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Washington D. C. March 26. 1868.

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith transmit deed of conveyance executed by General Jackson Rogers a Shawnee Indian to J. J. Mc Gee Esq.

I would however state that said deed calls for 40. acres more land, than the said grantor had a right to convey, except under the suspension of the rules, as is made and provided for in such cases, as follows, viz:

The rules and regulations provide that when Indians hold lands by allotments and have abandoned their tribe, and who may desire to alienate their real estate, that they may appear before any conveyancer, having a legal right to take acknowledgments, or any U. S. Indian Agent and convey in unrestricted quantities, subject however to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior

This being a case, as I view it, precisely in point, I assumed the responsibility of taking said acknowledgment for the reasons that the said Rogers has long since abandoned the tribe, went south and is now living in the Cherokee Country, had only come north on a visit to his old home, when said sale was consummated and soon left again for his home in the South.

I would further represent, that the said Rogers seems to be well qualified to manage his own Affairs. I regard him as being one of the most intelligent men of the Shawnee Nation, and I further declare that in my judgment the amount specified in the deed is a fair and valuable consideration.

I therefore would most respectfully recommend a relaxation of the rules and the approval of said deed.

I am Sir, Very Respectfully,

Hon. N. G. Taylor  
Commr. of Ind. Affairs  
Washington D. C. }

Your Obedient Servant  
(signed) H. L. Taylor  
U. S. Agent.