

President has all the memorials, contracts, depositions, now before him in which all the points are raised, most respectfully request that the papers or copies of them be forwarded to me, and I will meet it with all the discretion and courtesy which I am capable.

In regard to the second charge, I would respectfully request some specimens of what you refer to as my myself. It is to be supplied from the charges that some complaint has been made to the President by some one, or specification done by me in violation of law or regulation, and I cannot suppose would be received and acted upon without being written. At least, it must have been written, and I would be glad to see it. I may not know my answer, it is not too much to ask that I may be informed of the particular act which I am charged with having committed, and the particular law I am charged with having violated.

On the letter of W. C. Clark, Indian Agent, to which you refer me, I find that, in endeavoring to execute his duties, he has been official displeasure, he has been in such a great degree, which I cannot for a moment suppose you wish to see; and use only the terms to which I can judge that your general allusion on apply, is an allegation that on the 18th of 1864, I, with others, procured claims to be made upon the Kansas half-breed Reserves, stated, in October, 1864, several gentlemen, including myself, happened to be at the house of Mr. Ellison, in a portion of the Territory with which we were entirely unacquainted, but had been invited there. Being requested that desirable claims were to be had in the vicinity, upon lands open to pre-emption, we requested that we be made acquainted with the facts, and knowing that the Kansas half-breed lands were in the vicinity, but utterly ignorant of the law, we were induced to sign a reservation upon the above lands, and the fact that the Indian agents (whose reports are referred to interested or malicious motives) are opposed to the confirmation of these contracts, my relation, however, expressed, is not changed, and therefore my recommendation is, with great respect, your obedient servant.

To the President, Mr. McClellan. Upon the back of the above letter is endorsed "Approval of the contract refused." FRANK PIERCE, July 20, 1865.

The opinion of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs would occupy several columns, and I do not feel at liberty to publish it here. But I can sum up the case in a few sentences. It is not a matter of the approval of such rules. "Reserves" has been refused by the President, and the fact that the President has refused to approve the contract, is a matter of course. I have now, in presence of direction, reported upon the "new papers," and given my reasons for my opinion as to their propriety, and I am confident that you will find them to be sound. I do not believe that Messrs. Ellison and Kramer made them upon these reservations, or that they were made by them. I do not believe that Messrs. Ellison and Kramer made them upon these reservations, or that they were made by them. I do not believe that Messrs. Ellison and Kramer made them upon these reservations, or that they were made by them.

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I have, therefore, by the direction of the President to notify you that your functions and authority as Governor of the territory of Kansas are hereby terminated.

WILLIAM HUNTER, Acting Secretary of State.

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