

Lawrence Hammond
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My Dear Sir.

I am very anxious to get the decree in the Booth case returned with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. When I was in the city I understood Mr. Mix and Mr. Taylor both as approving of the confirmation of the decree by the Secretary and that the papers would be sent to him for that purpose. I presume it has been so sent and that it has been approved of by the Secretary. If so I want you to send it to me by mail. If not have it approved and send it to me at once. Booth is bringing suit in the circuit court of the United States for the land and unless the decree is approved of there could be no defense made to the suit as Booth is the purchaser of the land; he at the time using the head of the family. He is a hard white man

who married this Indian girl for
the sole purpose of getting her property
and after getting the property he left her
and went to New Mexico and married
another woman. If she loses this land
she will be left without a cent; a
pauper, to be supported by the Tribe
or by the Government. Booth is doing
every thing in his power to get the
land. and should the present
Shawnee Treaty be ratified there is
nothing to prevent him from selling
the land and passing a good title
unless the claim is confirmed. He
of course is competent and can
sell if the Treaty is ratified. He
has lawyers who understand this
and who will procure him to sell
and convey the land. The only way
to stop this is the approval of the
claim. This is a matter of great importance
in which the trading Shawnees take
a great deal of interest and I hope
you will give it your special

Attention at once - Send me ~~the~~
the decree by mail -

Whenever the Senate act on the
Shawnee Treaty drop me a line and
let me know the result - The
Shawnees are sitting cross-legged as they
wait to know what to do -

I hope to see you next week -
Yours with great respect -

Milord Shannon

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Say to

agent -