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Commo. Adams,
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Substantive Statement
rel. to sale by Harry
McBride of land
acquired by the
Portale Court, of the
land of the only sur-
viving heir of Mary
Brighton

File

Special attention

Land 9/12

Council Rooms Mar. 2nd 1869
Hon. N. C. Taylor
Commissioner Indian
Affairs Washington D. C.

By order
of the Council of the Shawnee Tribe of
Indians I write to inform you that One
Harry Mc Bride has been appointed Guardian
^{by the Probate Court of Adams County Mo.}
for the only surviving heir of Mary Brightborn
without the knowledge or consent of the Grand
Parents of said heir. And has sold the land
which was patented said deceased. Said deceased
never was married to John McDanils or any
one else she never left her parents neither
did any man live with her as a husband
Notwithstanding she became a mother. They
have been credably informed that the sale was
made about a year ago. They never ^{know} a thing
about the sale till about two months ago
then did ^{not} believe it till a short time ago
they were ordered to leave the premises. The
Council was surprised to learn such was the ^{case}
and desire you not to approve the deed
under any circumstances. The Grand ^{parents} have
taken charge and care of the child ever
since its birth and are able to maintain
and raise the child without selling the

the land or any part of it at least for the present. They will let their desires be known to the Council and the Probate Court also when ^{they} desire to sell. The name of the party conveyed to I do not know But the conveyed is a part of the following described land as shown by the Platts. I have not the Patent from which to take the numbers from. I believe however they are correct. I will examine however. And if not correct I will perhaps write again. The $W\frac{1}{2}$ of the $S. W\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15. The $S. W\frac{1}{4}$ of the $N. W\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 and the $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $S. E\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16 Township 15 S. R. 23 East 6, P. M. in Kansas It matters not who may present the or by whom the conveyance was made You will please do the Indians the Justice not to approve the deed. Or if approved and not sent back ^{if sent back really} here please, with draw the approval. In the second place if the ^{sale} had been made by and with their consent the consideration was not a fair valuation by about one half. The parties buying the land and the Party selling the land knew the Grand Parents did not want to sell or have the land sold. This Probating Shauns Estates is a grand bore and contemptible Hum Bug. There has been more cases than this where strict justice has not been done the Indians About which it is

not our desire to say anything about unless
we were called upon to state them. This is
however the most outrageous one that has come
to our knowledge. And would respectfully ask
your honor to consider the Probate matter
and withdraw all Shawnee business from
the Probate or any other Kansas Court.

The rights of our people would be better
protected and with much less trouble and
expense if all the business was done
in our Tribal Council. If desirable
you may put a duty on the Clerk or any
one else so as to get out of the Probate
Courts. The Council hope soon to hear from
you.

Hon. N. G. Taylor yours respectfully
S. M. Cornsater
Clerk of Council