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Department of the Interior.

Washington, D.C. Nov. 8th 1867

Sir:

By a treaty, concluded between the United States and the Shawnee Indians, May 10, 1854, (Stat. at Large, Vol. 10, p. 1053,) two hundred thousand acres of land was ceded to said Indians. The 16th article of the treaty provides that "The United States reserve, "at the site of the Agency House, "in the Shawnee country, including "the improvements, one hundred "and sixty acres of land."

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs reports to me that the

Agency has been abandoned, and the buildings and improvements are destroyed. This being the case, the quarter section of land so reserved becomes again a part of the public domain, subject to be dealt with in accordance with the laws governing the disposition of the public lands of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servant,

(Signed) C. H. Browning
Secretary.

Hon. Joseph S. Wilson
Commissioner of the
General Land Office.