

CLAIMS OF KANSAS INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

TRANSMITTING

Copy of report made by commissioners appointed under the provisions of the twelfth article of treaty of 23d February, 1867, with the Senecas, Mixed Senecas and Shawnees, and Quapaw tribes of Indians in Kansas, to investigate the claims of those Indians.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 8, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter of the 31st ultimo from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying copy of a report, dated April 25, 1869, made by commissioners appointed under the provisions of the twelfth article of the treaty concluded February 23, 1867, with the Senecas, Mixed Senecas and Shawnees, and Quapaw tribes of Indians in Kansas, to investigate the claims of those Indians for losses sustained on account of being driven from their homes during the late war.

An "abstract" of said claims, showing the amount recommended by the commissioners for allowance, is also herewith submitted for the consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX, *Secretary.*

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 31, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit to you duplicate copies of the report, under date of April 25, 1869, made by Messrs. J. W. Caldwell and Landon Carter, commissioners appointed by the Secretary of

the Interior, under the provisions of the 12th article of the treaty concluded February 23, 1867, with the Senecas, Mixed Senecas and Shawnees, and Quapaw tribes of Indians, to investigate the claims of those Indians for losses sustained on account of being driven from their homes by rebel forces during the late war.

I also inclose herewith duplicate copies of an abstract of the said claims, made in this office by your direction.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. COX,
Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25, 1869.

SIR: The undersigned commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of the twelfth article of the treaty concluded February 23, 1867, between the United States and the Seneca, Mixed Seneca and Shawnee, and Quapaw tribes of Indians, to proceed to the country of said Indians, and make careful investigation of their claims for losses sustained on account of being driven from their homes by rebel forces during the late war, respectfully submit the following report:

Having duly received our instructions from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in pursuance thereof we proceeded to Baldwin City, Kansas, the place of meeting designated therein, and arrived there on the 4th of February, the appointed date. We found the roads, southward from Ottawa, Kansas, the furthest point attainable by rail, in an impassable condition, owing to continued rains, and were thereby delayed until the 15th of February. We were also delayed awaiting the arrival of part of our funds from the Indian Bureau, which only reached us on the 13th of that month.

There being no stages nor other public conveyances running at that time by means of which we could proceed further, we were compelled to furnish our own transportation.

Leaving Ottawa on February 15, we proceeded slowly southward, the roads being yet so heavy as to necessitate our walking half the time, and the variable nature of the weather, alternately freezing and thawing, kept them in such a wretched condition that we were unable to accomplish but from fifteen to twenty miles per day. We finally reached our destination—Neosho Agency, Indian territory—after a most disagreeable and fatiguing journey of ten days, on the 24th of February.

On the following day we gave notice to the Indians of our arrival and business, in pursuance of our instructions, and procured the affidavits of three disinterested persons respecting the current or market value of stock cattle and other property in the Indian country at the time of the breaking out of the war, which is herewith transmitted, marked A. We afterwards took the affidavits of three other disinterested persons bearing upon the same subject, and testifying as to the general condition of these Indians when the late war broke out, which is also herewith, marked B. In taking the claims, as will be perceived by reference thereto, we have been governed by the prices established by said affidavits, and which we believe to be just and equitable.

During the first ten days after our arrival, we were enabled to inves-

tigate but few claims, the attendance of the Indians being limited, caused by the continuance of unfavorable weather, and the fact of the Senecas holding an annual festival, (lasting over a week,) which the Indians of all the tribes with whom our business was connected generally attended.

In taking the Shawnee claims, we inadvertently neglected to establish by the evidence that the claimants "are now, and were, at the commencement of the war," members of that tribe, which omission has been supplied by the affidavits of the chiefs of said tribe, herewith transmitted, marked C.

A list of the claims taken, marked D, is also herewith, showing the number and amount thereof, aggregating as follows, viz:

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| 30 Mixed Seneca and Shawnee claims, amounting to.... | \$14, 757 25 |
| 33 Shawnee claims, amounting to | 18, 143 85 |
| 41 Seneca claims, amounting to | 29, 306 95 |
| 78 Quapaw claims, amounting to | 48, 601 85 |
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| 182 claims in all, amounting to..... | 110, 809 90 |
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Beside the above there were about twenty claims, as made out by their agent, which we could not take, the claimants having removed from the territory and not being able to attend our sittings, although we gave them ample notice and opportunity to do so.

In some of the claims of these Indians, as originally made out by their agent while in Kansas, stock cattle and other property were claimed, alleged to have been taken from them by Union soldiers, before they were compelled to abandon their homes; and similar property, alleged to have been lost after their arrival in Kansas. These items were all stricken out, as we considered they did not come within the province of our instructions, which we construed to mean that we should only pass upon claims for losses sustained on account of the *abandonment* of the property.

In every case wherein a guardian has been selected by the council of the tribe to which the claimant belonged to make the claim for the benefit of minor heirs, the same has been done with the knowledge and approval of the agent; and it is understood and agreed among the chiefs and headmen of the different tribes that he shall witness the payment of the money, should the claims be allowed by Congress, and assure the proper disbursement of the amount of each claim to the person thereunto entitled.

In two cases (*vide* claims No. 30 and 142) the claimants appear to have been absent from their homes at the time of the involuntary exodus of these Indians, and had left their property in the charge of their friends or relatives, which was abandoned by them and lost. It is respectively submitted, however, that said claimants have as just claim for remuneration for their losses as if they been at home, in immediate possession of the property lost.

In another case (*vide* claim No. 164) the claimant appears to have been temporarily residing in the Creek Nation when the war broke out. As shown by the evidence, she was living in that country under an old compact, entered into some years before the war between the different Indian tribes inhabiting the Indian territory, which allowed the members of any tribe to live and trade in the country of another tribe, without becoming members thereof. The claimant appears to have been

engaged in raising stock cattle and trading while there, and had accumulated much property, including a considerable stock of dry goods, and some specie, the proceeds of sales of part of her stock cattle. From the evidence taken in the case, it would seem that she used every endeavor to save her property, but was compelled to sacrifice it, which, it is respectfully submitted, might be considered as a sufficient guarantee of her loyalty.

Mention is made in the affidavits respectively, marked A and B, and in the evidence in the claim No. 91, of the condition of these Indians when the war broke out, representing that they were in prosperous circumstances, &c. In the business for which we were appointed, we were compelled to travel through a considerable portion of their country, and from the numerous evidences of former prosperity, such as ruined farms, houses, stables, &c., we are led to believe in the truth of said statements touching their condition before the war. Their advanced state of civilization, then and now, also warrants the belief that they were in possession of the property claimed to have been lost. Their loyalty is also established by said affidavits, and the fact that they abandoned their property in preference to joining the rebel forces, and that a large proportion of them, as will be seen by the evidence in the claims, entered the service of the United States after their arrival in Kansas.

During our investigations we received much valuable assistance from George Mitchell, special Indian agent for the Senecas, Mixed Senecas and Shawnees, and Quapaws; Major G. C. Snow, Neosho agent; and Lazarus Flint, George Wright, and Samuel G. Valier, interpreters. We would also acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered the commission by Mr. Q. A. Pearson, its secretary. It is only justice to him to say that, by the aid of his faithful services, the business of the commission was greatly expedited, and we take pleasure in testifying to his diligence and efficiency.

In conclusion, we have only to state, that during our travels in connection with the business for which we were appointed, we have been guided in our expenditures, as far as was possible, by a rigid adherence to economy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. CALDWELL,
LONDON CARTER,
Commissioners.

Hon. J. W. Cox,
Secretary of the Interior.

SHAWNEE CLAIMS.

| No. | Name of claimant. | Amount allowed. | Remarks. |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Alfred McDaniel..... | \$642 75 | |
| 2 | Old House Beaver..... | 1,051 50 | |
| 3 | Mary Flint..... | 181 90 | |
| 4 | Much-e-la-tha McDaniel..... | 181 55 | |
| 5 | Ki-kepea-se Jackson..... | 1,731 50 | Less \$100 disallowed. |
| 6 | Bill Captain..... | 201 00 | |
| 7 | Cornstalk..... | 174 50 | |
| 8 | Mrs. James King..... | 208 65 | |
| 9 | Jack McLane..... | 3,833 50 | |
| 10 | Tom Stands..... | 1,193 50 | |
| 11 | Lucinda McLane..... | 478 75 | |
| 12 | Mrs. James Beaver..... | 714 15 | |

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SHAWNEE CLAIMS—Continued.

| No. | Name of claimant. | Amount allowed. | Remarks. |
|-----|---|-----------------|--|
| 13 | George Hunter..... | \$192 00 | Heir of Run Before. |
| 14 | Alfred McDaniel..... | 174 50 | Representative of Joe Mohawk's children. |
| 15 | Ketchum Jackson..... | 445 75 | Heir of Betsey Jackson. |
| 16 | Same | 335 50 | Representative of Ottawa Jackson. |
| 17 | Good Hunt..... | 17 00 | |
| 18 | Samuel Thomas..... | 1,708 25 | |
| 19 | Mrs. Henry Stands..... | 1,131 80 | |
| 20 | Mrs. Cornstalk..... | 571 75 | Heir of Mrs. John Quick. |
| 21 | Mrs. Grindstone..... | 298 55 | |
| 22 | Samuel Thomas..... | 100 25 | Representative of Ni-ki-ta-gun-se. |
| 23 | It-sah-hah..... | 193 50 | |
| 24 | Mrs. Henry Grindstone..... | 13 00 | |
| 25 | Mrs. John Kelley..... | 441 25 | Representative of John Kelley. |
| 26 | It-sah-hah..... | 255 00 | Representative of James Sanders. |
| 27 | William Jackson..... | 126 00 | |
| 28 | Wm. Jackson & Alfred McDaniel, (chiefs) | 46 00 | National claim. |
| 94 | Betsey Shawnee..... | 670 25 | |
| 95 | Martha..... | 296 50 | |
| 179 | Tah-pen-se..... | 331 00 | |
| 180 | Tom Stands..... | 112 00 | Representative of Hallewapease. |
| 181 | Cho-quee..... | 90 75 | |
| | Total..... | 18,143 85 | |

MIXED SENECA AND SHAWNEE CLAIMS.

| | | | |
|-----|--------------------------|------------|--|
| 29 | John Young..... | \$1,385 05 | |
| 30 | Sally Schuyler..... | 153 75 | |
| 31 | Mrs. Susan Beaver..... | 1,703 25 | |
| 32 | Mary Yellow Jacket..... | 336 05 | |
| 33 | James Tall Chief..... | 313 75 | |
| 34 | John White Tree..... | 411 50 | |
| 35 | John Big Tail..... | 139 00 | |
| 36 | James Tall Chief..... | 731 15 | Representative of John Mellen. |
| 37 | John White Tree..... | 172 75 | Representative of Dr. White Tree. |
| 38 | Twenty Bassett..... | 198 50 | |
| 39 | Mrs. John Porcupine..... | 114 00 | |
| 40 | Charles Bee..... | 353 25 | |
| 41 | Mrs. Silas Smith..... | 272 75 | |
| 42 | Mrs. Sarah Clarke..... | 793 50 | |
| 43 | Mrs. Lewis Davis..... | 2,711 25 | Representative of Lewis Davis. |
| 44 | Mrs. Sarah Bearskin..... | 529 25 | |
| 45 | Mrs. Jo Mohawk..... | 348 00 | |
| 46 | Mrs. Betsey Beaver..... | 308 25 | |
| 47 | Charles Bee..... | 301 75 | Representative of Mary Civil John. |
| 48 | John Porcupine..... | 446 50 | |
| 49 | James Tall Chief..... | 409 25 | Representative of Napoleon Solomon. |
| 50 | James Logan..... | 233 75 | |
| 51 | Mrs. John Smith..... | 611 00 | |
| 52 | Jo Silas..... | 92 50 | Representative of Jno. and Jas. Good Hunt. |
| 53 | Sam Tucker..... | 142 50 | |
| 54 | Sam Tucker..... | 75 00 | Representative of James Tucker. |
| 67 | Thomas Ball..... | 379 00 | Representative of John Ball. |
| 90 | John Mush, jr..... | 61 00 | |
| 178 | Mrs. Sarah Clark..... | 989 00 | Representative of James and Rosa Harris. |
| 182 | The Chiefs..... | 41 00 | National claim. |
| | Total..... | 14,757 25 | |

SENECA CLAIMS.

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|----|------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 55 | Isaac Warrior..... | \$905 08 | |
| 56 | Joseph Spicer..... | 367 25 | |
| 57 | William Spicer..... | 979 25 | Representative of Little Town Spicer. |
| 58 | Harlan Mush..... | 236 35 | |
| 59 | John Armstrong..... | 111 75 | |
| 60 | James Bigbone..... | 406 25 | |
| 61 | Amos Crow..... | 1,222 95 | |
| 62 | James Schrimpsker..... | 70 00 | |
| 63 | James King..... | 764 75 | |
| 64 | Eliza Schrimpsker..... | 117 00 | |
| 65 | James King..... | 1,497 65 | Representative of Mrs. John Mush, sr. |
| 66 | John Winny..... | 1,277 17 | |
| 68 | James Mingo..... | 611 40 | Representative of Joe and Mary Mingo. |

SENECA CLAIMS—Continued.

| No. | Name of claimant. | Amount allowed. | Remarks. |
|-----|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 69 | Daniel Spicer | \$244 25 | |
| 70 | John Spicer | 236 50 | |
| 71 | Armstrong Spicer | 1, 185 20 | Representative of Small Cloud Spicer. |
| 72 | Susan Armstrong | 1, 694 75 | |
| 73 | Young Jacob | 437 50 | |
| 74 | Mrs. Brown | 579 50 | |
| 75 | James King | 236 25 | Representative of Hannah Moss. |
| 76 | James Mingo | 120 75 | Representative of Square Stone. |
| 77 | James Armstrong | 1, 181 30 | |
| 78 | Mrs. Henry Dr. Shane | 484 00 | Representative of Fat Armstrong. |
| 79 | Susan Smith | 154 25 | Representative of Jane Smith. |
| 80 | James T. Young | 473 00 | |
| 81 | Joseph Herron | 353 25 | |
| 82 | Jerry Crow | 514 45 | |
| 83 | George Spicer | 2, 568 00 | |
| 84 | Joseph Silas | 533 50 | |
| 85 | Mrs. John Standstone | 122 00 | |
| 86 | Nancy Douglass | 496 50 | Representative of George Douglass. |
| 87 | Mrs. James Young | 91 00 | Representative of Sin-i-o-wa. |
| 88 | Mary Curley Eye | 412 00 | Representative of Coffee House. |
| 89 | Mrs. James Young | 342 90 | Representative of James Young. |
| 92 | Jack Armstrong, sr. | 210 00 | |
| 93 | George Wright | 2, 956 00 | |
| 91 | The Chiefs | 2, 858 00 | National, (less \$450 disallowed.) |
| 96 | Martha Driver | 869 50 | Representative of Mrs. Hicks. |
| 126 | Katie Armstrong | 177 50 | Representative of Jacob Smith. |
| 141 | Elizabeth Herron | 33 75 | |
| 142 | Jacob White Crow | 1, 174 50 | |
| | Total | 29, 306 95 | |

QUAPAW CLAIMS.

| | | | |
|-----|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 97 | Cah-hic-ca-te-da | \$1, 074 50 | Cah-hic-ca-te-da's band. |
| 98 | Mus-cah-tah-sey | 316 00 | Do. |
| 99 | Te-she-wah-con-tah | 396 00 | Do. |
| 100 | Wah-she-hoo-tah | 170 00 | Do. |
| 101 | Con-sey-war-con-tah | 400 00 | Do. |
| 102 | Red Eagle | 326 00 | Do. |
| 103 | Cah-ha-to-wah-nee | 212 00 | Do. |
| 104 | Lony Jack | 370 00 | Do. |
| 105 | Mus-cah-hoo-way | 66 00 | Do. |
| 106 | White Eagle | 460 25 | Do. |
| 107 | On-po-see | 1, 341 00 | Do. |
| 108 | Me-te-day | 105 75 | Do. |
| 109 | Mrs. Francis | 695 00 | Do. |
| 110 | Mo-shin-ke-tah | 260 50 | Do. |
| 111 | Me-mo-nee-nee | 328 50 | Do. |
| 112 | Tah-me-te-kah | 268 50 | Representative of Mus-ca-she-cah. |
| 113 | Spa-da | 139 50 | Do. |
| 114 | Ham-pah | 418 25 | Do. |
| 115 | Buffalo Calf | 222 00 | Do. |
| 116 | Bogy | 264 00 | Do. |
| 117 | Hah-hoo-wah | 145 00 | Do. |
| 118 | Me-no-bar-te-to | 153 00 | Do. |
| 119 | Ile-dah-me | 49 00 | Do. |
| 166 | Me-hun-cah-te-da | 252 50 | Do. |
| 120 | George Lane | 2, 632 50 | George Lane's band. |
| 121 | Samuel G. Valler | 1, 688 50 | Do. |
| 122 | Wah-ta-hun cah | 393 50 | Do. |
| 123 | Lewis Bartholomew | 270 00 | Do. |
| 124 | Richard Buck | 290 00 | Do. |
| 125 | Shra-wah-me-tah-ke | 723 00 | Do. |
| 127 | Shrury-cah-war-con-tah | 1, 204 50 | Do. |
| 128 | Jack Quapaw | 119 50 | Do. |
| 129 | Augustus Eddy | 515 00 | Do. |
| 130 | Young Cedar | 3, 301 75 | Do. |
| 131 | Black Hawk | 186 00 | Do. |
| 133 | Me-tah-te-da | 523 50 | Do. |
| 134 | Me-cow-see | 222 00 | Do. |
| 135 | Cah-nee | 116 75 | Do. |
| 136 | Mus-cah-me-tah-kee | 1, 040 75 | Do. |
| 137 | Me-skar | 184 00 | Do. |
| 138 | Me-tah-he-no-bah | 694 75 | Do. |
| 139 | Me-con-sah | 106 50 | Do. |
| 140 | Mi-ta-te-dy | 180 75 | Do. |
| 143 | John Hun-cah, jr. | 714 25 | Do. |

CLAIMS OF KANSAS INDIANS.

QUAPAW CLAIMS—Continued.

| No. | Name of claimant. | Amount allowed. | Remarks. |
|-----|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 144 | Ham-pah-me-tah-ke | \$67 50 | George Lane's band. |
| 145 | Joseph Crow | 181 25 | Do. |
| 146 | Alphonsus Valier | 346 00 | Do. |
| 154 | Me-no-bar-te-to | 70 75 | Do. |
| 176 | Mo-shin-tah-ketah | 50 00 | Do. |
| 132 | James Mac Henry | 322 50 | Canadian band. |
| 147 | Me-tah-to-mo-nee | 537 00 | Do. |
| 148 | Shin-cah-wah-con-tah | 766 50 | Do. |
| 149 | Wah-te-wah-con-tah | 302 50 | Do. |
| 150 | Lewis Quapaw | 1,723 25 | Do. |
| 151 | Water Maker | 689 50 | Do. |
| 152 | Window She-to | 108 50 | Do. |
| 153 | James Medicine | 125 00 | Do. |
| 155 | He-det-skar-wah-tah-ke | 179 00 | Do. |
| 156 | Snee-he-she-cah | 799 00 | Do. |
| 157 | Mo-tah-cah-nee | 175 00 | Do. |
| 158 | Joe Washinteda | 125 75 | Do. |
| 159 | Wah-tah-skoh | 450 00 | Do. |
| 160 | War-he-sah | 631 00 | Do. |
| 161 | Wah-to | 171 00 | Do. |
| 162 | Wah-con-tah-mo-nee | 171 00 | Do. |
| 163 | Cah-she-cah | 650 00 | Do. |
| 164 | Me-skar-to | 12,531 75 | Do. |
| 165 | Tah-to-me-to | 811 50 | Do. |
| 167 | Elijah Young | 318 75 | Do. |
| 168 | Charlotte Jozette | 426 25 | Do. |
| 169 | Mo Squin | 1,182 50 | Do. |
| 170 | Miss Beaver | 136 10 | Do. |
| 171 | He-det-sin | 488 00 | Do. |
| 172 | Tah-me-ke-tah | 256 75 | Do. |
| 173 | Me-he-tah | 161 00 | Do. |
| 174 | He-dah-wah-con-tah | 32 00 | Do. |
| 175 | Me-skarteda | 49 00 | Do. |
| 177 | He-det-me-tah-ke | 26 00 | Do. |
| | Total | 48,601 85 | |

RECAPITULATION.

| No. | Name of tribe. | Amount allowed. |
|-----|---|-----------------|
| 33 | Shawnees | \$18,143 85 |
| 30 | Mixed Senecas and Shawnees | 14,757 25 |
| 41 | Senecas | 28,306 95 |
| 78 | Quapaws | 48,601 85 |
| | Total—182 claims | 110,809 |
| | Deduct this amount disallowed in claim No. 5 | \$100 00 |
| | Deduct this amount disallowed in claim No. 91 | 45 00 |
| | | 550 00 |
| | Amount recommended for allowance | 110,259 90 |