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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, April 18, 1892.

John K. Rankin, Esq.,

U.S. Special Agent,

Lawrence, Kansas.

Sir:

I transmit, herewith, letter of instructions dated April 14, 1892, and approved by the Acting Secretary of the Interior on April 15th, 1892, except as to the last clause of Section 8, which states that "the children of an Indian woman, the issue of a marriage contracted with a white man, a citizen of the United States and not a member of the tribe, since August 9, 1888, are not entitled to allotments."

In compliance with the Acting Secretary's directions, you are advised that in making allotments to the Indians the rights of half breed children, above referred to, will be held in abeyance until decision is rendered by the Department in the case of Black Tomahawk vs. Jane Waldron. You will, however, permit such half breed children to make their selections with the others, being careful to impress upon them the fact that their right thereto is dependent upon the decision to b

e rendered by the Department in the case of Black Tomahawk vs. Waldron, as aforesaid. You will also be careful to designate upon the schedule of allotments to be made by you, the selections made by such half breed children, in order that their selections may be readily stricken from the schedule in the event of the said decision being adverse to their interests.

The blanks referred to in letter of instructions, will be forwarded to your address at the Yakima Agency.

Very respectfully,

R.V. Belt,
Acting Commissioner.

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