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We respectfully refer  
this Petition to the  
Hon. Sec. Interior

Believing that  
no legislation is ne-  
cessary - to provide  
for the "manner of sale."

And we suggest  
that the manner here  
is pointed out will  
be just & fair to  
all parties -

The funds aris-  
-ing from the sales  
should be held by  
the Government - to  
be hereafter appropri-  
-ated, under Mat-  
Stipulations

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Shawnee

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Shawnee Council Rooms  
Shawnee Kansas Nov 19-1866.

To the Hon. Ind. Committee of the two  
Branches of the Congress of the United  
States:

Gentlemen, We the undersigned  
all Chiefs and Councilmen of the  
Shawnee tribe of Indians of the State  
of Kansas would most respectfully  
represent that under a provision  
of the treaty of 1854, a certain tract  
of land was set apart out of which  
certain Absentee Shawnees should  
have the right to make selection  
of two hundred acres of land each  
provided that such Absentee Shawnees  
should return and unite with  
the tribe within the period of  
five years from the ratification  
of said treaty, at the expiration  
of said five years said tract  
or so much thereof as remained  
unselected was to be sold  
(in the words of the treaty) "as herein  
provided". But upon examination  
of the treaty it will be seen that  
the parties to the treaty neglected  
to provide as to the manner of  
conducting <sup>the</sup> sale of said land

and consequently said land remains unsold although twelve years have elapsed since the ratification of said treaty.

By the silent consent of the Indian Department and under the expectation that said lands would be sold at the time provided in said treaty, and with the prospect of being able to purchase this land upon reasonable terms men were induced to settle upon the said tract, and to-day nearly every quarter section is occupied by families who are suffering all the difficulties and fears consequent upon holding land under a doubtful title.

By further reference to said treaty it will be seen that there is a provision which gives the Congress the right to pass such act or acts as may be necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of said treaty, or to that effect.

Under said last provision of said treaty it is our opinion that Congress would have the right to pass an act relating to the sale of said tract and provide for the manner of



of Soier Sale.

Of this should be done a bon  
of contention would be removed  
from among the Shawnee. and the  
difficulties under which the Settlers  
now live would also be removed.  
and all parties would be benefited.

In consideration of the <sup>facts</sup> above  
set forth. We would most respect-  
fully request that your Honorable  
bodies pass a bill which shall  
substantially contain the following  
provisions to wit.

1st That within twenty days after the passing  
of the Act the President shall appoint  
three Commissioners (two of which shall  
be nominated by the Shawnee Council and  
one by the Commissioner of Indian  
Affairs) whose duty shall be to ap-  
praise the land known as the Shaw-  
nee Absentee tract (and which has  
not been selected or patented) making  
appraisement of each forty acres or quar-  
ter section by itself also the  
improvements on each forty acres or  
quarter quarter section by it self  
and when the said appraisement is  
complete shall make a report of  
the same to the Secretary of the

Interior

2<sup>d</sup> It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to offer said lands for sale, and such persons as are residing thereon at the date of the passage of this Act, and have made improvements thereon shall have the right to purchase ~~such~~ <sup>the</sup> tract upon which they reside in quantity not exceeding one hundred and eighty acres in contiguous legal subdivisions, by paying the appraised value thereof at any time within

days after notice is published by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the approval of the application and filing of a copy of the same in the office of the U.S. Agent for said tribe

3<sup>d</sup> At the expiration of said days, the land remaining unsold with the improvements thereon shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash upon sealed bids, to be invited by advertisement of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs provided that no tract shall be sold for less than the appraised value and provided also that the appraiser

Value of the improvements shall  
be paid to the owner thereof.

That the proceeds of the Sale of  
said Land shall be invested by the  
Secretary of the Interior in United  
States Bonds and held by ~~him~~<sup>Secretary</sup> subject  
to any stipulation to be hereafter  
made by and between said State  
and the Government of the United  
States

Witness  
J. B. Abbott  
Charles Blugacket  
U.S. Interpreter,

Graham Rogers 1<sup>st</sup> Chief  
Charles Tucker 2<sup>d</sup> "  
Joseph ~~X~~<sup>his</sup> Little Councilman  
James ~~X~~<sup>his</sup> ~~man~~ Little "  
Solomon Marden "  
Matthew King "



Shawnee Council Room  
Shawnee Kansas Nov. 1866.

At a General Council of the members of  
the Shawnee tribe of Indians. held this  
day. the following Resolution was  
unanimously adopted

Resolved, that we heartily endorse  
the action of the Chiefs and Council had  
on the 19. inst. in which they requested the  
Congress of the United States to pass  
An Act providing for the sale of the  
Absentee Land.

Attest

Council Clerk