

WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
July 4th, 1887.

To the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury.

SIR: By treaty between the United States and the Osage Nation of Indians, concluded September 29th, 1865, ratified June 26th, 1866, and proclaimed January 21st, 1867, the said Indians ceded their lands in Kansas to the United States, to be sold in trust for their benefit.

14 Stats., 687.

In pursuance of this treaty Congress, by proper legislation, made provision for the survey and sale of said lands.

See 16 Stats., 55, 362; 17 Stats., 91; 18 Stats., 272;  
22 Stats., 267.

By article 1 of said treaty, as will be observed, a tract 30 by 50 miles, on the east end of the said Osage reservation, was first ceded to the United States, to be surveyed and sold, and "after reimbursing the United States the cost of said survey and sale, and the said sum of \$300,000, to be placed to the credit of said Indians, the remaining proceeds of sales shall be placed in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the *civilization fund*, to be used, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, for the education and civilization of Indian tribes residing within the limits of the United States."

By article 2 of said treaty the said Indians also ceded a tract of land, 20 miles in width, off the north side of the remainder of said reservation, to be surveyed and sold in trust for said Indians; and by the same article provision was made for the disposition of the remainder of said reservation according to restrictions therein stated.