

SURVEY OF CHEROKEE STRIP ADJOINING KANSAS.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

ASKING

*For an appropriation for expense of survey of Cherokee strip adjoining
Kansas.*

FEBRUARY 7, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 3, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter dated the 2d instant, from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, submitting an estimate of appropriations (copy also herewith) required to enable this Department to pay the expense of the survey of the Cherokee strip adjoining the southern boundary of Kansas, which was ceded in trust to the United States by the Cherokee Nation, by the seventeenth article of the treaty with said Indians, of July 19, 1866, (U. S. Statutes, vol. 14, page 804.) The estimate provides that the sum asked for, \$13,000, shall be refunded to the Treasury of the United States from the proceeds of the sale of the lands embraced in said strip.

Concurring in the views of the Commissioner, I have the honor to recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of Congress.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., February 2, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copy of a communication from the surveyor general of Kansas, dated the 20th ultimo, recommending an appropriation of \$13,000 to pay the expense of the survey of the Cherokee strip adjoining the southern boundary of Kansas, which was

ceded in trust to the United States by the Cherokee Nation, by the seventeenth article of the treaty of July 19, 1866, (U. S. Statutes, vol. 14, page 804.)

The lands have been contracted for survey, with stipulation of payment to deputy surveyor out of the proceeds of sale of the same, but in view of the fact that the contemplated proceeds will not be realized for many months to come, for the reason that official plats of the surveys will not be ready for some time after the returns of surveys shall have been made to the surveyor general's office, I recommend the propriety of submitting to Congress the inclosed estimate of appropriation, to be refunded to the Treasury from the first proceeds derived from sale of the lands in question.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIS DRUMMOND,
Commissioner.

ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
February 2, 1872.

To enable the Secretary of the Interior to pay the expense of the survey of the strip of land adjoining the southern boundary of Kansas, which was ceded in trust to the United States by the Cherokee Nation, by the seventeenth article of treaty of July 19, 1866, (vide U. S. Statutes, vol. 14, page 804,) there is hereby appropriated the sum of thirteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary. *Provided,* That the amount so paid for said survey shall be refunded to the Treasury from the proceeds of sale of said lands.