

INTEREST DUE OSAGE INDIANS.

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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

*A communication from the Secretary of the Interior relative to interest due Osage Indians, under treaty stipulations.*

MAY 15, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

I transmit herewith a communication dated the 11th instant from the Secretary of the Interior, together with estimate of appropriation and accompanying papers, to provide, in accordance with treaty stipulations and existing laws, for the payment of certain interest due the Osage Indians.

The subject is presented for the consideration of Congress.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *May* 15, 1882.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, May* 11, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the 8th instant, with accompanying correspondence, in relation to the interest due the Osage Indians on the net avails of their trust and diminished reserve lands, sold under the second and sixteenth articles of their treaty of September 29, 1865, and subsequent acts of Congress noted therein.

An estimate of appropriation in the sum of \$189,981.17, the amount of interest due said Indians, is also herewith inclosed, and, concurring in the recommendation of the Commissioner, I respectfully request that the matter be presented for the action of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. M. TELLER,  
*Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, May 8, 1882.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, in duplicate, estimate of appropriation required to pay the Osage Indians interest on the net avails of their trust and diminished reserve lands, sold under the second and sixteenth articles of their treaty of September 29, 1865, and as provided for by act approved July 15, 1870 (Stats. 16, page 362), amounting to \$189,951.17, with the request that one copy of each be forwarded to the Committee on Appropriations of the House and Senate, respectively, with the recommendation that the amount due be embraced in the deficiency or sundry civil bills hereafter to be acted upon by Congress. In view of the fact that the Osages have to their credit in the Treasury, at 5 per centum per annum, a very large principal, the interest on which amounts to a sum more than sufficient to meet their wants and necessities, and aggregating at this date, exclusive of the amount of this estimate, the sum of \$275,000, I have annexed a clause to the estimate providing for the deposit in the Treasury, under the act of April 1, 1880, of any unexpended balance of their interest fund not needed for their support.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, D. C., March 22, 1882.*

SIR: The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has requested this office to adjust the account of the Osage Indians, so as to show what proportion of the sum of \$236,083.88, brought on the books of the Treasury Department by warrant No. 827 of 1881, should be credited to said Indians as principal. On examining the matter it is found that the Osages have received credit for \$1,023,785.15, under the act of June 16, 1880, as payment in full for all of their lands that were sold prior to September 30, 1880. It is also found that a portion of the proceeds of said lands was covered into the Treasury subsequent to September 30, 1880, and consequently was not taken into account when settlements were made under the act of June 16, 1880. It would seem, therefore, that the Osages have received double credit to some extent, and in order that their account may now be properly adjusted, it is necessary to ascertain what amounts have been covered into the Treasury since September 30, 1880, to the credit of the appropriation for "Fulfilling treaty with the Osages, proceeds of trust lands," on account of lands sold prior to that date.

This information cannot be obtained from the Interior Department; I have, therefore, the honor to request that, if possible, it may be furnished from the records of the Warrant Division.

Very respectfully,

O. FERRISS, *Auditor.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
*Washington, D. C., March 24, 1882.*

SIR: Your letter of the 22d instant, asking as to amount of the proceeds of sales of Osage lands sold prior to September 30, 1880, and covered into the Treasury at some later date, is at hand.

An examination of the accounts of the receivers of public moneys at Independence, Larned, and Wichita, shows the following amounts received by them in September, 1880, but deposited in the following quarter:

Independence, Kans.....	\$458 91
Larned, Kans.....	1,186 09
Wichita, Kans.....	8,784 41
	10,429 41

Respectfully,

JNO. C. NEW,  
Assistant Secretary.

Hon. O. FERRISS,  
Second Auditor.

*Estimate of appropriation required to pay the Osage Indians interest on the net avails of their trust and diminished reserved lands sold under the second and sixteenth articles of their treaty of September 29, 1865, and act approved July 15, 1870.*

This amount to be expended for the Osage Indians, in accordance with section 12 of the act approved July 15, 1870, being interest at 5 per centum per annum, as provided for in said act, and by section 2 of the act approved May 9, 1872, from July 1, 1880, to April 25, 1882, on the following amounts, being the net avails of Osage trust and diminished reserve lands sold by the United States prior to January 1, 1882, namely:

On \$535,117.73, from July 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881, eight months.....	\$17,837 25
On \$2,873,248.99, from March 1, 1881, to March 1, 1882, one year.....	143,662 44
On \$2,873,248.99, from March 1, 1882, to April 25, 1882, one month and twenty-five days.....	21,948 43
On \$111,020.73, from July 1, 1881, to April 25, 1882, nine months and twenty-five days.....	4,548 75
On \$35,678.87, from October 1, 1881, to April 25, 1882, six months and twenty-five days.....	1,015 85
On \$58,755.52 from January 1, 1882, to April 25, 1882, three months and twenty-five days.....	938 45

Aggregating in all ..... 189,951 17

and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, when deemed for the best interests of the Osage Indians to deposit in the Treasury to their credit, under the provisions of the act approved April 1, 1880, any unexpended balance of the fund to their credit on the books of the Treasury, arising from appropriations of interest on their uninvested funds.

*Explanation of estimate for amount of interest due the Osage Indians, on net avails of lands sold under the second and sixteenth articles of their treaty, dated September 29, 1865. (14 Stat., p. 687.)*

	Principal.	Interest.
Aggregate of net avails of land on hand March 1, 1880, on which interest at 5 per centum per annum was appropriated by act of Congress, approved May 11, 1880 (Stats. 21, p. 122), for the twelve months ending March 1, 1881.....	\$1,594,479 24	
Amount received from sales from March 1, 1880, to September 30, 1880, interest on which has been paid by the Secretary of the Treasury, to March 1, 1881, under act of Congress, approved June 16, 1880 (U. S. Stats. 21, p. 291).....	362,117 07	
Amount of principal September 30, 1880.....	1,956,596 31	
Amount of principal placed to the credit of the Osages on certificate of the Secretary of the Interior, being the value of "school sections" in Kansas, per act approved June 16, 1880, interest at 5 per centum, on which has been paid by the United States to June 30, 1880.. \$545,547 14		
From which deduct amount in hands of receivers of public moneys on September 30, 1880, being proceeds of Osage lands sold prior to that date, but not deposited until subsequently (see letters of Second Auditor, March 22, 1882, and Secretary of Treasury, March 24, 1882, herewith).....	10,429 41	
	535,117 73	
Interest due Osages on \$535,117.73, from July 1, 1880 to March 1, 1881, at 5 per centum, eight months.....		\$17,837 25
Amount placed to credit of Osages, being proceeds of lands, from October 1, 1880, to March 1, 1881.....	381,534 95	

*Explanation of estimate for amount of interest due the Osage Indians, &c.—Continued.*

	Principal.	Interest.
Interest due Osages on \$2,873,248.99, for twelve months ending March 1, 1882, per section 2, act approved May 9, 1872 (Stats. 17, p. 91) .....		\$143,662 44
Interest due Osages from March 1, 1882, to April 25, 1882 (date of deposit of all Osage land money, by the Secretary of the Interior, under act of April 1, 1880, Stats. 21, p. 70), on \$2,873,248.99, 1 month, 25 days .....		21,948 43
Amount deposited to credit of Osages June 30, 1881, being receipts from March 1, 1881, to June 30, 1881 .....	\$111,020 73	
Interest due Osages on \$111,020.73, from July 1, 1881, to April 25, 1882, 9 months and 25 days .....		4,548 75
Amount deposited to credit of Osages September 30, 1881, being receipts from July 1, 1881, to September 30, 1881 .....	35,678 87	
Interest due Osages on \$35,678.87, from October 1, 1881, to April 25, 1882, 6 months and 25 days .....		1,015 85
Amount deposited to credit of Osages December 31, 1881, being receipts from October 1, 1881, to December 31, 1881 .....	58,755 52	
Amount of interest due Osages on \$58,755.52, from January 1, 1882, to April 25, 1882, 3 months and 25 days .....		938 45
Total principal January 1, 1882 .....	3,078,704 11	
Total amount of interest due .....		189,951 17
Total amount deposited in the Treasury by the Secretary of the Interior, under act approved April 1, 1880, April 25, 1882 .....	3,027,923 29	
Amount deposited by the Treasurer of the United States for the Secretary of the Interior, under said act, April 25, 1882 .....	50,780 82	
	3,078,704 11	