

1866), and that investment of \$500,000 be made under act of April 1, 1880, as a perpetual school fund, and the remainder placed to the credit of the Cherokee Nation, subject to action of the National Council. In reply to the request of the department for any information in this bureau bearing on the matter, I have to state as follows:

The Cherokee lands west of the Arkansas river have all been surveyed, and the area thereof according to the official plats of survey is 6,574,586.55 acres, embracing the following tracts:

	ACRES.
Cheyenne and Arapahoe lands east of Pawnee..	105,455.52
Cheyenne and Arapahoe, between Arkansas river, Pawnee and Cimarron.....	3,635,473.19
Cheyenne and Arapahoe, occupied by Nez Perces,	90,710.89
Cheyenne and Arapahoe, occupied by Poncas...	101,894.31
Cheyenne and Arapahoe, occupied by Otoes and Missouries.....	129,113.20
Pawnee lands north of Creek boundary.....	230,014.04
Lands west of Cimarron (unassigned).....	2,281,925.40

The letter from Messrs. Ross and Wolf, with inclosure, herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

N. C. McFARLAND,
Commissioner.

Of the 6,574,586.55 acres embraced in the Cherokee outlet west of the Arkansas river, 4,294,734 acres were ceded to the Cheyenne and Arapahoe tribes, by the said treaty of 1867.

Of these 4,294,734 acres there were subsequently sold to the

	ACRES.
Nez Perces and Tonkawas.....	90,710
Poncas.....	101,892
Otoes and Missouries	129,113
Pawnees.....	230,014
Total.....	551,731