

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CREEK INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Estimate of appropriations required for carrying out treaty stipulations with the Creek Indians.

JANUARY 8, 1869.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 7, 1869.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 6th instant, in relation to an appropriation required to carry out the provisions of the fourth article of the treaty of June 14, 1866, with the Creek nation of Indians, in which the sum of \$2,500 is asked, and an estimate for which is also transmitted herewith.

The attention of Congress is respectfully invited to the favorable consideration of the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING, *Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 6, 1869.

SIR: The fourth article of the treaty of June 14, 1866, with the Creeks, (see Statutes at Large, vol. 14, 787,) provides that immediately after the ratification of the treaty the United States shall ascertain the amount due the respective soldiers who enlisted in the federal army, loyal refugee Indians, and freedmen, in proportion to their several losses, and pay the amount awarded each. To do this a census of the Creeks is to be taken by the agent for said Indians, and a roll of the names of all soldiers, loyal refugee Indians, and freedmen, is to be made by him. The superintendent of Indian affairs for the southern superintendency and the agent for the Creek nation are to investigate and determine from said rolls the amounts due the respective refugee Indians, and transmit to this office, for the approval of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and

that of the Secretary of the Interior, their awards, together with the reasons therefor.

Delay in acting upon the provisions of said article has been caused for various reasons, but principally for want of funds to defray the travelling and other expenses that would necessarily be incurred by the agent in taking the census and preparing the roll, and by the superintendent and agent in investigating and determining from said roll the amounts due the respective refugee Indians.

Agent Dunn has submitted an estimate of funds required to pay the expense of taking such census and investigating the claims of the loyal Creeks, refugees, and freedmen, amounting to \$2,960. This sum is believed to be larger than will be required for the purpose, and it is thought \$2,500 will prove sufficient.

I have, therefore, caused to be prepared an estimate of appropriation required for the purposes aforesaid, and respectfully request that the same be laid before Congress for its action.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. G. TAYLOR, *Commissioner.*

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriation required for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the Creeks, under treaty of June 14, 1866.

For this amount required to pay the expense of taking a census and investigating the claims of loyal refugee Indians and freedmen, per fourth article, treaty June 14, 1866..... \$2,500