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LETTER

OF

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TO

HONORABLE JAMES R. DOOLITTLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,

TRANSMITTING

A report from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, accompanied by an account current between the United States and the united band of Wea, Peoria, Kaskaskia, and Piankeshaw Indians.

JUNE 24, 1864.—Ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., June 24, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith a resolution, which was received from you on the 3d instant, calling for an account current between the United States and the united band of Wea, Peoria, Kaskaskia, and Piankeshaw Indians, and that a similar account be furnished between the United States and Western Miamies, of Kansas; and in reply, in part, to said resolution, I transmit herewith a report of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs of the 23d instant, and accompanying statements.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, *Secretary.*

Hon. J. R. DOOLITTLE,
Chairman of Committee on Indian Affairs, U. S. Senate.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, June 23, 1834.

SIR: I have the honor to report upon the letter of Hon. J. R. Doolittle, chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, of 2d instant, enclosing a resolution of the Senate, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requ'sted to furnish the Senate an account current between the United States and the united band of Wea, Peoria, Kaskaskia, and Piankeshaw Indians, of Kansas, since date of their last treaty, (30th of May, 1854,) showing the amount and date of each remittance to said Indians under said treaty, and on what account each remittance was made; also, showing the date of each investment of the proceeds of the lands of said Indians in State stocks, and amount of interest, if any, on said stocks at date of investment, and the time during which interest was paid by the States respectively owing said stocks, and what balance, if any, is now in arrears and due said Indians, either on account of interest on stocks or otherwise.

"*Further resolved*, That a similar account be furnished between the United States and western Miamies, of Kansas."

Mr. Doolittle asks you to state whether you could answer the inquiries without much expense or trouble, and how soon could it be done.

An earlier response has been delayed under the hope that the current business of the office would allow a complete answer to be made within a reasonable time, but, finding it difficult to do so, I submit herewith the information called for, as far as compiled. The balance of the information desired, relative to the Miamies, will necessarily occupy at least three weeks entire time of a clerk, who must of necessity be taken from his current business to effect it.

In reply to that portion of the resolution relative to the accounts of the united band of Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians, I have the honor to report as follows, viz:

During the fall of 1857, $274,884 07 were drawn from the appropriation.

"Fulfilling treaties with Kaskaskias, Peorias, Weas, and Piankeshaws, proceeds of lands," viz:

August 31, 1857, J. T. Soutter, President of the Bank of the Republic, for Tennessee bonds	$38,700 00
September 3, 1857, Secretary of the Interior, for investment in North Carolina bonds	9,225 00
September 5, 1857, Riggs & Co., for investment in North Carolina and Tennessee bonds	2,855 00
September 24, 1857, Riggs & Co., for North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Illinois bonds	200,000 00
October 16, 1857, Riggs & Co., New York, Louisiana, and Florida bonds	14,104 07
	274,884 07

Which sum purchased $315,500 of State stocks, as follows:

Florida 7 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from July 1, 1857	$37,000
Tennessee 6 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from July 1, 1857	59,000
North Carolina 6 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from July 1, 1857	76,000
Missouri 6 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from July 1, 1857	25,000
Illinois 6 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from July 1, 1857	25,000
Pennsylvania 5 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from August 1, 1857	25,000
Louisiana 6 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from October 1, 1857	10,000
Louisiana 6 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from November 1, 1857	5,000
New York 6 per cent. bonds, bearing interest from October 1, 1857	12,500
North Carolina 6 per cent. bonds, upon which $120 interest had accrued previous to October 1, 1857	41,000
	315,500

The sum of $1,104 70 (being interest which had accrued upon certain stocks previous to their purchase, viz., $37,000 Florida, interest $654 70, and $59,000 Tennessee, interest $450) was, when collected, refunded to the appropriation from which the purchase-money was drawn. All other sums of interest collected upon stocks held in trust for said confederated tribe of Indians have been placed to the credit of the appropriation "trust fund interest due Kaskaskias, Peorias, Weas, and Piankeshaws," $102,550 50 of which has been disbursed, as shown in the accompanying statement marked A, leaving a balance of $146 77 at the credit of the tribe.

The States of Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, and South Carolina have failed to pay the interest upon their bonds held in trust for said tribe since the date mentioned below, viz:

Interest paid on $3,000 South Carolina 6 per cent. bonds to July 1, 1860.
Interest paid on $10,000 Louisiana 6 per cent. bonds to October 11, 1860.
Interest paid on $41,000 North Carolina 6 per cent. bonds to October 11, 1860.
Interest paid on $5,000 Louisiana 6 per cent. bonds to November 11, 1860.
Interest paid on $2,000 North Carolina 6 per cent. bonds to January 1, 1861.
Interest paid on $16,000 Florida 7 per cent. bonds to January 1, 1862.
Interest paid on $21,000 Florida 7 per cent. bonds to July 1, 1862.

As connected with one of the inquiries embodied in the resolution, I beg leave to refer you to Senate Executive Document No. 28, 1st session 38th Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. MIX,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. J. P. USHER,
Secretary of the Interior.

The United States in account with the confederated tribe of Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians, (being for proceeds of land sold under treaty of 1854.)

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Aug. 20, 1857	For appropriation per warrant No. 4, (proceeds of land)	$60, 200 00
Sept. 18, 1857	For appropriation per warrant No. 8, (proceeds of land)	275, 150 00
Dec. 16, 1857	For amount refunded by Riggs & Co	115 93
Dec. 30, 1857	For appropriation per warrant No. 12, (proceeds of land)	120 00
Jan. 12, 1858	For appropriation per warrant No. 13, (interest)	654 70
Jan. 12, 1858	do do do	450 00
Mar. 28, 1859	For amount refunded by Peter Lammond, disbursing clerk	26 10
Oct. 6, 1860	For appropriation per warrant No. 6, (proceeds of land)	4, 317 47
Sept. 3, 1861	For amount refunded by Wm. Brindle	142 27
July 18, 1863	For amount refunded by J. P. Usher, Secretary of the Interior, being proceeds of $25,000 Pennsylvania 5 per cent. bonds	25, 343 28
		366, 519 75
Apr. 21, 1864	For balance	517 24

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Aug. 31, 1857	By J. T. Soutter, president of Bank of the Republic, N. Y.	$38, 700 00
Sept. 3, 1857	By Secretary of the Interior	9, 225 00
Sept. 5, 1857	By Riggs & Co	12, 855 00
Sept. 21, 1857	By John Haverty, superintendent Indian affairs	10, 000 00
Sept. 24, 1857	By Riggs & Co., special agents	200, 000 00
Oct. 16, 1857	do do	14, 220 00
Oct. 23, 1857	By R. S. Stevens, late commissioner, &c	2, 458 30
Jan. 26, 1858	By Geo. Knapp & Co., (advertising)	19 50
Apr. 22, 1858	By Robt. S. Stevens, (for services as commissioner)	2, 064 50
May 19, 1858	By John C. McCoy, (for services locating reservation)	648 50
Sept. 28, 1858	By Peter Lammond, disbursing clerk	400 00
Dec. 11, 1858	do do	160 86
Jan. 31, 1859	By R. S. Stevens, (services as special agent)	1, 471 25
Oct. 4, 1860	By Peter Lammond, disbursing clerk	500 00
Nov. 3, 1860	By W. J. Howard, special commissioner	84 75
Nov. 5, 1860	By A. R. Boon, special commissioner	68 57
Dec. 1, 1860	By Peter Lammond, disbursing clerk	500 00
Jan. 28, 1861	do do	500 00
Mar. 2, 1861	By R. S. Stevens, commissioner, &c	1, 583 00
June 21, 1861	By Peter Lammond, disbursing clerk	500 00
July 23, 1861	do do	500 00
Oct. 25, 1861	do do	500 00
Dec. 23, 1861	By R. S. Stevens, agent of the State of Kansas	39, 950 00
Jan. 18, 1862	By Peter Lammond, disbursing clerk	600 00
Apr. 25, 1862	do do	575 00
June 19, 1862	By Hampden Moore, administrator of Ely Moore	2, 500 00
Oct. 30, 1862	By Peter Lammond, disbursing clerk	75 00
July 24, 1863	By G. A. Colton, United States Indian agent	20, 000 00
Nov. 10, 1863	do do	5, 000 00
		343 28
Apr. 21, 1864	By Peter Lammond, disbursing clerk	
Apr. 21, 1864	Balance	517 24
		366, 519 75

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The United States in account with the confederated tribe of Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians, being for interest received upon stocks held in trust for them by the Secretary of the Interior and interest on "abstracted bonds" appropriated by Congress.

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	For interest collected on North Carolina bonds	$23,460 00	Jan. 6, 1859	By amount remitted to A. M. Robinson, superintendent, &c.	$17,982 50
	For interest collected on Florida bonds	11,735 30	Mar. 28, 1860	..........do..........do	27,210 30
	For interest collected on Tennessee bonds	18,780 00	Nov. 12, 1860	..........do..........do	9,630 00
	For interest collected on Missouri bonds	5,250 00	June 3, 1861	By amount remitted to G. A. Colton, Indian agent	3,600 00
	For interest collected on Illinois bonds	750 00	Sept. 9, 1861	..........do..........do	8,465 00
	For interest collected on New York bonds	187 50	Sept. 10, 1862	..........do..........do	2,383 75
	For interest collected on Pennsylvania bonds	7,328 12	Sept. 11, 1862	..........do..........do	12,726 50
	For interest collected on Louisiana bonds	2,700 00	May 4, 1863	..........do..........do	6,787 40
	For interest collected on South Carolina bonds	450 00	Nov. 10, 1863	..........do..........do	3,681 00
	For interest collected on Kansas bonds	6,580 00	May 3, 1864	..........do..........do	10,000 00
	For interest collected on United States bonds	23 43	May 3, 1864	By amount invested in United States six per cent. bonds, February 28, 1863	400 00
	For interest on abstracted bonds, appropriated by Congress	25,453 01			
	For amount refunded from redemption of Illinois and New York stocks	315 86	May 3, 1864	Balance	146 77
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May 3, 1864	For balance	146 77			