

Office Dept. Ind. Affairs

Fort Smith Ark. March 21<sup>st</sup> 1858.

Thomas George Hamilton, a respectable and responsible citizen of the County of Johnson and State of Arkansas, has, (with the consent of Fort Butler U.S. Indian Agent for the Cherokee tribe of Indians) made application to me Thomas Owen Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern Superintendency, for a Passport, and safe conduct, for himself and his several men employed in driving his stock of cattle through said Nation to the State of California;

Now ye, therefore, that, reposing especial confidence in his sense of propriety, good conduct, honesty, and discretion, and in his controlling influence over the men in his employment, I have hereby granted him the permission to pass with his hands and stock of cattle, horses, and mules, through the said Cherokee Country. He, and his men having due regard to the rights of the Cherokee people, as guaranteed to them under the Antislavery Law passed by Congress on the 30<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1834, and on the especial condition that he does not introduce into said Nation any spirituous liquors.

Given under my hand and seal, at office, this date above written.

Thos. S. Owen  
Supt. Ind. Affairs

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