

James E. Lee
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Mr. Lee's statement in
connection with his
request that patent of
right to him be given
an absolute assurance
he recalled and con-
firmed

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Washington city D.C. March 14, 1868.
Hon. N. J. Taylor, Commr. of Indian Affairs.
Sir,

I understand a patent has been issued to Jim Tiblow, an Absentee Shawnee, for a quantity of land equal to two hundred acres for himself and members of his family, amounting in all to about eight hundred ^{selection was made and} acres. There are not and were not at the time this patent ~~was~~ issued over one hundred acres a piece of the lands reserved for Absentees under the treaty of 1854. It is therefore as manifestly unjust that Mr. Tiblow should receive so much more than he ^{was} ~~was~~ justly entitled to, that I respectfully ask that the patent be recalled and cancelled. Besides this, Tiblow selected the most valuable lands without having any improvement on it to entitle him to such selection, thus taking another unfair advantage of his fellow Absentees. If any of this land has been sold, as is probable, for Tiblow evidently selected it for speculation and not for a home, I further ask that no such sales be approved by you. The evident injustice not to say illegality of permitting this selection, and the sale of the lands is my apology as the representative of the Absentees

for this remonstrance. All the Absentees I believe,
with the exception of Tiblow prefer to hold their reserve
in common, and even if they did not ~~it~~ could not
be divided under the treaty of 1854, for that treaty required
that each should be allowed two hundred acres, whereas
there is not land enough to give each person over one
hundred acres. Therefore it should be sold by the
Government and the money equally divided
among those entitled to it - the only mode by which
justice can be done to all parties interested.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servant,

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Delegate of Absentee Shamans