

EXPENSES OF AGENT TO THE EASTERN OR NORTH CAROLINA CHEROKEES.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation of \$3,503 65 required to pay the amount found due on account of expenses incurred by the special agent to make payment of moneys belonging to the Eastern or North Carolina Cherokees.

JANUARY 11, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 9, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication dated the 18th ultimo, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, submitting an estimate of appropriation of \$3,503 65, required to pay the amount found due on account of expenses incurred by S. H. Swetland, as special agent to make payment of moneys belonging to the Eastern or North Carolina Cherokees. The attention of Congress is respectfully invited to the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 18, 1871.

SIR: By authority of the Department, Mr. S. H. Swetland of this city was, on the 7th June, 1869, appointed a special agent to make payment of moneys due under the act of July 29, 1848, (Stat., vol. 9, pp. 264, 265,) to certain Cherokee Indians, known as "Eastern or North Carolina Cherokees," and under instructions from this office proceeded, on the 15th of that month, to North Carolina in the discharge of his duties, returning to this city on the 10th of September following.

In order to secure the safety of the funds placed in his charge, Mr. Swetland found it necessary to employ a military and civil escort of sixteen men to accompany him from place to place, while engaged in the duties of his office, by which the expenses of his special agency were increased to a considerable extent.

His account of these expenses, presented for settlement on the 4th of January last, amounts to \$4,298 10, of which \$3,503 65 have been allowed by this office; but no funds have ever been appropriated, nor are there any at the disposal of the Department applicable to the payment of Mr. Swetland's account.

I therefore have the honor to recommend that Congress be requested to appropriate the sum of \$3,503 65, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose indicated.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriation required to pay the amount found due on account of expenses incurred by S. H. Swetland, as special agent to make payment of moneys belonging to the Eastern or North Carolina Cherokees.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the amount found due by the Interior Department on account of expenses incurred in the year 1869, by S. H. Swetland, as special agent to make payment of moneys due the Eastern Cherokees, under the act of July 29, 1848..... \$3,503 65