

OSAGE INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

An estimate of appropriation to pay Osage Indians interest on net avails of lands sold under the treaty of 1865.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 15, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose, herewith, copy of a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 11th instant, inclosing an estimate of appropriation to pay Osage Indians interest on net avails of lands sold under the second article of the treaty of 1865.

The twelfth section of the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870, provides for the payment of said interest, and I would therefore recommend that the appropriation be made in accordance with the estimate herewith submitted.

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., January 11, 1875.

SIR: By section 12 of the act of July 15, 1870, (16 Stat., 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 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 their treaty of September 29, 1865, as per Office report of May 2, 1874, and upon which interest was appropriated by the act of June 22, 1874, is \$720,749.01, and proceeds of sales of same from November 1, 1873, to November 1, 1874, as reported by the General Land-Office, \$254,794.49, making total proceeds to November 1, 1874, \$975,543.50; from which is to be deducted one-half the amount appropriated by the act of June 22, 1874, to be expended for the benefit of said Indians, \$200,000, leaving the sum of \$775,543.50 upon which the Osages are entitled to interest from November 1, 1874, to November 1, 1875.

In accordance with the requirements of said act of July 15, 1870, I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate of appropriation for interest at five per centum on the sum above stated, to be paid to the Osages, and recommend that the same be transmitted to Congress for appropriate action by that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation to pay Osage Indians interest on net avails of land 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, 1874, to November 1, 1875, at five per centum, on \$775,543.50, the net avails of Osage trust and diminished reserve lands sold by the United States prior to November 1, 1874.....\$38,777 18