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May 10, 1934

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Mr. F. E. Perkins,  
Shawnee Indian Agency,  
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

My dear Mr. Perkins:

I have your letter of the 7th, enclosing the copy of the resolution passed by the general council of the Citizen Pottawatomie Indians recently. You may be assured that the resolution will have my very best attention and consideration.

Yours most cordially,

Elmer Thomas.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
FIELD SERVICE

Shawnee Indian Agency  
Shawnee, Oklahoma.  
May 7, 1934.

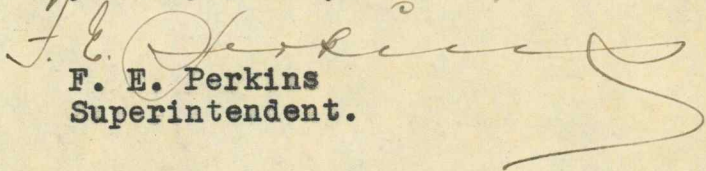
The Honorable,  
Elmer Thomas,  
U. S. Senator,  
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

This will inform you that the Citizen  
Pottawatomie Indians in general council April 28,  
1934, requested that I mail you a copy of their reso-  
lution, for your information and appropriate attention.

In compliance, I attach herewith a  
copy.

Very truly yours,

  
F. E. Perkins  
Superintendent.

CC to Gilbert  
and Miss Brant.

## R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS by treaty made between the United States of America and the Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians on August seven, Eighteen hundred and sixty-eight by the terms of which, we the said Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians became the owners of the following described lands situated in the State of Oklahoma and later proclaimed and designated by the Morrill's survey as follows:

Beginning at a point on the right bank of the North Fork of the Canadian River, in section twenty-one, of township eleven north, range five east, where the western boundary line of the Seminole Reservation strikes said river; thence south with said boundary line to the left bank of the Canadian River; thence up said river along the left bank thereof, to a point on said left bank, in the north east quarter of section thirty-six, township six north, range one west, thirty nine chains and eighty-two links (by the meanders of the river west), from the point where the Indian Meridian intersects said river, or thirty-eight chains and fifty-two links due west from said Indian Meridian; thence north as run by O. T. Morrill, under his contract of September third, Eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to a point on the right bank of the north fork of the Canadian River; thence down said river, along the right bank thereof, to the place of beginning, comprising the following, viz:

Fractional township five north, ranges one, two, three, four and five east, north of the Canadian River, Fractional township six north, ranges one, three, four, and five east, north of the Canadian River. Township six north, range two east.

Townships ten and eleven north, range one east. Fractional township ten north, ranges two, three and four east, south of the north fork of the Canadian river. Fractional township ten north, range five east. Fractional township eleven north, ranges two, three, four, and five east, south of the north fork of the Canadian river. Fractional township twelve north, ranges one and two east, south of North fork of the Canadian River.

Also that portion of sections one, twelve, thirteen, twenty-four, and twenty-five, and sections thirty-six, north of the Canadian river in township six north, range one west, lying east of the western boundary line of the said Pottawatomie Reservation as shown by the Morrill survey, and that portion of sections one, twelve, thirteen, twenty-four, twenty-five, and thirty-six, in townships seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven north, range one west, lying east of the western boundary line aforesaid, and that portion of sections one and twelve south of the north fork of the Canadian river, and sections thirteen, twenty-four, twenty-five, and thirty-six, in township twelve north, range one west, lying east of the western boundary line aforesaid, containing an area of five hundred and seventy-five thousand eight hundred and seventy and forty-two one hundredths acres of land.

AND, WHEREAS prior to the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven we, the said Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians did by treaty cede and relinquish, and forever and absolutely surrender

to the United States, all our claim, title, and interest of every kind and character in and to all of the aforesaid described land in consideration of allotments of lands, in severalty, and for the further consideration of the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, for making homes and other improvements on said allotments and for the further consideration of a sum of one hundred nineteen thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-five cents.

AND, WHEREAS, the United States has totally failed to make such cash settlement with we the said Citizens Band of Pottawatomie Indians as in said treaty made, and the same being still owed to us as a tribe.

AND, WHEREAS, there is contemplated under a purported Indian bill known and designated the Wheeler-Howard Bill, which has for one of it's purposes the establishing of tribal Indian Communities for the respective tribes of Indians.

AND, WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Indians, notwithstanding the fact that we were never paid the cash settlement for the aforementioned lands, were allotted land in the land which we held by prior treaty right with the United States.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That we the members of the Citizens Band of Pottawatomie Indians being herein assembled at Shawnee, Oklahoma, this 28th day of April, 1934, A. D., enter a protest and do hereby, through our duly qualified, elected and acting members of our Tribal Business Committee, protest the establishment of any Indian Community in and on any of the herein before described land, other than a community for the Pottawatomie Citizens Band of Indians and will continue to so protest until a complete and full settlement of all money due us has been made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That any attempt on the part of the United States, to establish any other community, be considered a further breach of the treaty so had and made by and between the United States and the Citizen Band of Pottawatomie Indians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be mailed to Hon. John Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with the proper prepaid postage thereon and also one each to Senators Thomas and Gore and Congressman Tom D. McKeown.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1934.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

W W Gilber  
Chairman

Dewis  
Vice-Chairman

Marjorie Drant  
Secretary