

Shawnee #544
Holmes & Black
Kansas City, Mo.
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Interim Statement
and enc. dearee of
Nist. Court, Johnson
County Kansas, re-
forming and correct-
ing alleged made by
Wm. Clay in his life-
time to Capt. Joseph
Parks. Also a certifi-
cate and statement
by Chas. Bluejackets
William Hedmen

Almond

Abigail
Attn: Thos. B. J. 1868
Lancaster



Kansas City. July 29th 1868

Honorable A. G. Taylor

Court Indian Affairs Washington City D C

Dear Sir inclosed
we send you. a Decree of Dist Court
Court. of Johnson. Reforming ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{correcting} description
of a Decd. made by Mr. Clay in his lifetime
to Capt Joseph Parks, as also a Certificate
& statement by Chas Bluefackett. & other
Head-men. We understand that certain
parties. profess to have a deed to part of
this Land from a sister & only heir of
Mr. Clay. who are urging approval thereof
~~these parties~~ whoever they are. bought with
a full notice actual & constructive of the
sale. by Mr. Clay. To Parks. & with a constant
devaluation by the Head-men of the value
that Clay had sold. that same parties
appeared in court. by atty & resisted the
Correction & Reformation by Decree of the Decd
from Clay To Parks. by the Oath of
Capt Parks. the Judge. in making the
Decree. only assumed jurisdiction, in
Declaring. the intent of the parties. in their
lifetime. as to what they intended to do —
& not as determining the legal rights of the
parties — absolute in this deed

We now send on the Deeds and Certificate of Head Shawnees, for your action & approval

If you desire will send on a Certified copy of original Deed from Clay To Parks. Both the parties to this transaction Clay & Parks are in their graves. years ago. we think. the only equity is for their solemn acts to be ratified.

If you desire proofs as to the value of the Land at the time of sale, & should conclude. it less than it was worth. at the time, & your office should conclude. that equity requires that any such deficiency in price should now be paid to said Clay & heirs. of course Parks & heirs will cheerfully acquiesce. in any decision you may make. in order to the approval of said Deed. After a fair examination. what of value at the time

of course. the approval of this Deed 1/2 200 acres the whole of Clay. Head right. must be an exceptional case under your Rules. we think the facts will justify your office making it an exception

Will you please acknowledge
receipt of papers. & at as early a day
as convenient advise us of
your action in the premises
Yours. Truly

Holmes & Black

Honl A. S. Taylor
Comm Indⁿ Affairs
Washington City D. C