

LETTER  
FROM THE  
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TO THE

*Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, accompanying information in relation to the condition of the Kansas Indians recently removed to the Indian Territory.*

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MARCH 2, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., February 27, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to present, herewith, a copy of a communication, dated the 26th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, reporting the condition of the Kansas tribe of Indians recently removed from the State of Kansas to the Indian Territory, and recommending that the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for their settlement, subsistence, and support on their new reservation in said Territory, be appropriated by Congress, to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas.

An estimate for the above-named amount is submitted and explained in the accompanying report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

The subject is commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. WM. A. BUCKINGHAM,  
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., February 26, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to present, herewith, for the consideration of the Department and of Congress, an estimate for the sum of \$40,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the subsistence and support of the Kansas tribe of Indians, said amount, if appropriated, to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas. (See St., vol. 17, p. 85.)

Under the provisions of the second article of the treaty with said tribe, of January 14, 1846, (St., vol. 9, p. 842,) the sum of \$10,000, for interest in lieu of investment on \$200,000, is annually appropriated for the benefit of said Indians, and expended to provide for their most urgent necessities. Having recently been removed from Kansas to a new reservation in the Indian Territory, this sum is inadequate to meet the increased expenses connected with their settlement and establishment in their new homes, as their ground must be broken, fences constructed, cabins built, &c., and their efforts to sustain themselves by the pursuits of civilized life encouraged and advanced.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWARD P. SMITH,

Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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*Estimate of appropriation required for the settlement, subsistence, and support of the Kansas Indians on their new reservation in the Indian Territory.*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to subsist and properly care for the Kansas Indians, including agricultural assistance, pay of employes, and the erection of a mill on their new reservation in the Indian Territory, said amount to be refunded to the United States from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas.....	\$30,000 00
For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the erection of necessary agency buildings on the new reservation of said Indians in the Indian Territory, said amount to be reimbursed to the United States from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas.....	10,000 00
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