

~~Shawnee N. 66~~
~~Genl. Varies~~
~~Palmyra, Mr.~~
~~Jan 30, 69~~

Refers to his former
letters, and intimates
that he went as attor-
ney for B. F. Foulton,
and to depict from
John W. Vane, a
Shawnee, and
to Arico Foulton

^{at}
Dec 11 ^{at} Feb 6, 69
and to see B. F. Foulton
Wm. Holmes

Feb 10, 69
/ Lane 99

Palmyra Missouri Jan 3rd 1869.
Com Indian Affairs
City of Washington DC

Dear Sir-

~~attorney~~ ^{as}
counsellor, and attorney, for Doctor
Benjamin Fauson, I have by several
letters called the attention of the depart-
ment to a deed executed by John ~~Fauson~~
and a Shawnee Indian - and delivered
to said Benjamin Fauson, which
had been approved by the depart-
ment returned as stated in your
letter to me dated Aug 4th 1868 - to
"John J. Measter Esq West Port Missouri"
he having forwarded the same to this
(your) office. This deed was subse-
quently ascertained to have been
erroneous in consequence of a mis-
description in some particulars and was
returned for correction to the Indian
Bureau. Instruction was given
to said parties, by letter addressed to
William Holmes Esq Kansas City Mo
directing that a new deed be made
reciting the mistake and correcting
the ~~mistake~~ ^{error} in the original deed - and
that both deeds be sent to the Indian
office, for the purpose of canceling

the original deed which was erroneously
and approving and confirming
the corrected and amended deed.

On the 25th Jan 1866, Mr. Holmes
professes to have forwarded the two
deeds, the receipt of which said
deeds, were acknowledged by letter
of Com. addressed to said Holmes -
dated Feb-2^d 1866.

In your letter addressed to me dated
Aug 4th 1868. You say you have
no knowledge of a corrected deed
sent (to your office) on the 25th
January 1868. 1866, should have
been the date given and was in-
tended so to be in my postscript.

It may not be improper for
me to state that a report prevails
in the section where the land in ques-
tion lies that business of this kind can
never be reached and gotten through
the Indian Office, without the parties
in interest submitting to be black
mailed; and as I have been connect-
ed with that service as Superintendent
of Indian Affairs in Utah,
and have enjoyed the honor of an
agreeable personal acquaintance

with the chief clerk Charles E. M.
Boggs and several subordinates of
that bureau, with whom I have
transacted much business, and
always found each and all of
them and all others directly or indi-
rectly connected with the business
of that branch of the public service.
I have undertaken to prove the injus-
tice of this imputation by securing the
immediate adjustment of this case
without a resort to the instrumentalities
herein alluded to. I feel identified
with the Indian service. have lived
in this country since it was a frontier
and cannot restrain my indignation
at the reprehensible misrepresentations
of the ignorant and corrupt knaves who
originate stories of this character to
conceal their own knavery. It is these
slandering and swindling land &
bounty claim agents who cry "black
mail" in my judgment and this is done
in the name of innocent parties. It is
my desire to sustain the honorable
reputation of the Indian Bureau
and in good faith I respectfully
suggest that in this case Doctor
Judson has been approached and

refuses to submit to black mailing.

Will the Commissioner please cause this case to be brought up and disposed of according to its merits at an early day.

I enclosed to Mr. Mix in my letter dated July 28th 1868, certain papers including a plat of the survey of the land herein referred to, and requested Mr. Mix to be good enough to return said plat, when done with it. as it is an official instrument may I respectfully renew my request for its return.

In confirmation of the foregoing intimations respecting black mailing, I enclose two letters written by Thomas P. Janssman Esq. - of Kansas City, who has control of this matter in behalf of his brother the Doctor who resides here - which explain themselves. This case has been hanging fire nearly eight years and the Doctor has been harassed with it almost beyond endurance by those who have undertaken to settle it.

These letters were addressed in private correspondence and not intended for the use I make of them. But I deem it my duty to tender all the facts I am possessed of bearing on my clients interest.

I am Sir &c

Benjamin Davies atty for T. P. Janssman