

Nov 30th 1867.

Washington City, D. C.

Sir,

It becomes my duty as Chief of the
Shawnees of Kansas. Looking to the best
interest of my people to ~~make~~ the follow-
ing charges against H. L. Fayla, U.S.
Indian agent, present now among our
people in Kansas

First. He is or has been acting with
a combination or a Company in depau-
ding certain Shawnees out of the
best price that they could obtain for
their Lands.

Second. He has been approving sales of
this Land, when he knew the Indian
had no evidence of title in him self
3rd. He has intentionally kept the Shaw-
nees in ignorance of certain patents which
were sent to him or his office during
the month of July of this year. (For dis-
bursement to the Indian owners), repeated-
ly assuring the Shawnee Council that
the patents were nearly ready, (being notified
to that effect by the Department at
Washington), and that the patents were
only awaiting to be recorded, and as soon
as they came to hand he would immediately
notify the parties owning them to come
forward and receive them. All this time
he had received them or ought to have

to have received them. But was unlawfully
maturing a scheme whereby the Indian
could be overreached and defrauded
out of his Land,

Fourth, He has approved Sales of Land
to Individuals when he has been notified
by reliable parties that the Indian
was not receiving a fair compensation
or consideration for the same (he himself
asking for such information)

Fifth, On the 18th 1867 of this month and
year. I was at the Office. He stated
that the patents were on hand having
received ^{them} received on the 16th Nov by mail
But refused to disburse them that day

For the above reasons. We have lost all
confidence in our Agent H. S. Gaylor
and can not do any more business
with the Gentleman, believing him to be
an improper person to fill the Office
of Indian agent for the Shawnees of
Kansas,

Yours Most Respectfully
Graham Rogers

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Hon. A. G. Gaylor, Esquire

Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington City, D. C.