

Washington City D.C. Monday, 12, 1867.
Hon. Louis P. Boggs
Com. Indian Affairs.

Sir,

We were not well pleased with your speech today and hope we misunderstood it. We thought you urged us to unite with the Maguachik (Ohio Shawnees). Our people instructed us not to do it and our own views agree with theirs. If you knew how long and how much these people have wronged and oppressed us you surely would not ask us to do a thing so injurious to our people. Maj. Shanklin and others too harass and annoy us with importunities to be reconciled with these people. We beg that this measure will no longer be pressed upon us.

Before we left Washington last fall we placed in your hands a form of a proposed treaty which embraces all we want. Only one thing we are willing to change. We wish the Maguachik (Ohio Shawnees) and those adhering to them to have all the money arising out of the Ohio treaties and our people to have all money and property arising out of our treaties those of 1854 and 1825. This will give them \$60,000. of the \$100,000 school fund.

By a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs dated on or about the 5th of December 1865, and presented to him by a delegation of Shawnees consisting of Paschal Fish, Jim Jacob, Painter Hood, John White and old Grass, it was agreed that Black Bob's people, the Absentees who returned in time to claim the lands set apart for them under the treaty of 1854, and the refugee Shawnees there and now on Walnut creek, should constitute one people. And our friends on Walnut creek have never told us they were dissatisfied with that arrangement until Mr. White now comes as their special representative. This defection has doubtless been caused by Maj. Shanklin's persistent efforts. We are still willing to comply with the agreement of Dec. 5, 1865, and take them in on an equal footing with those holding lands in common. What more can they ask? Is Maj. Shanklin acting as their true

persuaded by urging them to a different course? We leave you to judge.

The right to the lands reserved for absent Shawnees rested in those Shawnees who returned in time to claim them, and their title is just as clear as that of Black Bob's people to the lands reserved for them. The refugee Shawnees on Walnut creek have neither lands or money yet we agreed to take them in on an equal footing with other Shawnees, and we are still willing to carry out this agreement. Can any thing more liberal be asked? But the Magmashub, (his Shawnees), and those associated with them we want nothing to do with and we beg you will not urge it upon us farther.

Respectfully and truly
Your friends.

Paschal Fish,
^{his} Jim & Jacob } Shawnee
^{mark} John & Starr } delegation

We propose further that the division of property above proposed shall be made by agreement signed by the delegation of citizen Shawnees now here, and ourselves, to be filed in your office and then for each party to make a separate treaty to stand or fall on their respective merits.

Paschal Fish,
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