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 Department of the Interior

 Office Indian Affairs

 October 24th 1863

Gentlemen:

 Your communication to this office of the 9th inst. making a statement of the condition of your people and asking military protection, has been submitted to , and a response received from the Secretary of the Interior.

 He suggests that you confer with Governor Carney with a view of securing the cooperation of the State Authorities in your behalf. He expressed the belief that adequate means of protection can thus be afforded to your people without making application to the War Department.

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 Governor Carney will also be advised of this accommodation of the Secretary.

 Very Respectfully

 Your Obt. Servt.

 W. P Dale

 Commissioner

James Wind & others

 Ottawa Creek

 Franklin County

 Kansas.