

RESOLUTION FROM STATE CAPITOL, MISSISSIPPI

Antlers, Oklahoma, Sept. 12th, 1928.

Oklahoma State Historical Society,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Recently I was in Jackson, Miss., and browsing around in the State Capitol located in that city happened to see under glass the original resolution, copy of which I am enclosing.

You will notice that this Resolution was passed by the Mississippi Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Mississippi approbating the conduct of PUSHMATAHAW AN CHOCTAW Chief in their late war with the Creeks.

I thought that this was of such interest that possibly our own Oklahoma Historical Society might desire a certified copy, inasmuch as one of the counties of the state is named for this Indian Chief Pushmataha, and I am enclosing herewith the certified copy and I shall be happy to have you accept it, if you deem it of sufficient importance to place among your archives.

Respectfully,
JOHN G. LONG,

Antlers, Pushmataha County, Oklahoma.

Resolved by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory in General Assembly Convened, That the promptitude with which Pushmataha (a Medal Chief of the Chaktaw Nation of Indians) turned out to defend our Eastern Frontier from the incursions of the hostile Creek Indians, entitles him to our thanks, & that the agent of the Chaktaw Nation be authorized and he is hereby requested to purchase a Rifle gun of the Value of fifty dollars & present it to the said Pushmataha as a testimonial of the high opinion which the citizens of this Territory entertain of his friendly disposition towards the white people and of the Services rendered by him in Our late Wars, and that the said agent is also hereby requested on the first day of January annually for five years to draw out of the Territorial Treasury the sum of

fifty dollars and present it to the said Pushamataha, and the said agent is also hereby requested to purchase & present to a Chaktaw Warrior Known by the name of the Humming Bird a Rifle gun of the Value of Fifty Dollars, also to each of the Chaktaw Warriors who accompanied Pushamataha to Weatherfords Town in the Creek Nation in the Winter of 1813 a Blanket of the Value of five dollars provided the Number of said Warriors does not exceed fifty.

And that Capt. George Cox of Madison County, M. T., be and he is hereby requested to purchase and present to Dick Brown of the Cherokee Nation of Indians & Chenubbee of the friendly Creek Indians each a Rifle gun of the value of fifty dollars with the thanks of the Legislature of this Territory for their services rendered to the White people in their late War with the Hostile Creek Indians.

And the auditor of Public Accounts is hereby authorized and required to issue his warrant on the Territorial Treasurer for the aforesaid sums upon the order of said Agent & said George Cox.

(Endorsement on Back) A Resolution approbating the Conduct of Pushamataha—An Chactaw Chief in our late War with the Creeks.—To be engrossed. }

State of Mississippi,

Department of Archives and History.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original resolution now on file in the Mississippi State Department of Archives and History.

Witness my hand and seal this the seventeenth day of July, 1928.

(Seal)

DUNBAR ROWLAND,
State Historian.

¹"A History of the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Natchez Indians." by H. B. Cushman, pp. 62-4.

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