

Indian Affairs

February 11, 1946

Mr. Freddie Washington
Rural Route 1
Wann, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I have your letter of the 4th instant relative to certain claims which you say the Delaware Indians have pending before the U. S. Court of Claims. There are so many Indian claims pending in one form or another, that I have not had time to go into them. As a matter of fact, I am a Member of the Committee on Indian Affairs, and we are kept quite busy there passing upon various claims and legislation submitted to our Committee.

If you have a claim pending before the U. S. Court of Claim, your group is bound to be represented by someone as attorney; and I suggest that you ask your attorney to advise you on this subject. I have practiced law for more than thirty-five years and I know something about how intricate and complex these questions are. It would doubtless require several weeks concentrated study to determine just what has been done and is being done with reference to your claim, since I know nothing about it now. On the other hand, your attorney has had the benefit of long study and personal touch with your claim, and should be able to tell you exactly what the status of it is. Furthermore, I don't know the number of your claim, its style, nor the basis of the claim. Hence, it is very difficult to locate these claims without further information.

I wish I could do more for you, but I really think you should confer with your attorney and then if there is anything he wants me to do I shall be very glad to have him make his request, and it will be a pleasure for me to look into the question for the benefit of all concerned.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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Wann. OKla.
Hon. George B Schawbe. Feb 4th 1946
House Office Bldg.

Dear Mr. Schawbe.

I am today writing you a few lines in
reference to our claims pending in the
Court claims for past 10, or 15 years.

I am asking you a very important
matter about the Delaware Indians
residing in this Dist, in OKla. Whom have
claims pending in Court claims

This is what I am asking you, I wish
you will kindly give me some kind
of information. And your advice, about
the terms of our Delaware Business ^{Committee}
which I believed, there is records shown
in the Court claims, on it may be some
records in the Indian Commissioners Office.
My people of the Delaware Indians are
calling a General Council on Feb 23rd -
1946, in Bartlesville, OKla.

And the purpose of this meeting, is to elect
some new members, to fill ^{the} ~~vacancy~~ ^{COLL} the vacancy
of our Delaware Business Committee.
And to specify the terms of the Committee
on what-ever the Council approve.

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We have had the DELAWANE Buisness Committee
How-EVEN the Time have been Long Expired
And The DELAWANES are Calling This
Meeting To Relect on Elect New Committee,
For The DELAWANE Buisness AFFAIRS, For our
Enterest And Claims. Now Pending,

And therefore We need your Support
And That you may Be Able To Give US Some
Light, and The Best effort To act on The
Behalf of our Claims, Now Which Has
Been a long Standing. For The Final
Settlement With The DELAWANE Indians.

And I Will be expecting To Hear From
you Soon as possible, Before The
23rd of This Month.

Best Wishes

Yours Very Truly's

Freddie Washington

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