

OSAGE INDIANS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

SUBMITTING

Estimates to pay to Osage Indians interest on net avails of land sold under second article of treaty of September 29, 1865.

MAY 6, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., May 4, 1874.

SIR: By section twelve of the act of Congress approved July 12, 1870, (Stat., vol. 16, p. 362,) the United States agree to pay to the Osage Indians, in consideration of the relinquishment of their lands in Kansas, interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on the amount of money received as proceeds of the sales of certain lands therein provided to be sold.

The accompanying report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 2d instant, contains a statement of the sale of the lands referred to prior to November 1, 1873, from which it appears that there remains the sum of \$720,749.01, upon which the Osage Indians are entitled to interest from November 1, 1873, to November 1, 1874.

I have the honor to present herewith for the favorable consideration and action of Congress an estimate for the sum of \$36,037.45, to be paid to the Osage Indians, in accordance with the provisions of the twelfth section of the act of Congress above referred to, being the interest from November 1, 1873, to November 1, 1874, at five per cent. on \$720,749.01, the net avails of Osage trust and diminished reserve lands sold by the United States prior to November 1, 1873.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., May 2, 1874.

SIR: By section 12 of the act of July 15, 1870, (St., 16, p. 362,) the United States agree to pay to the Osage Indians, in consideration of the relinquishment of their lands in Kansas, interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on the amount of money received as proceeds of certain lands therein provided to be sold.

The net proceeds of sales of Osage lands to November 1, 1873, sold under the second article of the treaty of September 29, 1865, as per statement from the General Land-Office, is	\$1,983,672 44
From which is to be deducted the amount transferred to the Cherokees in payment for lands sold to the Osages.....	\$1,096,748 80

And amounts advanced by the United States by appropriations to subsist and remove the Osages, as follows, viz:

Act of April 10, 1869	30,000 00	
Act of July 15, 1870	50,000 00	
Act of March 3, 1871	50,000 00	
Act of May 18, 1872	36,174 63	
		1,262,923 43
Leaving the sum of		720,749 01

Upon which the Osages are entitled to interest from November 1, 1873, to November 1, 1874.

In accordance with the requirements of the act of July 15, 1870, I have the honor to inclose herewith an estimate of appropriation for interest at 5 per cent. on the sum above stated to be paid to the Osages, and recommend that the same be transmitted to Congress for appropriate action in the premises.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation to pay Osage Indians on net avails of lands sold under the second article of the treaty of September 29, 1865.

For this amount to be paid to the Osage Indians, in accordance with section 12 of the act approved July 15, 1870, being interest from November 1, 1873, to November 1, 1874, at 5 per centum on \$720,749.01, the net avails of Osage trust and diminished reserve lands sold by the United States prior to November 1, 1873.....

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