

LANDS OF THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOES IN OKLAHOMA TERRITORY.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RELATION TO

The allotment of lands to the Cheyenne and Arapahoes in Oklahoma Territory, and setting forth the necessity for an appropriation to complete the same.

JANUARY 5, 1892.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 15, 1891.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to that portion of my annual report for the past fiscal year in relation to the allotment of lands to the Cheyenne and Arapahoes in Oklahoma Territory, setting forth the necessity for an early appropriation of \$15,000 to complete the same.

In the agreement made with these Indians in October, 1890, some 3,000,000 acres of valuable lands will be restored to the public domain.

Under last year's appropriation 1,808 of these Indians received allotments, leaving 1,564 yet to be provided for. The agreement with the Indians requires allotments to be made, and it will be to the best interests of the country that they be completed at the very earliest moment possible.

I have the honor, therefore, respectfully to urge upon Congress the passage of a bill or joint resolution providing means to complete this work at once.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.