

LOUISA HASKINS, A CHOCTAW INDIAN.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RELATION TO

*An amendment to the Indian appropriation bill referring to the Choctaws.*

JANUARY 19, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., January 14, 1875.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 13th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, recommending that the Indian appropriation bill, now pending before the House of Representatives, be amended by adding a proviso to the paragraph commencing on line 453, as follows, viz:

*Provide,* That from the amount hereby appropriated, the sum of two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ten cents, paid out of the civilization fund of the Indian Bureau for board and medical treatment of Louisa Haskins, a Choctaw Indian, at the Government Hospital for the Insane, near Washington, D. C., and to defray the expenses of J. B. Jackson, a Choctaw Indian youth, en route to his home in the Indian Territory, shall be used to re-imburse said civilization fund; and that the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be paid out of Choctaw funds the expenses incurred at any insane asylum for board and medical treatment of any members of said nation, whenever the proper authorities thereof shall fail to make the necessary provisions for such expenses.

The subject is respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

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., January 13, 1875.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that a sum equal to \$299.10 has been paid out of the civilization fund of this Bureau to parties and for purposes as follows, viz:

To the Government Hospital for the Insane, near this city, for board

and treatment of Louisa Haskins, a Choctaw Indian, \$199.10; and to J. B. Jackson, a youth of the same nation, \$100, to defray his expenses en route to his home in the Indian Territory.

When Louisa Haskins was placed at said hospital, in December, 1872, the understanding was that her expenses would be paid by this Office only until such time as the Choctaw Nation made provisions therefor, and with the belief that the necessary action would immediately be taken by the proper authorities of said nation. This, however, has not been done, and believing that the amount paid on her account, as well as that advanced to J. B. Jackson, as above indicated, are proper charges against the said nation, I respectfully recommend that Congress be requested to amend the appropriation bill as reported to the House, by adding the following proviso to the paragraph commencing on line 453, viz:

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Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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