

Office Supt Ind Affairs
Atchison Kan June 7th 1867

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit a letter of the 4th inst. from agent Taylor in which A.S. Chas-
on Esq of Douglas Co. Kans. wants information
relative to a certain deed executed by Annie
Hann a Shawnee Indian, about three years
ago:

In this connection I beg leave to inform
you that under certain instructions issued
by the Hon Secretary of the Interior, the Shawnee Indians
sold certain portions of their land rights
to Whites; these sales were made in conformity with
said instructions and the money paid by the parties
purchasing. The deeds have sent for approval
to the Department, and up to the present time
a large number of them have not been returned.

I have understood (unofficially) that
charges of corruption in the making of these
sales were laid before the Department, and that
the sales were discontinued, and the deeds given

to Sate Inf. to Sells for investigation.

I understand this investigation has not been made. And so far as I can learn the Indians are satisfied with the sales, the parties purchasing having paid their money and receiving no title are anxious to have this matter settled.

In order therefore that this question may be settled, I respectfully recommend that you take such steps as in your judgment will the most expeditiously and effectually settle this question.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servant
Thos. Murphy
Capt. & Ind. Affairs

For M. L. Taylor }
Commissioner }
Washington }
D.C. }