

Indian
Department of the Interior.

Washington D. C. May 8 1867

Sir

I have considered your report of the 18th June last, as also the accompanying communication from Senator Ross, relative to the "Absentee Shawnee Lands" in Kansas and in reply have to say, that a treaty has been concluded between the United States and the Shawnees by the provisions of which these lands are disposed of. This treaty has been approved by the President and submitted to the Senate, and is now before that body for consideration; no action as yet having been had upon it.

The subject is thus for the time

being, withdrawn from my control,
and I decline to take cognizance of
or consider it until the Senate shall
have ratified or rejected the treaty.

The original papers being on
file, the accompanying copies may be
returned to Senator Ross as requested.

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