

Dec 10th 1869

Sir,

We submit the accompanying papers to your office where in a civil action was brought before The District Courts of the fourth Judicial District of the State of Kansas by Lane Booth, a Shawnee Indian woman versus Wm^m H Booth and adopted White man, or (An American Citizen) The Courts of the State of Kansas, Rule that under the Statute of the State as it now stands and reads. That all Indians owning patents to Lands, can sue and be sued Thus far then Lane Booth suing under the Law was right, sustaining the allegations and causes in her complaints. The Court decided on the 16th day of June A.D. 1865, to be satisfactory and just. And then decreed and ordered all ties of Matrimony to be dissolved and that she be restored to all her rights as a Female Sole, and the Court further Ordered, adjudged, and decreed, to the said Lane Booth all of the right title and Interest of Wm^m & Booth, to the property described in the said papers. This property came into his possession

As head of a family, in accordance with stipulation
in treaty of Nov. 2, 1854 with the Shawnee Tribe of
Indians, This Land came into his possession with
that he should have the sole benefit of it but
in trust for himself and family for their mutual
support. This is the General understanding of this
treaty and was so understood by the contracting
parties. When he abandoned her, furnishing no
support - a Maintenance, to himself or their
Children The Court was right in its judgments
Both in absolving the tie of matrimony and also
in its decree and adjudgment in this case
And In order that the said W. H. Booth, be enti-
tled from all claims to said property and the
said Lane Booth have the full benefit of
the Land, ^{as far as} the Restrictions be removed from
the Sale of this Land, in her name fully satis-
fied that she will make a good use of their
property -

Graham Rogers
Charles Tucker

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To Hon. A. C. Gayles
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