

LETTER
FROM THE
ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
TO THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation required to pay for transportation furnished by the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company to certain Cherokee Indians.

JANUARY 21, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 20, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith an estimate of appropriation required to pay for transportation furnished by the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company to eighty-five Cherokee Indians heretofore residing in the State of North Carolina, from Loudon, Tennessee, to the Cherokee Nation, in the Indian Territory, at the rate of \$25 for each person, in accordance with the terms of an agreement with the said company made by John D. Lang and D. C. Cox, special commissioners, on the 2d day of October, 1871, amounting in all to the sum of \$2,125.

The accompanying copy of a report from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs gives full information upon the subject, and I would respectfully request the favorable action of Congress upon the estimate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. JAMES HARLAN,
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs, Senate United States.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 17, 1873.

SIR: In the spring of 1871, certain Cherokee Indians, known as "Eastern Cherokees"—men, women, and children—left their homes in the

State of North Carolina with the intention of joining their brethren west of the Mississippi, and proceeded on their way so far as Loudon, Tennessee, where they were left in a destitute and helpless condition, without means to proceed any farther.

To meet the exigency of the case, arrangements were made by Hon. John D. Lang and D. C. Cox, esq., special commissioners, with the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company, to furnish transportation for said Indians at the rate of \$25 for each person above the age of six years, from Loudon to the Cherokee Nation, in the Indian Territory, in accordance with which arrangements 146 Cherokees have been so transported.

The only funds at the disposal of the Department applicable to payment of the expenses involved are those referred to in the 4th and 5th sections of the act of July 29, 1848, (9 Stat., p. 264,) by which the sum of \$53.33 is allowed in commutation for removal and subsistence for each individual of the Cherokee Nation, or his legal heirs, who appears, by the census taken by J. C. Mullay, to have remained in the State of North Carolina at the time of the treaty at New Echota in 1836.

After a careful examination of the rolls of Eastern Cherokees, it is found that of the 146 Indians to whom transportation was furnished by said company, only 61 are entitled to participate in the fund above referred to, leaving the cost of transportation for 85 persons, at \$25 each, to be otherwise provided for.

Referring to the above statement of facts in the case, I respectfully request that Congress be asked to appropriate the sum of \$2,125 for the purpose indicated, in accordance with the inclosed estimate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

*Estimate of appropriation required for the benefit of certain Cherokee Indians, known as
"Eastern or North Carolina Cherokees."*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be required, to pay for transportation furnished by the Memphis and Charleston Railroad Company to eighty-five Cherokee Indians, heretofore residing in the State of North Carolina, from Loudon, Tennessee, to the Cherokee Nation, in the Indian Territory, at the rate of \$25 for each person, in accordance with the terms of an agreement with said company, made by John D. Lang and D. C. Cox, special commissioners, on the 2d October, 1871..... \$2,125