

POTTAWATOMIE INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

An appropriation for the Pottawatomie Indians.

FEBRUARY 21, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, TRUST FUND,
Washington, D. C., February 15, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs dated the 13th instant, together with the inclosed estimate of appropriations required to carry out the stipulations of the treaties with the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians, dated respectively March 29, 1866, February 27, 1867, and November 15, 1871.

The amount of the estimate is \$61,299 13, and, in view of the facts stated by the Commissioner, the subject is respectfully submitted to Congress for its favorable consideration.

It is also necessary that authority should be obtained from Congress to enable this Department to dispose of so much of the respective stocks held in trust for said tribe as pertains to eighty-six persons, entitled to a *pro rata* share, in order that they may be paid the full amount to which they are entitled at the same time as their proportion of the tribal funds is paid to them, and I therefore have the honor to request that such authority be granted.

I am, sir, 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., February 13, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th December last, with instructions to prepare and submit to the Department an estimate, to be forwarded to Congress, due certain Pottawatomie Indians, who are found to be entitled to allotments of land

and a proportionate share of the tribal fund, as provided with the treaties with the Pottawatomies of November 15, 1861, (Stat., vol. 12, p. 1191,) March 29, 1866, (Stat., vol. 14, p. 763,) and February 27, 1867, (Stat., vol. 15, p. 531.)

Respectfully referring to office report of the 5th instant, in which the facts and circumstances connected with this case are fully stated, and to the schedule accompanying said report, giving the names of ninety persons, of whom eighty-six are entitled to their *pro rata* share of the tribal fund, and to an allotment of eighty acres of land each, and four entitled to eighty acres of land only, I herewith submit a statement of the annuities and other funds originally pertaining to the Pottawatomie Indians as a tribe, and also of the amount to which the eighty-six persons, above referred to, who have severed their connections with the tribe, are entitled.

PERMANENT ANNUITIES.

As per 4th article treaty August 3, 1795, (7 Stat., p. 51,) payable in silver...	\$1,000 00
As per 3d article treaty September 30, 1809, (7 Stat., p. 114,) payable in silver.	500 00
As per 3d article treaty October 2, 1818, (7 Stat., p. 118,) payable in silver..	2,600 00
As per 2d article treaty September 20, 1828, (7 Stat., p. 317,) payable in money.....	2,000 00
As per 2d article treaty July 29, 1829, (7 Stat., p. 320,) payable in specie....	16,000 00
As per 2d article treaty September 20, 1829, (7 Stat., p. 317,) and 10th article treaty June 5 and 17, 1846, (6 Stat., p. 855).....	300 00
As per 3d article treaty October 16, 1826, (7 Stat., p. 296;) 2d article treaty September 20, 1828, (7 Stat., p. 317;) and 2d article treaty July 29, 1829, (7 Stat., p. 320,) for blacksmith, iron, steel, &c.....	2,820 00
As per 2d article treaty July 29, 1829, (7 Stat., p. 320,) for salt.....	437 50

Total amount of permanent annuities..... 25,557 50

As per 7th article treaty June 5 and 17, 1846, (9 Stat., pp. 855, 856,) to be held in trust by the United States, and an interest at the rate of five per centum, to be paid annually for thirty years, and until the tribe shall be reduced to a number less than one thousand souls; and if, after the expiration of thirty years or any period thereafter, the tribe is reduced below that number, then the said annuity is to be paid <i>pro rata</i> so long as they exist as a separate tribe, in the proportion which the number at the date of treaty bears to the number then in existence....	\$643,000 00
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STOCK HELD IN TRUST FOR SAID INDIANS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

State of Indiana, at 5 per centum.....	\$68,000 00
State of Missouri, at 6 per centum.....	5,000 00
United States loan of 1862, at 6 per centum.....	94,100 00
For mills:	
United States loan of 1862, at 6 per centum.....	50,100 00
	217,200 00

The Pottawatomie Indians, at the time the first division of the fund was made, numbering twenty-one hundred and eighty, the *pro rata* shares of the above amounts to which the eighty-six persons named in the schedule are entitled are as follows:

The annuities in silver and specie of \$20,000, herein referred to, being the interest at 5 per centum on \$400,000, the cash value of the shares of eighty-six persons will be \$15,779 82.

Of money annuities, and for blacksmith, iron, steel, and salt, the sum of \$5,557 50, stated as above, being interest at 5 per centum on \$111,150, the cash value of eighty-six shares will be equal to.....	\$4,384 81
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Total of permanent annuities due 86 persons..... 20,164 63

The shares of said persons in the sum of \$643,000, as above, is equal to...	\$25,366 06
And in \$217,200 invested in Government and State stocks.....	8,568 44
	54,099 13
Making their share of tribal funds equal to.....	54,099 13

In accordance with the terms of the treaty of 1867, the remaining portion of the unallotted lands, after patents had been issued to the Pottawatomie Indians who had received allotments under the treaty of 1861, were sold to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad Company at the rate of one dollar per acre, leaving none that can be assigned to the ninety persons who have been found to have a just claim to an allotment of eighty acres each under the provisions of said treaty of 1861. To make good this claim by payment of money, in lieu of land at the rate of one dollar per acre, the sum of \$7,200 will be required, which, added to the amount of \$54,099 13, as above, make the total amount due these Indians \$61,299 13.

Of this total the sum of \$15,779 82, in silver and specie, and \$36,950 87, in currency, will have to be appropriated by Congress to enable the Department to fulfill treaty stipulations with the Pottawatomies, \$7,200 of the amount in currency to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of their lands.

It is also necessary that authority should be obtained from Congress to dispose of so much of the respective stocks held in trust for said tribe as pertains to the eighty-six persons entitled to *pro rata* share, in order that they may be paid the full amount to which they are entitled at the same time as their proportion of the tribal funds is paid to them.

I inclose herewith the estimate called for in your letter of the 20th December last.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELAND,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriations required to carry out the stipulations of the treaties with the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians of November 15, 1861, March 29, 1866, and February 27, 1867.

For this amount to enable the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the provisions of the 3d article of the treaty with Pottawatomie Indians of November 15, 1861, as modified by the treaty of March 29, 1866, by paying to those members of the tribe who are entitled thereto under said treaty provisions a <i>pro rata</i> share of their tribal funds.....	\$54,099 13
For this amount to enable the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the provisions of the 4th article of the treaty with Pottawatomies of November 15, 1861, as modified by the treaty of March 29, 1866, by paying to those members of the tribe who are entitled to allotments of eighty acres of land each the cash value of the same estimated at \$1 per acre, the said amount to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sales of the Pottawatomie lands.....	7,200 00
Total	61,299 13