

KASKASKIA, PEORIA, WEA, AND PIANKESHAW INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RECOMMENDING

The payment of a sum of money to the confederated bands of Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians, to be reimbursed to the treasury upon the sale of the trust lands of the said Indians.

FEBRUARY 25, 1865.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., February 24, 1865.

SIR: I have the honor to ask the favorable consideration of Congress to the accompanying copy of a communication of the 21st instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, recommending that the sum of six thousand eight hundred and eighteen $\frac{30}{100}$ dollars be appropriated by Congress, to be paid by the confederate tribes of the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians, and to be reimbursed into the treasury upon the final settlement of the accounts of William Brindle, late receiver of public moneys, said amount being withheld from the receipt of sales of the trust lands of said Indians, by said Brindle, unaccounted for and not deposited in the United States treasury.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, *Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Office Indian Affairs, February 21, 1865.

SIR: Repeated applications having been made to this office for the balance due to the confederated tribes of the Kaskaskias, Peorias, Weas, and Piankeshaws, arising from the sale of their trust lands, by William Brindle, late receiver of the General Land Office, I have the honor to recommend that the balance, \$6,818 30, reported by the General Land Office as being held by late Receiver Brindle from the receipt of sales unaccounted for and not deposited in the United States treasury, be appropriated by Congress to be paid by said confederated bands, and to be reimbursed into the treasury upon the fiscal settlement of the accounts of late Receiver William Brindle.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. P. DOLE,

Commissioner.

Hon. JOHN P. USHER,

Secretary of the Interior.