

KANSAS INDIANS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING,

With inclosures, an amendment to the estimate for fulfilling treaties with the Kansas Indians for 1888, (Book of Estimates, page 137).

DECEMBER 11, 1886.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *December 10, 1886.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, of the 7th instant, and inclosures, submitting an amendment to the estimate on page 137 of the Book of Estimates for 1888 for fulfilling treaties with the Kansas Indians.

Respectfully, yours,

D. MANNING,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 7, 1886.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, for transmittal to Congress, under the provisions of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat., 254), copy of a letter of 4th instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with accompanying papers, submitting a proposed amendment to estimate of appropriations required for the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, under the title "Fulfilling treaty with Kansas," therein noted, as follows:

In lieu of item \$10,000, estimated for under the above title, insert "For interest in lieu of investment on \$200,000, $\frac{2}{100}$ of \$10,000, being the pro rata amount due the Kansas tribe of Indians, per second article of treaty of January 14, 1846, \$1,524.00."

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, December 4, 1886.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the provisions of the treaty with the Kansas tribe of Indians, proclaimed April 15, 1846 (9 Stats., p. 842).

Under the first article of said treaty the Kansas tribe of Indians "cede to the United States 2,000,000 of acres of land on the east part of their country, embracing the entire width, 30 miles, and running west for quantity."

Article 2 provides that—

In consideration of the foregoing cession, the United States agree to pay to the Kansas Indians \$202,000, \$200,000 of which shall be funded at 5 per cent., the interest of which to be paid annually for thirty years, and thereafter to be *diminished and paid pro rata should their numbers decrease*, but not otherwise; that is, the Government of the United States shall pay them the full interest for thirty years on the amount funded, and at the end of that time should the Kansas tribe be less than at the first payment they are only to receive pro rata the sums paid them at the first annuity payment.

One thousand dollars of the interest thus accruing shall be applied annually to the purposes of education in their own country, and \$1,000 annually for agricultural assistance, implements, &c.

From the year 1847, up to and including the year 1886, the sum of \$10,000 has been annually appropriated by Congress for the said tribe under the stipulations contained in the above-mentioned treaty, but owing to a late census report from the United States Indian agent in charge of said tribe of Indians, indicating that the tribe now numbers only 203 souls, it is shown that the tribe has suffered a loss in numbers of 84 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. since the date of first payment by ex-Superintendent Thomas H. Harvey to 1,332 Indians.

I deem it my duty to lay this matter before you, with the recommendation that the attention of Congress be called to this matter in order that the estimate of \$10,000 for said Indians may be reduced, in compliance with the requirements of the second article of this treaty.

With this end in view I have calculated the amount that is now due the Kansas tribe, based upon a letter received from the Second Auditor of the Treasury (copy herewith), showing the first semi-annual payment of \$4,000 was made by ex-Superintendent Murphy to 1,332 Indians, and that the present number is 203, and find that there is due the tribe for the next fiscal year the sum of \$1,524.02.

I submit herewith a copy of a proposed amendment to the estimates now before the House Committee on Indian Affairs, for the action of said committee.

Very respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., September 23, 1886.

SIR: In reply to your inquiry of September 21, 1886, as to the number of Kansas Indians carried on the roll of Thomas H. Harvey, superintendent of Indian Affairs, on which he made the first payment of annuity due under the second article of treaty of January 14, 1846, I have the honor to state that the voucher in question (filed in settlement

7337, box 299, dated September 25, 1848), shows 1,332 individuals paid, as entitled to \$3 per capita, \$4 surplus being paid to the chiefs.

Very respectfully,

W. C. HARMON,
Acting Auditor.

Hon. J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Amendment to estimate of appropriations required for the Indian service, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, under the title "Fulfilling treaties with Kansas."

In lieu of item of \$10,000, estimated for under the above title, insert: "For interest, in lieu of investment on \$200,000, $\frac{7.03}{100}$ of \$10,000, being the pro rata amount due the Kansas tribe of Indians, per second article of treaty of January 14, 1846, \$1,524.02."

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