

STOCK CATTLE FOR PONCA INDIANS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

TRANSMITTING

A letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, showing the application of subsistence funds to the purchase of stock cattle for the Ponca Indians in Dakota.

DECEMBER 16, 1889.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 13, 1889.

SIR: As required by the provisions of section 4 of the act making appropriation for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889 (25 Stat., 238), I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication of 7th instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, showing a diversion of the funds appropriated for subsistence of the Ponca Indians in the Indian Territory and in Dakota Territory to the purchase of stock cattle for said Indians.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 7, 1889.

SIR: In section 4 of the act approved June 29, 1888, making appropriation for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, it is provided (25 Stats., 238):

That the Secretary of the Interior, under direction of the President, may use any sums appropriated by this act for subsistence, and not absolutely necessary for that purpose, for the purchase of stock cattle for the benefit of the tribe for which such appropriation is made, or for the assistance of such Indians to become farmers, and shall report to Congress, at its next session thereafter, an account of his action under this provision.

I have the honor to report that under the provisions of this act the President, on the 22d of April, 1889, authorized the diversion of the \$8,000 appropriated for subsistence of the Ponca Indians in the Indian Territory and in South Dakota (25 Stats., 224) to the purchase of stock cattle. Under this Executive authority \$5,207 were expended for the purchase of heifers and bulls for the Poncas in the Indian Territory, and \$2,185 in the purchase of cows and mares for the Poncas in South Dakota; altogether \$7,392.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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