

Department of the Interior.

Received *Sept. 11, 1868.*

Noted Aug. 27, 1868.

From *B. B. Hardyke,*
Baldwin City.

Subject. *Plains*

Relative to a claim
taken by him on the
Shawnee Reserve.

Royce
See letter to Hardyke May 22/69
Action.

Respectfully referred to
the Acting Commissioner
of Indian Affairs

John C. Cox
Chief Clerk

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Glean Brownington

Secretary of Interior

you will find 2 letters of Judge
Hendry & Hon Sears - I wish
you to investigate the matter - I will
try to explain - I took this claim
on the Shawnee Reserve Describes
as follows - The S. E $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec No
24, & the S. W $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. E $\frac{1}{4}$ of
Said Sec 24, Township 14. R 20
East of 6th Meridian in 1860
I am informed that James Tiblow
the Indian Selected my claim
three years ago - but his time
was out according to the Shawnee
Treaty - the Indian has got a patent
from Washington to this claim. he
& his agent Major Abbott came
here last year. The Indian claimed

the place where I lived ~~settler~~
Since 1860 - Abbott wanted to sell
me \$ 5 per acre for the Indian
but I told him, it was a high price
afterwards he sold my claim to his
particular friend (speculator) at
\$ 2,87½ per acre without my knowledge
or I would buy this land at that price
Pray not approve the Sale of this
until you can investigate the matter
You will see Abbott is not honest
agent - as he wrote to Mr Sears
he told him - he has sold this land
for \$ 5,00 per acre, but ~~it is~~ it is
not true - I received a letter
from Judge Hendry Probate Court
you can see ~~in~~ his letter, shall
the Government keep the Settlers
against Speculators & unworthy
agents Judge Hendry does not
know Liblows little much -
Hoping that you will be kind

enough to let me know all about
of it - If you have already
approved the Sale - Can't you
withdraw the Sale until you
can see the matter all right
Abbott ought to have sold this land
to me instead of his speculator
who never lived on my claim
shall I driven off from my home
after I spent my time & money
on my claim for 8 years?
Please return the letters of Messrs
Hendry & Sears with yours - for
I want to keep those letters - if
Abbott & his purchaser ever try
to drive me from my home
I shall show those letters to them
they are all wrong - Please send
me a copy of Shawnee Treaty
Hoping to get answer to this as soon
as you can

Yours Truly

B. R. Nor Dyke