

CHEROKEE OUTLET.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation submitted by the Secretary of the Interior to meet the payment due for the cession of the Cherokee Outlet.

JANUARY 10, 1895.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 9, 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 8th instant, to meet the installment due March 4, 1895, as specified in section 10 of the Indian appropriation act of March 3, 1893 (27 Stat., p. 641), in connection with the payment for cession of the Cherokee Outlet, \$1,660,000.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. HAMLIN, *Acting Secretary.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, December 20, 1894.

SIR: By the tenth section of the Indian act approved March 3, 1893, the agreement concluded between duly appointed commissioners on the part of the United States and duly appointed commissioners on the part of the Cherokee Nation of Indians in the Territory on the 19th day of December, 1891, for the cession of the "Cherokee Outlet" was ratified by the Congress of the United States, with the following proviso, viz:

Provided, That the money hereby appropriated shall be immediately available; and the remaining sum of eight million three hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as is required to carry out the provisions of said agreement as amended and according to this act, to be payable in five equal annual installments, commencing on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and ending on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, said deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, to be paid annually, and

the amount required for the payment of interest as aforesaid is hereby appropriated: *And provided further*, That of the money hereby appropriated a sufficient amount to pay the Delawares and Shawnees their pro rata share in the proceeds of said outlet shall remain in the Treasury of the United States until the status of said Delaware and Shawnee Indians shall be determined by the courts of the United States before which their suits are now pending; and a sufficient amount shall also be retained in the Treasury to pay the freedmen who are citizens of the Cherokee Nation, or their legal heirs and representatives, such sums as may be determined by the courts of the United States to be due them.

The amount set aside and determined upon as necessary to pay the Delawares, Shawnees, and freedmen their pro rata shares of the proceeds of said outlet is \$1,660,000, or one-fifth of the sum of \$8,300,000, and as the courts have finally decided that the Delawares and Shawnees are entitled to participate in this fund, and, further, that Congress has pledged that the provisions of said agreement shall be fully performed and carried out by the United States, I have the honor to recommend that the Secretary of the Treasury be called upon to submit to Congress as soon as practicable an estimate for an appropriation of the sum of \$1,660,000 to meet the payment of the first installment, due on the 4th day of March, 1895, as specified in section 10 of the agreement above referred to.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BROWNING, *Commissioner*.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *January 8, 1895.*

Respectfully forwarded through the honorable Secretary of the Treasury for the favorable consideration of Congress.

HOKE SMITH, *Secretary*.

