

June 24th 1868

Wm O'Brien

Secretary of Interior.
Sir



I send you enclosed a deed from John Gibson, alias Wm Gibson to Wm O'Brien for eighty acres of Land therein described, and request your early approval of the Same, for the following Reasons.

This Shawnee is not a President of this Agency. But a member of that Clap of Shawnees who are known in this Agency as Absentee Shawnees, and who reside in the Indian Country, as well as himself, who wishes to return as soon as possible there to;

This Head right of 200 acres of Land, he selected under the concurrent direction of the Shawnee Council and U.S. Agent Ben Newcome, then Agent of Shawnees in Kansas, also under existing Rules made special for the Shawnees to select Lands, (ceded them) under treaty of May 10th 1854

I was then Agent Newcome's U.S. Interpreter Chas Blue jacket on part of the Government, and My self being delegated for that purpose by Shawnee Council were present and assisted him to select his head right of 200 acres of Land,

In accordance with the Rules, No
Members of the Shavones holding patents can
sell more than one hundred acres or one
half of the Land described in the patent -
and that only with the Approval of the Secy
Interior - But has no right to sell or dispose
of more unless the Rules are relaxed by the
the Secretary of Interior for good and sufficient
Reasons.

As Gibson is not a resident of this
Agency,

The Rules require the deeds to be
made before Competent Judicial Authority,
and to all of which as he has complied,
^{therefore} we most humbly request your approval
to the deed, at an early hour.

Yours Most Respectfully,

Matthew Henry
Ectora
Kansas

P.S. Direct deeds to my address