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Article 4th The said nations further agree that all negroes, not otherwise disqualified or disabled, shall be competent witnesses in all civil and criminal suits and proceedings in the Choctaw and Chickasaw courts, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; any they fully recognize the right of the freedmen to a fair remuneration on reasonable and equitable contracts for their labors, which the law should aid them to enforce. And they agree on the part of their respective nations, that all laws shall be equal in their operation, upon Choctaws, Chickasaws, and negroes, and that no distinction affecting the latter shall at any time be made and that they shall be treated with kindness and be protected against injury; and they further agree that the said freedmen now in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, remain in the said nations respectively, shall be entitled to as much land as they may cultivate for the support themselves and families, by hiring not interfering with existing improvements without the consent of the occupant, it being understood that in the event of the making of the laws, rules and regulations aforesaid, the forty Acres aforesaid shall stand in the place of the land cultivated as last aforesaid.

Article 5th A general amnesty of all past offences against the laws of the United States, committed

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before the signing of this treaty (by any member of
 the Choctaw or Chickasaw nations, is hereby declared);
 And the United States will especially request the
 States of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas
 to grant the like amnesty, as to all offences com-
 mitted by any member of the Choctaw or Chickasaw
 nation. And the Choctaws and Chickasaws, anxious
 for the restoration of kind and friendly feelings
 among themselves, do hereby declare an amnesty
 for all past offences against their respective
 governments, and no Indian or Indians shall
 be proscribed, or any act of forfeiture or confis-
 cation passed against those who may have remain-
 ed friendly to the United States but they shall
 enjoy equal privileges with other members of said
 tribes, and all laws heretofore passed inconsistent
 herewith are hereby declared inoperative.
 Article 6th The Choctaws and Chickasaws hereby
 grant a right of way through their lands to any
 company or companies which shall be duly
 authorized by Congress, or by the legislature of
 said nations respectively, and which shall
 with the express consent and approbation of the
 secretary of the Interior, undertake to con-
 struct a railroad through the Choctaw and
 Chickasaw nations from the north to the south