

Indian Affairs

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Dear Friend:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant referring to the fact that eight Osage Indian Councilmen and leaders visited Washington recently.

So far as I know, there was no new legislation proposed by these Indians except that they prevailed upon Senator Thomas to offer an amendment to the Interior Appropriations Bill to pay the salary of a tribal attorney to represent the Osage Indians as counter-distinguished from the superintendent, Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the United States. Apparently, Mr. Fulton, the present attorney for the agency, it was agreed on all hands, is regarded as the attorney for the Government instead of for the Osage Tribe, its Council or the individual members of the Tribe.

In other words, the practice has been to have an attorney represent the Trustees and now these Indians demanded that an attorney represent them as the wards of the Government, or the beneficiaries of such trust. This appropriation bill has passed the House and was thus amended in the Senate at the time these Indians were here.

They were interested in a number of other minor and more or less administrative affairs; but so far as I know, no other legislation was proposed or sponsored by them at this time, except that they were opposed to a pending bill seeking to make peyote difficult for them to obtain and use in connection with their religious observances. I handled this peyote situation for them, I think, to their complete satisfaction.

Since you ask me to inform you of any legislation that has a tendency to offset the interests of the community at large, which I believe none of this does, and in the event any such legislation should be introduced or be pending that I notify you and our mutual friend

SCHWABE COLL



Mr. J. Corbett Cornett, I am sending Mr. Cornett a copy of this letter.

With all good wishes to you and Mr. Cornett, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

cc: J. Corbett Cornett

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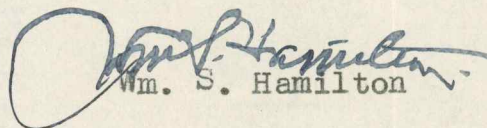
Dear Mr. Schwabe:

The local papers give out the information that a delegation from the Osage Indian Agency is now in Washington. I have no knowledge on the object of their visit. At their annual visits many times new legislation is discussed.

It is requested that you try to keep in touch with the situation and if there be any proposed legislation that would affect our general community and would affect the practice of law in this community, it will be highly appreciated if you will let me know so that we can guard our interests. I am not interested in any legislation which purely relates to departmental rules and regulations, but I am interested in the event any proposed legislation would go beyond departmental details and have a tendency to affect the interests of the community at large. In the event the occasion arises to notify me, I wish you would also notify our good friend, J. Corbett Cornett.

Thanking you for all courtesies extended, I am

Very truly yours

  
Wm. S. Hamilton

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