AN ACT EMANCIPATING THE SLAVES IN THE CREROKEE NATION.

Be it enacted by the National Council: That all Negro and other slaves within the lands of the Cherokee Nation be and they are hereby emancipated from slavery, and any person or persons who may have been held in slavery are hereby declared to be forever free.

Be it further enacted. That this act shall go into effect on the twenty-fifth (25th) day of June, 1863. And any person who, after the said 25th, day of June, 1863, shall offend against the provision of this said of the Cherokee Nation, he or thereof before an or jurisdiction of the tage. The this nation having a sum not less than or than five thousand the Court.

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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 The National Council rescinded the Confederate Treaty and emancipated slaves in the Cherokee Nation.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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