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James C. 45-
L. N. Corbitt, Jr.
Shawnee, Mo.
Nov 14/69

Verres decision of
this office for the
no. 40000, in the
case of John Williams,
who has patented to
him, for his life time,
certain land

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Enalocystis ref. 5
to be sent to
Jan 28, 1869

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Shawnee T^{ribe} Jan. 14. 1869
To the Hon. A. G. Taylor
Commissioner Ind. Affs. Washington
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Dear Sir

The Council of the Shawnee ^{Tribe} of Indians desire your Discussion in the following Case

John Williams a member of the Shawnee Tribe of Indians Had Patented to him in his lifetime Two hundred Acres of land by the U. S. Government in accordance with Treaty stipulations of May 10th 1854. Since which he died leaving no wife ^{child} nor children The nearest relative of said deceased

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being a sisters Child in said
Shawnee Tribe of Indians.

Now comes one Catharine Johnson
and one P. Driver claiming to be
his only surviving Sister and Brother
of said John Williams deceased
and seven others who claim to be
Nephews and Nieces of said John
Williams deceased all of whom
are Wyandottes and always have
been and are now members of
the Wyandotte Tribe of Indians
claiming to have the right to sell
and dispose of the real Estate of
said John Williams deceased

The Council refused to recognize
their claim to the real Estate of
the deceased. They believing

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it should be inherited by Members
of the Shawnee Tribe of
Indians. Then they may not be
as near relatives as the Wyandotte
Indians. And further if said
John Williams had no relatives
in the Shawnee Tribe of Indians
the Real Estate should revert
back to the Shawnee Tribe

They will act in accordance
with above and so determine
this and all other cases accordingly
unless otherwise instructed
by you. But will act
according to your Decision
in the ~~proceeding~~ herein stated,

Please write soon as they
wish to hear from you by the first
Monday in February next

S. M. Corns, Council Clerk
By order of Council