

SUBSISTENCE OF KANSAS INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*An estimate of appropriation to provide for necessary subsistence, &c., for
Kansas Indians.*

JANUARY 9, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 7, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, dated the 6th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the estimate of appropriation of \$15,000, required to provide for the most urgent necessities of the Kansas tribe of Indians, said amount to be re-imbursed from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in the State of Kansas.

The favorable consideration of Congress is invited to the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C. January 6, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith, for the consideration of the Department and of Congress, an estimate for the sum of \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be required, for the purchase of necessary supplies of subsistence and clothing for the relief of the pressing necessities of the Kansas Indians. The amount, if appropriated, to be re-imbursed from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas.

The small annuity of \$10,000 in favor of this tribe, under the provisions of the second article of January 14, 1846, (St., vol. 9, p. 842,) is, for the present fiscal year, exhausted, leaving the Indians, if unassisted by the Government, with no other resource for their subsistence than that

of cutting timber from the lands in the Kaw reservation, and disposing of the same for whatever it will bring, a course which has been prohibited by this office in view of the appraisement and sale of the lands embraced in said reservation as provided by the act of May 8, 1872. (St., vol. 17, p. 85.)

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required to provide necessary articles of subsistence and other supplies for the Kansas Indians.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to provide for the most urgent necessities of the Kansas Indians, said amount to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in the State of Kansas..... \$15,000 00