

LETTER
OF
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
ADDRESSED TO
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,
CALLING
*Attention to the condition of the Black Bob band of Shawnee Indians in
Kansas.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 8, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report dated the 7th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, calling my attention to Senate Mis. Doc. No. 61, Forty-first Congress, in relation to the condition of "Black Bob" band of Shawnee Indians in Kansas, and recommending, for reasons therein stated, that the subject be brought to the attention of the present Congress.

The recommendations contained in the communication are therefore respectfully submitted for such consideration by Congress as that body may deem proper.

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

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

HON. JAMES HARLAN,
*Of the Committee on Indian Affairs,
Senate of the United States.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., March 7, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to call attention to Senate Mis. Doc. No. 61, Forty-first Congress, third session, being a "letter of the Secretary of the Interior, addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, communicating information in relation to the Black Bob band of Indians (Shawnees) in Kansas."

As the last session of Congress adjourned by limitation of law, without affording the requisite aid by legislation to these Indians, I am again compelled to ask that the subject of their condition be brought to the attention of both Houses of the present Congress, in order that the remedy may be applied by appropriate legislation.

It is deemed of the utmost importance to the present and future condition of the Black Bob band, that the suspension of the issue of patents for their allotments under the treaty of 1854, and the disposition by them of said allotments under the rules of the Department, should be removed. The act imposing such suspension is in direct violation of treaty stipulations, and with the intercourse act of 1834, and has had the effect not only to impoverish the members of that band, but has kept them from locating and making improvements upon their homes in the Indian Territory, where they could provide for their future wants, and has rendered necessary extra expenditures to keep them from actual starvation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.