme Court and its jurisdiction.
9. Thompson to National Council of Cherokee Nation, Nov. 7, 1876, regarding delay in the annual message of the Chief.
10. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 10, 1876, regarding North Carolina Cherokee recognition.
11. Senate Bill No. 6 an act relating to the North Carolina Cherokee.

12. Message of Thompson from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Nov. 11, 1876, regarding state of affairs in the nation.
13. Thompson to the National Council, Nov. 15, 1876, regarding bill regarding the sheriff of Illinois Dist and an appropriation.
14. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 16, 1876, regarding the disposition of a trust fund.
15. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 25, 1876, regarding Thompson refusing an act abolishing the office of Sheriff.
16. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 27, 1876, regarding claims of a family in relief fund.
17. Thompson to the National Council, Dec. 7, 1876, regarding rejecting an act to instruct the Delegation.
18. Thompson to National Council, Dec. 8, 1876, regarding approval of bill authorizing payment of members of the National Council.
19. Thompson to a printer, August 12, 1877, regarding printed copies of the laws of the nation.
20. Reply of Chief Thompson to J. Q. Smith from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Sept. 5, 1877, regarding intruders on the Indian lands.
21. Reply of Thompson to Smith from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Sept. 12, 1877, regarding intruders on Indian lands.
22. Reply of Thompson to Smith, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Sept. 19, 1877, regarding intruders to Indian lands.
23. *Ibid.*, Sept. 26, 1877.
24. *Ibid.*, Oct. 17, 1877.
25. *Ibid.*, Oct. 24, 1877.
26. *Ibid.*, Nov. 7, 1877.
27. Thompson to the National Council, Nov. 13, 1877, regarding recommend legislation to the group and the general condition of affairs.
28. Reply of Thompson to Smith, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Nov. 17, 1877, regarding intruders in Indian lands.
29. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 28, 1877, regarding sending back unsigned a bill for

an amendment of the laws of the Nation.

30. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 30, 1877, regarding estimate of expenditures of the Cherokee Advocate Office.
31. Thompson on Oklahoma Territory from the *Star Vindicator*, Dec. 1, 1877, regarding an article in the Cherokee Advocate on Indians and President Grant.
32. Thompson to the National Council, Dec. 1, 1877, regarding refusal of a bill increasing the salary of doctors at the schools.

Box O-21

1. Thompson to the National Council, Dec. 3, 1877, regarding refusal to sign an act regarding provisions for a Board of Education.
2. The Cherokee Council from the *Star Vindicator*, Dec. 15, 1877, regarding the failure of the Council to enact any significant legislation.
3. Thompson to National Council, Jan. 7, 1878, regarding Thompson remarking on the reason for the call of an extra session of the Council.
4. Thompson to the National Council, Jan. 9, 1878, regarding the need for more appropriations for the delegates in Washington.
5. Thompson's Special Message to the Council from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Jan. 12, 1878, regarding proposed legislation.
6. Thompson to Secretary of Interior, Feb. 18, 1878, regarding claims of Cherokee to lands in the Indian Territory.
7. Letter of Full-Blood from the *Star Vindicator*, March 9, 1878, regarding remarks on the state of affairs in the Cherokee lands.
8. Thompson to Comm. of General Land Office, June 27, 1878, regarding the status of the land known as the "old Cherokee Reservation."
9. Pardon of John Still by Thompson from the *Cherokee Advocate*, June 28, 1878.
10. Barclay to Thompson, July 19, 1878, regarding Indian children slaves.
11. Thompson to the Council submitting the above letter, Nov. 25, 1878.
12. Letter of Thompson to Carl Schurz, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, August 17, 1878, regarding sending of acts from the Cherokee Council to the Secretary of the Interior.

13. Thompson to Lipe from the *Cherokee Advocate*, August 24, 1878, regarding authority of Cherokee over Indian lands.
14. Thompson to Schurz, from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Sept. 7, 1878, regarding the depredations to the Cherokee Nation from the borders of adjoining states.
15. Thompson from the Dept. of Interior, Sept. 25, 1878, regarding Indian lands and Cherokees.
16. Thompson to Dept. of Interior, Oct. 8, 1878, regarding Cherokee lands.
17. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 7, 1878, regarding establishment of Board of Education and schools, etc.
18. Message of Thompson from the *Cherokee Advocate*, Nov. 9, 1878, regarding state of affairs in the Nation.
19. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 13, 1878, regarding transmit the report of Special Commissioners to visit the Creek Nation to restore peace with that Nation.
20. Thompson to the National Council, Nov. 26, 1878, regarding the condition of prisons in the lands.
21. Thompson to the National Council, Nov. 30, 1878, regarding payment of school teachers.
22. Thompson to National Council, Dec. 2, 1878, regarding presentation of printing contracts to put the laws into Cherokee.
23. Thompson to National Council, submitting letters from the government in Washington, Dec. 4, 1878.
24. Thompson to National Council, Dec. 5, 1878, regarding the amount necessary for postage stamps.
25. Thompson to National Council, Dec. 10, 1878, regarding expenditures of a Special Agent.
26. Thompson to the National Council, Dec. 11, 1878, regarding repair of the capitol building.
27. Thompson to National Council, Dec. 12, 1878, regarding the time of the adjournment of the legislature.
28. Thompson to the National Council, transmitting documents, Dec. 12, 1878.
29. Thompson to the National Council, Dec. 12, 1878, regarding conduct of James Barker.
30. Obituary on Thompson, from the *Indian Chieftain*, July 2, 1891.

31. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 29, 1876, regarding cost of messengers to carry on business.
32. Thompson to National Council, Nov. 27, 1878, regarding Cherokee lands in Arkansas.