## ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIANS.

## LETTER

FROM THE

## SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RECALLING

His report dated April 13 last, and the claims of Absentee Shawnee Indians, submitted therewith.

DECEMBER 23, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, D. C., December 18, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter dated the 15th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, requesting to recall his report to this Department, dated the 13th of April last, and the claims of "Absentee Shawnee Indians," submitted therewith.

The claims in question were presented to Congress with a letter addressed by the Secretary of the Interior to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the 11th May, 1874.

I respectfully request that the said claims be returned to this De-

partment.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,

Secretary.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1874.

SIR: On the 13th of April last, this Office transmitted to the Department, with a report, a package of claims of "Absentee Shawnee Indians," for the value of property taken from them by persons in rebellion against the United States during the late civil war. I beg leave now to recall said report and claims.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. P. SMITH, Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.