

[No. 11.]

March 16, 1896.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## A PROCLAMATION.

Preamble.  
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Whereas, in a suit between the United States and the State of Texas, involving the title to, and jurisdiction over, all that territory lying between the North and South forks of the Red River, and the one hundredth degree of longitude, known and styled as "Greer County, Texas," the Supreme Court of the United States has decided that the title to, and jurisdiction over, said territory is vested in the United States; and,

Whereas, The Choctaw Nation claims that the title to these lands passed to said Nation by virtue of treaties with the United States, and that the title of said Nation to said lands has not been extinguished, but that said Choctaw Nation has a right and interest therein; and

Whereas, it is claimed that divers persons settled upon said lands prior to the thirtieth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, acting in good faith, upon the belief that the same belonged to and were subject to the jurisdiction of the State of Texas, and that Congress will be asked to extend to all such settlers suitable relief;

Greer County, Okla.

Now, Therefore, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, by virtue of the authority in me vested, not admitting in any wise the validity of such claim on behalf of the Choctaw Nation, but for the purpose of preserving the status of said lands intact until such time as said claim of the Choctaw Nation thereto may be duly determined, and that the settlers hereinbefore referred to shall not be disturbed until Congress shall have fully considered their claims for relief, do hereby withdraw said lands from disposition under the public land laws of the United States, and declare the same to be in a state of reservation, until such time as this order of withdrawal may be revoked; and I do further warn and admonish all persons against entering upon said lands with a view to occupying the same, or settling thereon under the public land laws, during the existence of this order.

Lands withdrawn  
from entry.Persons warned not  
to enter on lands.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twentieth.

By the President,  
RICHARD OLNEY  
*Secretary of State.*

GROVER CLEVELAND

[No. 12.]

April 14, 1896.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## A PROCLAMATION.

The following provisions of the laws of the United States are published hereby for the information of all concerned:

R. S., sec. 1956, p.  
343.Fur-bearing ani-  
mals, Alaska.

Section 1956, Revised Statutes, Chapter 3, Title XXIII, enacts that "No person shall kill any otter, mink, marten, sable, or fur-seal, or other fur-bearing animal within the limits of Alaska territory, or in the waters thereof; and every person guilty thereof shall, for each offense, be fined not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than six months or both; and all vessels, their tackle, apparel, furniture and cargo, found engaged in violation of this section shall be forfeited; but the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power to authorize the killing of any such mink, marten, sable, or other