

L E T T E R

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

INCLOSING

*Draught of a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to make transfer of certain funds belonging to the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians to the United States.*

MAY 25, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed, to accompany bill S. 848.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., May 2, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith a draught of a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to make transfer of certain funds belonging to the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians to the United States, to re-imburse the United States for that amount heretofore advanced to said Indians.

I also inclose copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 30th ultimo, recommending the passage of the bill, and I fully concur in such recommendation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM,  
*Chairman of Committee on Indian Affairs,  
United States Senate.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., April 30, 1874.*

SIR: Referring to office letter of the 23d instant, relative to an amount due the United States by the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians for lands sold to them, and to Department letter of the 29th instant, in reply I have the honor to transmit herewith a draught of a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer to the United States from funds belonging to said Indians the amount required to pay for their lands, and recommend that the same be forwarded to Congress for the necessary legislation in the premises.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. C. DELANO,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

## TRANSFER OF INDIAN FUNDS.

[Indorsement.]

INDIAN OFFICE, *April 30, 1874.*

Submits draught of bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer to the United States certain funds belonging to the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians, for congressional legislation.

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