

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

TRANSMITTING

A letter from the Secretary of the Interior relative to sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations.

FEBRUARY 15, 1886.—Read and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith a communication of the 12th instant from the Secretary of the Interior, submitting, with accompanying papers, a draft of a bill prepared by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to amend the third section of the act of March 3, 1885, "to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes."

The matter is presented for the consideration and action of Congress.
GROVER CLEVELAND.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *February 15, 1886.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 12, 1886.

I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a report of the 8th instant, with inclosures noted therein, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, concerning the action taken by his office with a view to carrying into effect the provisions of the act of March 3, 1885, "To provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes" (23 Stat., 351).

The Commissioner states that objections exist on the part of these tribes to the act in question, and he calls attention to the fact that section 3 thereof provides for allotments to those members of the tribe only, electing to remain, who are heads of families or single men, thus depriving the orphans and minors, of whom there are a large number among the half-breeds, of all chance to secure lands in the reservation; and the Indians claim that the provision relating to allotments to minors of the tribe contained in the 8th section of the said act was erroneously placed there, having been intended by the Senate to have been placed in said 3d section, and reference is made to Senate proceedings at the time in support of this claim.

The Commissioner also reports that it is understood that if provision is made for the minors and orphans, including those absent at school, and the right of all who remain, to share in the funds of the tribe recognized, no objection will be made to the sale of the lands. To this end he presents a draft of a bill to amend the said 3d section of the act of March 3, 1885, which he recommends may be laid before Congress with request for favorable action at this session.

The recommendation of the Commissioner has the concurrence of this Department.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT.

No. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 8, 1886.

SIR: Referring to office report, dated April 3, 1885, relative to the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1885, "To provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian reservations, in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes" (23 Stats., 351), and to Department decision, dated April 4, 1885, I have the honor to state that under date of April 17, 1885, late Special Agent Robb was instructed to hold a council with each of said tribes for the purpose of ascertaining their wishes in regard to the acceptance of the provisions of the act.

Late Special Agent Robb was unable, owing to the illness of his wife, to complete the negotiations, and on July 3, 1885, Special Agent Parsons was directed to finish the work.

On the 7th of August, 1885, he submitted his final report, from which it appears that the Sac and Fox tribe unanimously rejected the provisions of the bill; that all of the adult male Indians of the Iowa tribe in the Indian Territory, twenty-six in number, voted to accept its provisions; and that of the adult male members of the Iowa tribe residing on the reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, eleven voted to accept and twelve to reject the provisions of the act.

While it was believed that the members of the tribe residing in the Indian Territory had the right to vote upon this question (although this is denied by the members residing on the reservation), thereby making a majority in favor of the sale of the reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, and removal to the Iowa Reservation in the Indian Territory, no further action has been taken in the matter, for the following reasons:

In a communication dated August 17, 1885, Agent Patrick submitted a petition signed by Iowa Indians of the Great Nemaha Agency, representing over two-thirds of the tribe, protesting against their removal to the Indian Territory, and begging for a suspension of action until further legislation could be had.

This protest was based upon the fact that the third section of the act of March 3, 1885, provides for allotments to those members of the tribe only (electing to remain) who are heads of families or single men—thus depriving the orphans and minors, of whom there are a large number among the half-breeds, of all chance to secure land in the reservation.

Agent Patrick recommended that their request be granted. It was claimed on behalf of these Indians that an amendment offered in the Senate, providing for allotments to minors and orphans on the reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, was, by mistake, attached to the eighth section of the act, which provides for allotments in the Territory instead of to the third section.

By reference to the Congressional Record, vol. 16, part 3, Forty-eighth Congress, second session, page 2233, it will be seen that this claim is well founded.

In view of the foregoing and the representations made that to compel these Indians to remove against their will would result disastrously to their civilization and improvement, it was thought best to comply with their request.

It is understood that if provision be made for the minors and orphans, including those absent at school, and the right of all who remain to share in the existing funds of the tribe recognized, no objection will be made to the sale of the lands.

I have prepared the draft of a bill amendatory of the act of March 3, 1885, and submit the same with the recommendation that it be laid before Congress with request for favorable action at this session.

I also inclose two copies of this report and of the following papers: Report of Special Agent Parsons, dated August 7, 1885, with exhibits A, B, and C.

Letter of Agent Patrick, dated August 17, 1885.

Protest of Iowa Indians, dated August 10, 1885. Letter of S. M. Brossius, relative to removal of Iowa Indians, dated August 10, 1885. Petition of Iowa Indians, dated January 29, 1886.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

No. 2.

A BILL to amend the third section of an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the section 3 of the act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa reservations, in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1885, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That if any member of said Sac and Fox or Iowa tribe of Indians, properly enrolled at the Pottawatomie and Great Nemaha Agency, shall elect to remain upon the reservation of his respective tribe, he shall be allowed to select an allotment of land in quantity as follows: If he be the head of a family, 160 acres; if a single person over eighteen years of age, or orphan child under eighteen years of age, 80 acres; and if a minor child under eighteen years of age, 40 acres; heads of families selecting the land for themselves and minor children, and the United States Indian agent for orphan children. The lands so selected shall be withheld from sale as provided for herein, and shall be accepted in full satisfaction of his interest in and to said reservation, and of the moneys or fund realized from the sale thereof: *Provided*, That his right to share in the other funds and credits of the tribe shall not be impaired thereby. And the Secretary of the Interior shall cause a certificate to issue to each of the allottees under the provisions of this section for the lands selected by or for such allottee, which certificate shall be of the legal effect, and declare that the United States does and will hold the land thus certified, for the period of twenty-five years, in trust for the sole use and benefit of allottee, or in case of his decease, of his heirs according to the laws of the State in which said land is situated, and that at

the expiration of said period the United States will convey the same by patent to said Indian, or his heirs, as aforesaid, in fee, discharged of said trust and free of all charge or incumbrance whatsoever; and if any conveyance shall be made of the lands thus allotted, or any contract made touching the same, before the expiration of the time above mentioned, such conveyance or contract shall be absolutely null and void; and such lands during such time shall not be subject to taxation, alienation, or forced sale under execution or otherwise."

No. 3.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE, SPECIAL AGENCY,
Washington, D. C., August 7, 1885.

SIR: In obedience to my instructions dated July 3, 1885—L, 7,242, 9,550, 13,812, 1885—I went to Silver Lake, Kans., consulted with Agent Patrick, informed the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouri and the Iowas of the authority granted to send delegations to Indian Territory to select new reservations; invited them to send such delegations, which invitation they accepted, and I thereupon, July 15, 1885, proceeded in company with said delegations to Indian Territory.

While in the Indian Territory I held a council with the Iowas residing there for the purpose of ascertaining whether they would consent to the sale of their lands in Kansas and Nebraska, as provided in the act of March 3, 1885. The council was full, all the adult members of the tribe residing and being in Indian Territory, twenty-six in number, being present at the council and voting in favor of the sale of the reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, as more fully appears in the certified record of the council accompanying this report, marked Exhibit A.

Before taking said vote I carefully explained to the Indians all the provisions of the act of Congress above referred to, and the decision of the Secretary of the Interior of April 4, 1885, in regard to location in Indian Territory and issue of patent.

The Tonkawas are no longer upon the Iowa Reservation. The chiefs and headmen of the Iowas residing in the Indian Territory extended a cordial invitation to the Iowas of Kansas and Nebraska to come and live with them, and the visiting delegation expressed their willingness to do so.

At this same council, which was held July 22, 1885, the Iowas of the Territory nominated Col. E. B. Townsend, of Washington, D. C., as commissioner to appraise their reservation in Nebraska.

They also adopted a resolution requesting the appointment of a school teacher, an interpreter, and a blacksmith, the latter to act as farmer.

At the conclusion of this council, which was held at Iowa Village, on the Iowa Reservation, in Indian Territory, I returned with the delegations above referred to, to Nohart, Nebr., giving them, while in Indian Territory, full liberty to make such examinations of land for new reservations as they desired.

On the 30th day of July, 1885, I held council with the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouri, at their council-house on their reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, and proceeded in like manner as I had done with the Iowas in Indian Territory. Twelve out of the fourteen male adults of the tribe then residing on the reservation participated in the council, the two absentees being detained at home by sickness. Upon the question of assenting to the provisions of the act of March 3, 1885, providing for the sale of their reservation there was a unanimous negative vote, as more fully appears by the certified record accompanying this report, marked Exhibit B.

The also adopted a resolution requesting the Secretary of the Interior to grant them authority to appoint four delegates and an interpreter to visit Washington, D. C., and hold a personal conference with the Indian Commissioner in regard to the proposed new reservation in the Indian Territory and with respect to the provisions of certain treaties which they claim have not been fully carried out by the Indian Office, the expenses to be borne by the tribe out of any uninvested or non-interest bearing funds in the possession of the Government.

On the 31st day of July, 1885, I held a council with the Iowas of Nebraska and Kansas at their council-house on their reservation at Nohart, Nebr., at which twenty-three out of twenty-nine male adults residing on said reservation were present. I proceeded with them as I had done with the Iowas of the Indian Territory and the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouri, explained fully the provisions of the act of March 3, 1885, and the action of the Iowas of the Territory with regard to the sale of the reservation in Kansas and Nebraska. When the question of the sale of the reservation in Kansas and Nebraska was submitted eleven of the male adults of the tribe voted

in favor of the sale of the reservation and twelve voted against the sale (see Exhibit C, certified record).

They then nominated M. B. Kent, of White Cloud, Kans., as commissioner to appraise the reservation in case of a sale.

Having carried out my instructions, and no further orders awaiting me at Nohart, Nebr., I returned to Washington, D. C., starting July 31 and reaching here August 3, 1885.

The result of my action may be summarized as follows:

(1) All the Iowas of Indian Territory, twenty-six in number, have voted to sell the reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, asking at the same time for a school-teacher, an interpreter, and a blacksmith, and nominating Col. E. B. Townsend, of Washington, D. C., as commissioner to appraise reservation. Eleven out of twenty-three Iowas in Kansas and Nebraska voted to sell reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, and M. B. Kent, of White Cloud, Kans., was nominated as commissioner to appraise reservation—in all, thirty-seven out of forty-nine Iowas voting in favor of sale and to locate Kansas and Nebraska Iowas on Iowa Reservation in Indian Territory.

(2) The Sacs and Foxes of the Missouriia voted unanimously against the sale of their reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, and asked for permission to send a delegation to Washington, D. C., for personal conference with the Indian Commissioner in regard to proposed new reservation, and with respect to unfulfilled provisions of certain treaties.

(3) The Sacs and Foxes of the Missouriia are almost unanimously in favor of removing to the Indian Territory, and they voted against the sale of their reservation because they claim that a new reservation in Indian Territory limited to a single township is insufficient.

If the Commissioner of Indian Affairs will permit them to select for that reservation in Indian Territory a tract of land bounded on the north by the reservation of the Otoes, on the south by the reservation of the Iowas, on the west by the Indian Meridian, and on the east by the reservation of the Pawnees, thus assuring them of sufficient water, grazing, agricultural, and timber lands, they will vote to sell their reservation in Kansas and Nebraska, and be willing to have the Mocohoco band of Sacs and Foxes of the Mississippi, now residing in Kansas, located on the same reservation. They refuse to combine with the Sacs and Foxes of the Mississippi in Indian Territory, and assert that both themselves and the Mocohoco band of Sacs and Foxes of the Mississippi now in Kansas will be satisfied to consolidate on the new reservation in Indian Territory, bounded as above.

In view of these facts, and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act of March 3, 1885, with as little delay as possible, I make the following recommendations:

(1) That the reservation of the Iowas in Kansas and Nebraska be sold in accordance with the provisions of the act of March 3, 1885.

(2) That a committee of the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouriia be authorized to hold a personal conference with the Indian Commissioner at Washington, D. C., in regard to the bounds of the proposed new reservation in Indian Territory, and the alleged infraction of treaty matters, as requested by said tribe.

(3) That negotiations be entered into with the Mocohoco band of Sacs and Foxes of the Mississippi in regard to their removal from Kansas to the proposed new reservation of the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouriia in Indian Territory.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLAM PARSONS,
United States Special Indian Agent.

Hon. JOHN D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

No. 4.

Proceedings in open council held by the Iowa tribe of Indians, at their village on the Iowa Reservation, in the Indian Territory, this 22d day of July, A. D. 1885.

The following, with other proceedings, were had, to wit:

The proposition of selling our lands embraced in our reservation in Nebraska and Kansas, as provided for in the act of Congress of the United States, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1885, being sub-

mitted to the adult male members of our tribe, the following subscribed chiefs, councilors, and headmen, being all the male adults of the tribe residing in the Indian Territory, voted in the affirmative, viz:

Signed by—

William Tohee, head chief (his x mark); Frank Maw-hee (his x mark), Hotch-is-see (his x mark), Hog-er-o-chee (his x mark), Joseph Vetter (his x mark), Tohee (his x mark), Brock-o-nee (his x mark), Ha-wah-co-ra or Sugar (his x mark), Victor Dupuis (his x mark), Noy-o-noy (his x mark), Abraham Lincoln (his x mark), Daniel Tohee (his x mark), Andrew Jackson (his x mark), Robert Ward or White Coon (his x mark), Benjamin Hollowell, Thomas White (his x mark) (witness to vote only), David Tohee, Big Ear (his x mark), Joseph Nohart (his x mark), Joseph Ambler (his x mark), Frank Noy-o-Noy (his x mark), Jeff White Cloud (his x mark), Poh-nee-doo (his x mark), Kerwin Murray, William Dole (his x mark), Gamick Squirrel (his x mark).

Witnessed by—

W. A. MARGRAVE,
ANDREW JACKSON.

The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor of the sale of the reservation in Nebraska and Kansas, 26.

There were no votes in the negative.

The question of the selection of a commissioner to act for the Indians in the appraisal of their lands and improvements in accordance with the act of Congress approved March 3, 1885, being then submitted to the council, William Tohee, head chief, nominated E. B. Townsend, of Washington, D. C., to act in their behalf.

The question being submitted to the council, he was chosen by a unanimous vote.

The following resolution was then adopted by the council:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior be, and they are hereby, requested, through United States Special Indian Agent William Parsons, to provide for us at our village on our reservation in the Indian Territory, a school teacher, an interpreter, and a blacksmith, the latter of whom shall act as farmer, at such compensation as the Department shall provide.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER.

I, Kirwin Murray, acting as interpreter for the Iowa tribe of Indians in the Indian Territory at a council held at their village on their reservation, do hereby certify that I have fully and correctly interpreted all the proceedings of said council, and that I have fully explained the foregoing document (the minutes of said council) to the persons signing the same, and that they fully understand the contents and meaning thereof, and that I witnessed their signatures thereto.

Dated Iowa Village, Iowa Reservation, Ind. Ter., July 22, 1885.

KIRWIN MURRAY.

We, Victor Dupuis and Andrew Jackson, English-speaking Iowa Indians, hereby certify that we were present during the council held by the Iowa tribe of Indians at their village on their reservation in the Indian Territory this 22d day of July, A. D. 1885, and that the proceedings of said council were correctly and truthfully interpreted by Kirwin Murray, acting as interpreter for said council, and that the Indians fully understood and comprehended the proceedings thereof. We further certify that we were present and witnessed the signing of the proceedings thereof as hereinbefore reported.

Dated Iowa Village, Iowa Reservation, Ind Ter., July 22, 1885.

VICTOR DUPUIS (his x mark),
ANDREW JACKSON.

Witnesses:

W. A. MARGRAVE,
JAMES WHITE CLOUD.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of the proceedings of a council held by the Iowa tribe of Indians at their village on their reservation in the Indian Territory this 22d day of July, A. D. 1885, are correct and true, and that Kirwin Murray acted as interpreter for said council.

Dated Iowa Village, Iowa Reservation, Ind. Ter., July 22, 1885.

WILLIAM PARSONS,
United States Special Indian Agent.

(Indorsed:) Exhibit A.

No. 5.

We, the chiefs and headmen of the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians in Nebraska and Kansas do certify that at a council of said Indians held at the council-house on their reservation, to wit, at Nohart, Nebr., on the 30th day of July, A. D. 1885, called at the request of the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs through Special Indian Agent William Parsons, being there present and participating the following-named male adult members of said tribe, to wit:

Quash-qua-me, Wah-pe-ko-mah, Ma-ska-cha-kum, W. A. Margrave, Mike Green, Wah-ko, Joseph Ko-sha-hay, Pe a-tal-a-qua, Louis Tesson, Mut-tut-tah, Cut-e-kah, and George Gomess, the question being submitted, "Shall we sell our reservation in the States of Nebraska and Kansas as proposed in the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas and for other purposes" a vote was had—twelve of said male adult members of the tribe, being all who were present, voted "no," and none of them voted in the affirmative, it being unanimously decided not to sell. Two members of the tribe, Ketch-e-mah and Edmon Ronbedoux were absent.

The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That a committee of four of the chiefs and headmen of the tribe, together with an interpreter, the said committee to be chosen at a future council of the tribe, be appointed to proceed to Washington, D. C., and hold a personal conference with the Indian Commissioner with regard to the proposed sale of the reservation in Nebraska and Kansas, and selection of a new reservation in the Indian Territory, and with regard to former treaties, the provisions of which have not been fully carried out, and that for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said committee to Washington, D. C., and return, the honorable Indian Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to pay over for that object the sum of \$500 out of any uninvested or non-interest bearing funds belonging to said tribe, in the possession of the United States Government, to the agent of the Great Nemaha and Pottawatomie Agency, to be turned over by him to said committee when duly appointed.

Witness our hands this 30th day of July, A. D. 1885.

Signed by—

Quash-qua-me (his x mark), first chief; Wah-pe-ko-man (his x mark), third chief; W. A. Margrave, Louis Tesson (his x mark), Mah-ska-cha-kum (his x mark), Wah-ko (his x mark), Joseph Ko-sha-hay (his x mark), Pe-a-tal-a-qua (his x mark), Mut-tut-tah (his x mark), Cut-e-kah (his x mark), George Gomess (his x mark), Mike Green (his x mark).

Witnessed by—

C. A. MASON,
D. VAN VALKENBURG.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER.

I, George Gomess, interpreter for the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians of the Missouri at a council held at their council-house on their reservation at Nohart, Nebr., do certify that I have fully and correctly interpreted all the proceedings of said council, and that I have fully explained the contents of the foregoing document to the persons signing the same, and that they fully understand the contents and meaning thereof.

Dated Nohart, Nebr., Sac and Fox Reservation, July 30, 1885.

GEORGE (his x mark) GOMESS.

Witnesses:

D. VAN VALKENBURG,
D. B. ANDERSON.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes of the proceedings of a council held by the Sac and Fox of the Missouri tribe of Indians at their council-house on their reservation at Nohart, Nebr., this 30th day of July, A. D. 1885, are correct and true, and that George Gomess acted as interpreter for said council.

Dated Nohart, Nebr., Sac and Fox Reservation, July 30, 1885.

WILLIAM PARSONS,
United States Special Indian Agent.

No. 6.

COUNCIL HOUSE, IOWA RESERVATION IN NEBRASKA AND KANSAS,
July 31, A. D. 1885.

The Indian council convened in open council to consider the proposition of selling their lands as embraced in their reservation in Nebraska and Kansas, as provided for in the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and

Iowa Indian Reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1885, being present and participating in said council the following-named male adult members of the said tribe, to wit: Ki-hi-jo-in-ge, James White Cloud, Henry Washburn, Thomas Dorion, Charles Roubedoux, Joseph Tesson, Daniel Humes, Min-ka tha-way, Joseph Springer, John Dupuis, jr., Samuel Wilson, Frank Dupuis, jr., Moses, Frank Dupuis, sr., William Dorion, Reuben Kent, William Hamilton (Wah-how-ge-deh), Mitchell Roubedoux, Edward Roubedoux, Amable Deroin, John Dupuis, and Isaac Perry.

The following proceedings were had:

United States Special Indian Agent William Parsons, being present, explained to the Indians the provisions of the said act of Congress and the decision of the Secretary of the Interior of April 4, 1885, with regard to locating on the present Iowa reservation in Indian Territory, and then submitted the following question, to wit: Shall we sell our reservation in Nebraska and Kansas, as proposed in the act of Congress approved March 3, 1885, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations in Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes"?

A vote was had with the following result:

In favor of the sale	11
Against the sale	12

And these votes were so recorded by United States Special Indian Agent William Parsons.

The council then proceeded to nominate a commissioner to appraise the reservation lands in case of sale, and M. B. Kent, of White Cloud, Kans., was chosen by a majority vote.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER.

I, John Dupuis, United States interpreter, do hereby certify that I was present and acted as interpreter at the above-named council, and that the above record of the proceedings thereof is correct.

JOHN DUPUIS,
United States Interpreter.

JULY 31, 1885.

I, Frank Dupuis, jr., do hereby certify that I was present at the above council and acted as assistant to the interpreter, and that the above record is correct.

FRANKLIN DUPUIS.

JULY 31, 1885.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes of the proceedings of the council held at Nohart, Nebr., July 31, 1885, by the Iowa Indians, at their council house, are correct.

WILLIAM PARSONS,
United States Special Indian Agent.

We, the undersigned chiefs and headmen of the Iowa Indians, residing upon the Iowa Reservation, in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, do hereby certify that at the council house on said reservation, on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1885, at the call of William Parsons, United States special Indian agent, the said Indians met in council, 23 of whom were present, being all the male adult members of said tribe residing upon said reservation, except Charles Ki-hi-jo-in-ge, Baloue Deroin, W. G. Kathamine, Elwood Deroin, Daniel Godfrey, and William Dole.

That at said council said United States Special Indian Agent Parsons explained to the Indians fully the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1885, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and the Iowa Indian Reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes," and the decision of the Secretary of the Interior of April 4, 1885, in regard to locating upon the present Iowa Reservation in Indian Territory. At said time and place said Special Agent Parsons submitted to the Indians the following proposition:

Shall we sell our reservation in Nebraska and Kansas, as provided for in the act of Congress approved March 3, A. D. 1885, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes"?

And we further certify that upon said question the vote was as follows:

In favor of the sale	11
Against the sale	12

That the whole number of male adults of said Iowa Indians residing upon said reservation in Nebraska and Kansas at the time of the taking of said vote was twenty-nine, and that their names appear on the roll attached to this certificate; that their votes upon said question are properly recorded opposite their respective names, those voting in the affirmative marked "Yes," those voting in the negative marked "No."

Witness our hands this 31st day of July, A. D. 1885, at the close of said council meeting.

KI-HE-GO-IN-GE (his x mark).
First Chief.
 JAMES WHITE CLOUD,
Second Chief.
 HENRY WASHBURN,
Third Chief.

Witnesses:

D. VAN VALKENBURG.
 CHARLES DUPUIS.

CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER.

I, John Dupuis, United States interpreter for the Iowa Indians in Nebraska and Kansas, do hereby certify that I was present and acted as interpreter at the council where the above vote was taken; that the provisions of the act of Congress referred to in the foregoing certificate were fully explained to the Indians by United States Special Indian Agent William Parsons; that I interpreted the same to them, and that they fully understood the same; and I do further certify that the foregoing certificate of the chiefs and headmen of the tribe was read over to them by me, and that they fully understood the contents thereof before signing.

Witness my hand this 31st day of July, A. D. 1885.

JOHN DUPUIS,
United States Interpreter.

Ki-hi-jo-in-ge (first chief)	Yes.
James White Cloud (second chief).....	No.
Henry Washburn (third chief).....	Yes.
Thomas Dorion	Yes.
Charles Roubedoux	Yes.
Joseph Tesson	No.
Daniel Humes	Yes.
Min-ka-tha-way	Yes.
Joseph Springer	Yes.
John Dupuis, jr.	No.
Samuel Wilson	Yes.
Frank Dupuis, jr.	No.
Moses	No.
Frank Dupuis, sr.	No.
William Deroin	No.
Reuben Kent	Yes.
William Hamilton (Wah-how-gi-dah)	Yes.
Mitchell Roubedoux	No.
Edward Roubedoux	No.
Amable Deroin	No.
John Dupuis	No.
Frank Deroin	No.
Isaac Perry	Yes.

(Indorsed:) Exhibit C.

No. 7.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
 POTTAWOTOMIE AND GREAT NEMAHHA AGENCY, August 17, 1885.

SIR: I herewith forward a petition signed by Iowa Indians in this agency, representing over two-thirds of the tribe, protesting against their removal to the Indian Territory, and begging for a suspension of action until further legislation on the subject can be had.

I also inclose a letter on the same subject from S. M. Brosius, formerly employed in the service of the Iowas, full of very pertinent facts. Mr. Brosius is a firm friend of

the Indians, and is actuated, I am sure, by honorable motives, incited to some extent by Philadelphia friends of the Indians.

Rather than go to the Territory the Indians are willing to take allotments, in which there would be no risk, if they were made inalienable for a period of years. They have no desire to restrain that portion who desire to move.

In my opinion the transfer of the civilized portion of the Iowas will destroy the civilization they have attained, cause the loss of the greater part of their personal property, and render useless a large amount of valuable public property now being used for their benefit. Viewed from either a humane or economic stand-point, I believe the contemplated removal unwise.

I respectfully request that the inclosures will receive consideration, and that time will be given for the additional legislation asked for.

If these Indians are moved in their present state of mind, I doubt if fifteen years hence they are as comfortably situated as at present.

If the Indians could be informed as to the intentions of the Department, excitement would be allayed, and they would probably employ their time more practically than in the discussion of this question.

Very respectfully,

I. W. PATRICK,
United States Indian Agent.

Hon. JNO. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 8.

I. W. PATRICK,
United States Indian Agent:

DEAR SIR: We, the subscribers, members of the Iowa tribe of Indians, located in Kansas and Nebraska, who represent more than two-thirds of said tribe residing on said reservation, respectfully declare:

That we protest against the sale of our reservation according to the terms of an act passed by Congress during its last session, by which our minors and orphans will not be allowed the benefits of allotment.

Whereas it was the design of the Senate (see Congressional Record, February 28, 1885, page 2476, inclosed herewith) that Senator Conger's amendment allotting 40 acres of land to minors should apply to our present reserve, but the clerk misapplied it to the section of bill allotting lands in the Indian Territory; by this misapplication, and the omission to provide for orphans, the minors and orphans that we represent will be dispossessed of 2,640 acres of land, worth \$35 per acre, making a total of \$92,400 that we will be unjustly deprived of, or be forced to remove to the Indian Territory, there to resume the habits of our "fathers," and wear the breech-clout and blanket.

Article 7 of our treaty of March 6, 1861, provides: "And no mixed blood Indians, except those employed at some mission, or such as may be sent there to be educated, or other members of the aforesaid tribes, shall participate in the beneficial provisions of this agreement or former treaties, unless they return to and unite permanently with said tribes, and reside upon the respective reservations within six months from the date of this convention;" under this provision, those of our tribe that have removed to the Indian Territory have no right to legislate for us in this matter of removal, and we protest against it.

We desire justice, and petition that you may use your influence in postponing further action in the matter until we can get a just enactment passed by Congress.

Signed by—

United States Interpreter John Dupuis, Edward Roubideaux, Mitchell Roubideaux, Amable Deroin, Louisa Brien, Lucy Brien, Priscilla Brien, Sylvina R. Van Valkenburg, Elizabeth (her x mark) Story, Wm. Franklin (five children), Franklin Dupuis, John Dupuis, jr., William Deroin, Annie Barada, Joseph Tesson, George (his x mark) Campbell, Thomas Robinson, (two children), Clara Dupuis, Balone Deroine, Mary Leclare, Bessie Rodd, Maggie Leclare (formerly Dole & Wilson), Francis Dupuis, Chas. Roubidoux (his x mark), Julia Kathamina (her x mark), James White Cloud (his x mark), chief, Josephine Neff (her x mark).

I certify that I was present and witnessed the signatures of the foregoing persons to the above petition, and that they understood the same.

Great Nemaha Agency, Nebr., August 10, 1885.

JOHN DUPUIS,
United States Interpreter.

No. 9.

WHITE CLOUD, KANS., August 10, 1885.

MY DEAR SIR: I inclose herewith a petition from the members of the Iowa tribe of Indians that desire to remain on their reservation and take allotment, if necessary.

It will be an unpardonable act of injustice for these people not to be allowed to select an allotment of land for their minors and orphans; they are the better element of the tribe, most of them having farms under cultivation, and as I infer it is the policy of our Government to encourage Indians in habits of industry, it will certainly not allow this land to be sold by the terms of the late act of Congress, and *practically* *compel* these Indians to move to the Territory, in order that their children may not be deprived of their just dues.

The whole bill, as passed by Congress, showed the work of some one cognizant of the situation in the framing of it, in that only *male* heads of families are allowed to vote, entirely depriving many large families of a voice as to the disposal of their lands; also no provision is made for orphans, of whom there are *ten among those that desire to take allotments, while not one appears among those that think of removing to the Indian Territory.*

Forty-six minors and ten orphans appear among those that desire allotments, while only thirteen minors and no orphans are comprised in the list of those that desire to move to the Territory. Cannot it be truly said that here appears the work of a master mind—to frame a bill that was *apparently* in the interest of the Indians, but is really so unjust?

Respectfully,

S. M. BROSIUS.

I. W. PATRICK, Esq.,
United States Indian Agent, Silver Lake, Kans.

No. 10.

The Hon. COMMISSIONER INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.:

We, the undersigned members of the Iowa tribe of Indians, residing at Great Ne-maha Agency, Nebraska, respectfully petition:

That you will cause to be *at once* presented before Congress a bill for the sale of our reservation, *annulling* the unjust measure passed during the last Congress, under which our orphans and minors received no benefit of allotment of land; and wherein if we elected to take allotments we might have been deprived of our share of funds already invested with the United States.

Signed by—

William Deroins, Annie Barada, Sylvina R. Van Valkenburg, Elizabeth (her x mark) Story, Francis (his x mark) Dupupie, John Dupuis, Clara Dupuis, Lucy Roy, Lizzie Deroin, Mitchell Roubidoux, Jennie Roubidoux, Edward Roubidoux, Louisa Brien, Abraham Brien, Lucy Brien, Pricilla Brien, Wm. Franklin, Besie (her x mark) Rodd, William Green, Julia (her x mark) Green, Magia (her x mark) Wilson, Mary Leclere, Susia (her x mark) Clarire, George (his x mark) Camal, Lucy (her x mark) Camal, Ernie (his x mark) Dron, Bloon (his x mark) Droan, Eliza White Cloud, Joseph (his x mark) Tesson, Louisa (her x mark) Tesson, Moses (his x mark), Lucinda (her x mark) Moses, wife.

WHITE CLOUD, KANS., January 29, 1886.

We hereby certify that the above petition was explained to the persons whose signatures appear above, and that they understand the same.

JOSEPH (his x mark) TESSON.
DUDLEY VAN VALKENBURG

Attest:

M. B. KENT.
S. M. BROSIUS.