

L E T T E R

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES SENATE,

RELATIVE TO

The sale of certain bonds held in trust for the Shawnee Indians.

APRIL 14, 1880.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed (to accompany bill S. 1331).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, April 1, 1880.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter addressed to this department by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on the 23d instant, inclosing draft of a bill authorizing the Treasurer of the United States to convert into cash certain bonds held in trust for the Shawnee Indians. I also inclose copy of the Commissioner's report, dated the 16th ultimo, giving reasons why such disposition should be made of the funds of said Indians, and recommending that Congress be requested to authorize, by appropriate legislation, the sale of said bonds.

The recommendation of the Commissioner meets with my approval, and I respectfully request that the bill may receive the favorable action of Congress.

Very respectfully,

C. SCHURZ,
Secretary.

Hon. RICHARD COKE,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 23, 1880.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th instant in reply to office report of the 17th recommending certain legislation by Congress relative to the sale of securities held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Shawnee Indians, and in compliance with the request contained therein submit herewith a draft of a bill entitled "A bill authorizing the Treasurer of the United

States to convert into cash certain bonds held in trust for the Shawnee Indians."

Very respectfully,

R. E. TROWBRIDGE,
Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 16, 1880.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the fact that the Treasurer of the United States, as custodian, holds for the benefit of the Shawnee Indians securities amounting to \$4,835.65 "United States funded loan of 1881," being amount invested from the proceeds of sale of their lands in Kansas.

As this amount was invested for the benefit of said Indians prior to their consolidation with the Cherokees, and belongs to the Shawnees as a tribe, at their request I respectfully recommend that Congress be requested to authorize, by appropriate legislation, the sale of said bonds by the Treasurer of the United States, the proceeds thereof to be placed to their credit on the books of the Treasury, and paid to them *per capita* through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

Very respectfully,

R. E. TROWBRIDGE,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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