

CLAIM OF CHICKASAW NATION.

L E T T E R

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

The claim of the Chickasaw Nation for interest due on certain State stocks belonging to the Chickasaw Nation fund.

APRIL 17, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., April 13, 1872.

SIR : I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate of appropriation required to pay the Chickasaw Nation of Indians the balance remaining due and unpaid on certain Arkansas and Tennessee State bonds held in trust by this Department for the benefit of said Indians, amounting in all to the sum of \$297,890.25.

The accompanying copies of the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and other papers, it is believed, furnish full information upon the subject.

By the 10th article of the treaty concluded April 28, 1866, with the Choctaws and Chickasaws, (Stats. at Large, vol. 14, pp. 769,) it appears that the United States re-affirmed "all obligations arising out of treaty stipulations or acts of legislation, with regard to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, entered into prior to the late rebellion." * * *

In my opinion the provisions of the above article cover this case, and I therefore respectfully request the favorable action of Congress upon the estimate.

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

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., April 9, 1872.

SIR : Referring to office report of the 29th ultimo, in relation to appropriations made by Congress for arrears of interest on certain State

stocks held in trust by the honorable Secretary of the Interior as a portion of the Chickasaw national fund; also, to a communication from the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, dated the 4th instant, in relation to the same subject, (copy herewith, "A.") I have the honor to transmit a statement (inclosure "B") showing a balance found due and unpaid on account of arrears of interest on Arkansas and Tennessee State bonds, accruing while said bonds were held in trust by the Secretary of the Treasury, and from which it will appear that there is due and unpaid—

On \$90,000 6 per cent. bonds of the State of Arkansas from January 1, 1842, to July 1, 1866, the sum of.....	\$75,600 00
On \$616,000 6 per cent. bonds of the State of Tennessee from January 1, 1861, to July 1, 1866, the sum of.....	203,280 00
On \$66,666.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. bonds of the State of Tennessee from January 25, 1861, to July 1, 1866, the sum of.....	19,010 25
Amounting in the aggregate to.....	<u>297,890 25</u>

It will be seen by reference to the inclosed statement that the advances made by Congress, for a portion of the arrears of interest on the \$90,000 Arkansas bonds, amounting to \$56,700, has been deducted from the amount of interest accruing on said bonds for the period stated, and that no appropriations have been made by Congress for any portion of the interest accruing on the Tennessee bonds between dates given. It will also be seen, by reference to said account, that the amount of interest due and unpaid to the Chickasaws, on the stocks referred to, accrued prior to August 12, 1868, at which date late Secretary Browning, as trustee for said Indians, received said bonds from the custody of the Treasury Department, in accordance with an act of Congress, approved July 27, 1868. (Vol. 15, page 227.)

I herewith inclose an estimate of appropriation required to pay the Chickasaw Indians the amount remaining due and unpaid on the Arkansas and Tennessee bonds, held in trust for them as herein stated, and respectfully recommend that the matter be laid before Congress for its action.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriation required to pay the Chickasaw Nation of Indians the balance remaining due and unpaid on certain Arkansas and Tennessee bonds held in trust for said Indians by the Secretary of the Interior:

For this amount, being the interest on \$90,000 6 per cent. bonds of the State of Arkansas from January 1, 1842, to July 1, 1866.....	\$75,600 00
For this amount, being the interest on \$616,000 6 per cent. bonds of the State of Tennessee from January 1, 1861, to July 1, 1866.....	203,280 00
For this amount, being the interest on \$66,666.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. bonds of the State of Tennessee from January 25, 1861, to July 1, 1866.....	19,010 25
Total.....	<u>297,890 25</u>

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Statement of arrears of interest on \$90,000 6 per cent. Arkansas bonds from January 1, 1842, to July 1, 1866; \$616,000 6 per cent. Tennessee bonds from January 1, 1861, to July 1, 1866; \$66,666.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Tennessee bonds from January 25, 1861, to July 1, 1866; said bonds being a portion of the investment made for the Chickasaw national fund on account of carrying into effect the treaty with the Chickasaw Indians of October 20, 1832, in accordance with an act of Congress approved April 20, 1836, (vol. 5, page 10.)

To arrears of interest accruing on \$90,000 6 per cent. bonds of the State of Arkansas from January 1, 1842, to July 1, 1866, (24 $\frac{1}{2}$ years).....	\$132,300 00
To arrears of interest accruing on \$616,000 6 per cent. bonds of the State of Tennessee from January 1, 1861, to July 1, 1866, (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years).....	203,280 00
To arrears of interest accruing on \$66,666.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. bonds of the State of Tennessee from January 25, 1861, to July 1, 1866, (5 years 5 months and 6 days).....	19,010 25
Total	354,590 25
Apr. 26, 1845 By amount appropriated by Congress, as per act approved March 3, 1845, (vol. 5, page 777,) on account of three years' interest due the Chickasaw Nation, from January 1, 1842, to January 1, 1845, on \$90,000 Arkansas 6 per cent bonds.....	\$16,200 00
Mar. 5, 1847 By amount appropriated by Congress, as per act approved March 1, 1847, (vol. 9, page 145,) on account of two years' interest due the Chickasaw Nation, from January 1, 1845, to January 1, 1847, on \$90,000 Arkansas 6 per cent bonds.....	10,800 00
Aug. 12, 1848 By amount appropriated by Congress, as per act approved July 29, 1848, (vol. 9, page 254,) on account of interest on \$90,000 Arkansas bonds, held in trust for the Chickasaw Nation.....	16,200 00
July 5, 1851 By amount appropriated by Congress, as per act approved March 3, 1851, (vol. 9, page 615,) on account of eighteen months' arrears of interest due the Chickasaw Nation, July 1, 1851, on \$90,000 Arkansas bonds.....	8,100 00
Sept. 7, 1852 By amount appropriated by Congress, as per act approved August 31, 1852, (vol. 10, page 95,) on account of twelve months' interest due the Chickasaws on \$90,000, from July 1, 1851, to July 1, 1852.....	5,400 00
Total amount appropriated by Congress to be reimbursed to the Government when the interest is paid by the State of Arkansas.....	56,700 00
By balance due the Chickasaw national fund on account of certain arrears of interest unpaid and unappropriated on Arkansas and Tennessee bonds for the periods stated in this account.....	297,890 25
Total	354,590 25