

MESSAGE

OF THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

COMMUNICATING

*A report of the Secretary of the Interior, asking appropriations to fulfill certain treaty stipulations with the Wyandott Indians.*

MARCH 3, 1855.—Read, ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :*

I communicate to Congress, herewith, a communication of this date from the Secretary of the Interior, with accompanying estimates, and recommend that the appropriations therein asked for be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *February 23, 1855.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*February 23, 1855.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, a copy of a communication addressed to me on the 22d instant, by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and in view of the reasons therein suggested, to recommend that Congress be asked to make the following appropriations, viz:

For fulfilling treaty of 31st of January, 1855, with the Wyandotts:	
For surveying the Wyandott lands as required by the third and tenth articles of said treaty.....	\$1,200 00
For compensation and expenses of commissioner per same articles, and of appraisers per fifth article of said treaty	500 00
For payment of first of three equal instalments upon \$380,000, in lieu of former annuities, claims, &c., per sixth article of said treaty.....	126,666 67

Should these appropriations be made as requested, the amount called for in the last annual estimates for the service of the fiscal year ending 30th of June, 1856, for fulfilling the third article of the treaty of 1842 with the Wyandotts, will not be required, and it should therefore be stricken from the appropriation bill now before Congress.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. McCLELLAND, *Secretary.*

To the PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office of Indian Affairs, February 22, 1855.*

SIR: Having learned that the Senate and President have ratified the articles of agreement and convention entered into at this city on the 31st ultimo with the Wyandott Indians, I have deemed it proper, in view of the early dissolution of Congress, to submit estimates of appropriations that will be required during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856, in order to execute said articles. I have the honor, therefore, to report as follows:

*Appropriations required under the treaty of January 31, 1855.*

For fulfilling treaties with the Wyandotts, viz:

For surveying the Wyandott lands, pursuant to the 3d and 10th articles of the treaty of January 31, 1855, \$1,200.

For paying compensation and expenses of a commissioner, per 3d and 10th articles, and the compensation and expenses of appraisers, per 5th article of the treaty of January 31, 1855, \$500.

For the payment of the first of three equal instalments upon \$380,000, in lieu of former annuities, claims, &c., per 6th article of the treaty of January 31, 1855, \$126,666 67.

I would remark, in this connexion, that the first appropriation made to carry out the 3d article of the treaty of March 17, 1842, with the Wyandott Indians was made by the act of August 31, 1842, and it appears, from a hasty examination of the books of this office, that the sum of \$17,500 was accordingly paid to the Wyandotts in the year 1842, and has been paid to them regularly each and every year since, including the year 1854.

The amount necessary to make the payment provided for in the last clause of the 6th article of the treaty of January 31, 1855, being now in the treasury, and having been appropriated by the act of July 31, 1854, there will be no occasion for the appropriation "for fulfilling in 1855-'56 the 3d article of the treaty of 1842," which was estimated for by the department at the commencement of the present session of Congress.

In case appropriations, as above suggested, be recommended to Congress, and be made accordingly at the present session, all the items of appropriation for fulfilling treaties with the Wyandotts might with propriety be stricken from the Indian appropriation bill now before that body.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEORGE W. MANYPENNY,

*Commissioner.*

HON. R. McCLELLAND,

*Secretary of the Interior.*