



In 1861, Principal Chief John Ross tried desperately to keep the Cherokee Nation out of *the whiteman's war*. By the end of the summer a treaty was negotiated with the Confederacy. In spite of the alliance with the Confederacy, many Cherokee had no affection for the Southern States who had forced them from their homeland in the East.

Ross traveled to Washington to try to convince President Lincoln that the Confederate Treaty was signed under duress and the majority of Cherokee were loyal to the Union. The National Council rescinded the Confederate Treaty and emancipated slaves in the Cherokee Nation. However, it was another year before Federal Troops effectively controlled the Cherokee Nation.

The Nation was essentially a *no-man's land*. While thousands of Loyal Cherokee refugees were starving in Kansas, the families of the Southern Cherokee were refugees in Texas and Arkansas.

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