

REMOVAL OF EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS.

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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*An estimate of appropriation submitted by the Secretary of the Interior, for incorporation in the general deficiency bill, for the removal of the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee who have removed to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.*

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FEBRUARY 14, 1895.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 12, 1895.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of appropriation submitted by the Secretary of the Interior, under date of the 9th instant, for incorporation in the general deficiency bill, as follows:

For amount necessary to pay for the removal and subsistence of those members of the Eastern Band of Cherokees who have removed themselves to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, at the rate of fifty-three dollars and thirty-three cents per head, being the amount specified in the eighth article of the Cherokee treaty of December twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and the act of Congress approved July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, thirty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. HAMLIN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, February 8, 1895.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a petition from the principal chief and several leading members of the Cherokee Nation, praying for an additional appropriation to pay the self-emigrating Cherokees the sum of \$53.33 each, for expenses incident to transportation and subsistence for one year after removal, said sum being the amount specified in the eighth article of the Cherokee treaty of December 29,

1835, the act of Congress approved July 29, 1835, and the act approved July 29, 1848.

By the Indian act approved March 3, 1893, the sum of \$20,000 was appropriated to pay for the removal and subsistence of those members of the Eastern Band of Cherokees who had removed themselves, as well as those who might then or thereafter desire to remove, to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory.

Under this act it is estimated that claims aggregating the sum of \$35,000 have been referred to the Treasury Department for settlement, and there are now on file in this office, unsettled, 126 claims, aggregating an estimated sum of \$19,200.

In order that means may be provided to pay these claims—claims that are recognized by treaty and law—I submit herewith a copy of the petition of the Cherokee delegation, together with a draft of a proposed amendment to the general deficiency bill, providing for an appropriation in the sum of \$35,000, with the recommendation that the same be referred to Congress for appropriate action.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BROWNING, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, February 9, 1895.*

Approved and forwarded, through the Secretary of the Treasury, for the favorable consideration of Congress.

HOKE SMITH, *Secretary.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 12, 1895.*

DEAR SIR: Under the miscellaneous appropriations of "An act making appropriations for current and contingent expenses and fulfilling treaty stipulations with Indian tribes for fiscal year ending June 30, 1894," \$20,000 was appropriated to pay "members of the Eastern Band of Cherokees who have removed themselves, as well as those who may now or hereafter desire to remove, to the Cherokee Nation."

This appropriation has been exhausted, and yet there are many of the Cherokees who are entitled to the amount appropriated for each emigrant under the act above referred to; and in justice to these Cherokees we respectfully request that you recommend an appropriation by Congress to meet the amount due these people.

Yours, respectfully,

C. J. HARRIS,  
*Principal Chief.*  
WALTER A. DUNCAN.  
S. W. GRAY.  
ROACH YOUNG.  
J. F. THOMPSON.

Hon. D. M. BROWNING,  
*United States Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.*

*Proposed amendment to the bill making appropriations to supply deficiencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, and prior years.*

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