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Hon: Thomas A. Hendricks, Commissioner of Land Office

Dear Sir!

On the 17th of June last I took liberty of addressing you, praying you for your kind assistance to me, a widowed member of the Wyandotts nation and mother of 5 children, in locating a Section of 640 acres of land granted to my deceased husband John M. Armstrong by Art: 14 of the treaty with the Wyandotts of March 17. 1842. and Art: 9 of the treaty with the same tribe on January 31. 1855. In said ~~letter~~ I prayed for one of two certain sections of land on the Shawnee reserve, since the Shawnees have all made their selections and the ~~balance~~ remainder of that Reserve only waits the approval of the Shawnee selections by the President of the U.S. to become preemptable. You kindly replied, that parts of the sections prayed for by me, were already claimed by Fred: Emeroy and that said claims were recorded at your office, and you also kindly advised me, how to proceed and how to apply for a Section of said Shawnee lands at the Surveyor Generals Office at Lecompton. I followed your advice in every particular, but with no success, since the Surveyor Genera[l]s Office at Lecompton, refuses to record any claims be they Indian or otherwise on said Shawnee lands, until the above mentioned proclamation of the President ~~of the~~ shall have reached them. Not only the country for a ~~long~~ great distance are around but even those Shawnee lands are settling up fast, and I and my five Orphan children on account of our lone and ~~debilitated~~ helpless condition are thus treatened, to lose our prospected future home. 35 out of 36 sections of land granted to 36 different members of the Wyandots nation at the same