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that the said Ridge shall also keep in repair the Road to commence at the two runs East of his Ferry; and to continue by way of his Ferry as far as where his Road now intersects the old Road, leading from the Fork west of his Ferry; and that the Hightower Turnpike Company shall keep in repair the Road from the two runs to where it intersects the Federal Road near Blackburn's.

Resolved,—That any person or persons employed, or instigating any person or persons whatsoever, to steal the property of another; and such person being tried and convicted upon satisfactory proofs, shall forfeit and pay the value of the property so stolen, and be punished alike with the person or persons so employed to steal, agreeably to the sentence of such a trial.

Resolved,—That any white man who shall hereafter take a Cherokee woman to wife, be required to marry her legally, by a Minister of the Gospel, or other authorized person, after procuring a licence from the National Clerk for that purpose; before he shall be entitled, and admitted to the privilege of citizenship.

And, in order to avoid imposition on the part of any white man:

Resolved,—That if any white man shall marry a Cherokee woman, the property of the woman so married shall not be subject to the disposal of her husband contrary to her consent. Any white man so married, and parting from his wife without just provocation, shall forfeit and pay to his wife, such sum or sums as may be adjudged to her by the National Committee and Council for said breach of marriage, and to be deprived of citizenship. And Resolved,—That it shall not be lawful for any white man to have more than one wife; and it is recommended that all others should also have but one wife hereafter.

Resolved,—That there shall be regulating parties, or light horse, to be employed in this Nation; to continue in service one year, when any person or persons engages therein; and to consist of six men to each company; whose duty it shall be to suppress horse stealing, as well as all other property, and to protect fatherless children to their father's property, which children he may have had by his last wife with whom he lived at the time of his decease. The said regulators, or light horse, shall each receive \$30 for his services, except the Captain, who shall receive \$50, and the Lieutenant \$40 per annum. Should any horse

or horses belonging to the Company, die while on duty, they shall be paid for by the Nation, at the rate of \$40 each. When any person or persons shall be charged with theft, one or two witnesses are required to establish the facts; or circumstantial proof being adduced against the accused person or persons; he or they shall be punished with 100 stripes on his or their bare back, for stealing a horse, or one half of the stripes, in case the property be restored or paid for at the rate of \$60.

And, in order for the strict execution of the above law:

Resolved,—That, if it shall so happen, that any person or persons in this Nation, who shall be accused of theft; and shall raise up, with weapons, in his or their hands against the regulators or light horse;—such as guns, tomahawks, knives or spears, in opposition, and with intention of injuring any of the regulators or light horse, in defiance of their orders; then, in that case, the regulators are hereby fully authorized to defend their person or persons from injury, by any person or persons in opposing their orders; and should the regulators or light horse kill him or them, in opposing their orders, which the seven clans hereby decree for the respective clans, that the blood of him or them so killed shall in no wise be required of the regulator, or from any of his relatives, or from any of the clans to which he or they may have belonged.

Be it known this day,—That the various Clans or Tribes which compose the Cherokee Nation, have unanimously passed an Act of oblivion, for all lives for which they may have been indebted one to the other; and have mutually agreed, that, after this evening, the aforesaid Act shall become binding upon every Clan or Tribe thereof.

The aforesaid Clans or Tribes have also agreed, that if, in future, any life should be lost, without malice intended, the innocent aggressor shall not be accounted guilty; and should it so happen that a brother forgetting his natural affections, should raise his hands in anger, and kill his brother, he shall be accounted guilty of murder, and suffer accordingly.

If a man have a horse stolen, and overtake the thief, and should his anger be so great as to cause him to shed his blood, let it remain on his conscience; but no satisfaction shall be required for his life, from his relatives or Clan he may have belonged to.

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