

Shawnee H 436
Wm. Holmes,
Kansas City, Mo.,
Do: Aug 9. 1868.

Refers to his letter of
25th Jan'y '66, and asks
that Shawnee seed,
from Jno. Dougherty
to Ben. A. Jaudon, en-
closed therein be ap-
proved and returned.

Am^d Feb 15. 1869

Land

Kansas City Mo Aug 25th 1868

Commissioner of Ind. Affairs

Washington City D.C.

Dr Sir. on the

2^d day of ^{February} 1866 - I have your letter. acknowledging
the receipt of a ^{Corrected} Deed I forwarded to you
from John Dougherty a Shawnee Indian. to
Benj. A Gandon. in the same Envelope I inclosed
the original Deed. made in 1861 - from the same parties
& which had been by the Department. Approved
this Corrected Deed was to correct an error. in the
description. of original approved Deed. Which the two
Deeds. will explain. This Corrected Deed was made
under instructions. received from your office
prior to the date of my letter. these instructions
were. (I think) obtained at the office. & were probably
contained in a letter. addressed to Hon^{ble} R. S. Vanhook
M.C. from this Dept. who had. prior thereto. presented the
original. approved Deed. to obtain information as to the
mode of correction. that your office would require
with. the letter of instructions. as to how the corrected
Deed. was to be prepared & before me. I prepared
a Deed. reciting the Error. in the old & correcting the
Description. had. Dougherty to sign & acknowledge
same before. the Agent.

over

And enclosed. original & Corrected Deed under date
as apr of Jan 25/66 of which I have your letter of ack^t
of July 2^d 1866- Now I desire. your office. to look
at ~~the~~ ^{my} letter of above date & find original and
Corrected. Deed. and do me the favor. & my clients the
Justice to approve the Corrected Deed, prepared
Strictly. under instructions of your office. & in which you
said in the letter of instructions would at once be acted
upon & approved. Or if there is any thing. preventing
action thereon by your office. please. I mail
to me. the old Deed. ~~with~~ ^{as it was sent}
& the Corrected Deed. & all the papers. Connected
therewith. We can Correct it by a Decree in Court
at our own Expense.

To avoid confusion. about this
matter I learn. that one Benf. Davis corresponded
with your office. in reference to the same Deed
recently. this was done at the instance of a brother of
the Grantee in the Deed. who desired to get Mr Davis
to write on record that he Davis. had a special acquaintance
with the office I have Davis letter. now before me
He & I are acting to attain same end

Please. Answer promptly & oblige

Yours William Holmes