

FOND DU LAC INDIAN RESERVATION.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A draught of a proposed bill to provide for the sale of a portion of the Fond du Lac Indian reservation in Minnesota, and for other purposes.

JANUARY 14, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 12, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a draught of a proposed bill "to provide for the sale of a portion of the Fond du Lac Indian reservation in Minnesota, and for other purposes," to which the attention of Congress is respectfully invited with a view to its favorable consideration by that body.

A copy of a letter, dated the 9th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, submitting the bill to this Department, is also herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER *House of Representatives.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 9, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, with the recommendation that it be laid before Congress for the action of that body, a draught of a bill providing for the appraisal and sale, with the assent of the Indians, of a portion of the Fond du Lac Indian reservation in the State of Minnesota, and the expenditure of the net proceeds thereof for the use and benefit of the Fond du Lac band of Chippewas of Lake Superior.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

AN ACT to provide for the sale of a portion of the Fond du Lac Indian reservation in Mianesota, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the Fond du Lac band of Chippewa Indians of Lake Superior shall in open council express their consent and desire for the sale of any portion of their reservation in the State of Minnesota, the Secretary of the Interior be and he hereby is authorized to appoint three commissioners, one of whom shall be nominated by the Indians themselves, whose duty it shall be to make an appraisal in forty-acre tracts of that portion of said reservation so desired to be sold, and to make their report of such appraisal to the Commiissioner of Indian Affairs.

SEC. 2. That upon the approval of such appraisement by the Secretary of the Interior, he shall cause the lands appraised to be duly advertised for sale, under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, upon sealed bids, or at public auction, for cash, in tracts of not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres each, at a price not less than the appraised value, and that the proceeds thereof, after deducting and paying the expenses of such appraisal and sale, shall be expended for the use and benefit of said band of Indians in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior may deem most judicious and advisable.