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REPORT

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

IN COMPLIANCE

With a resolution of the Senate of the 29th ultimo, in relation to the occurrences at the payment of the annuity to the Pottawatamie Indians, in 1836.

JANUARY 12, 1838.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT WAR,
January 11, 1838.

SIR: In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 29th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit reports from the Paymaster General and Commissioner of Indian Affairs, containing all the information that is supposed to be desired, respecting the occurrences at the payment of the annuity to the Pottawatamies, in Indiana, in 1836.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. POINSETT.

Hon. R. M. JOHNSON,
President of the Senate.

PAYMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, January 10, 1838.

SIR: In answer to the letter of the honorable Senator Smith, of Indiana, to you, of the 9th instant, enclosing a resolution of the Senate of the 29th ultimo, (this day received,) I have the honor to state that the papers in question are supposed to be those sent to me by the honorable Mr. Whitelsey, chairman of the Committee of Claims, and returned to him on the 4th of February, 1837, with a request to send them back to me when Congress made an appropriation for the claim. No appropriation having been made, the papers have not been returned.

Mr. Smith's letter and its enclosure are herewith returned to you.

I am, with great respect,

Sir, your most obedient,

N. TOWSON,

Paymaster General.

To the Hon. JOEL R. POINSETT,
Secretary of War.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Office Indian Affairs, January 11, 1838.

SIR: In answer to so much of the resolution of the Senate of the 29th ultimo, respecting the disturbance at the payment of the Pottawatami annuity, in 1836, as refers itself to this office, and as, it is understood, the mover of it desires, I have the honor to refer to the report made by the Committee of Claims, of the House of Representatives, at the last session of Congress. It may be found in the first volume of Reports of Committees, and is numbered 197. This report, and the papers referred to by the committee, which are, doubtless, on their files, contain the information wanted.

Very respectfully,
Your most obedient servant,
C. A. HARRIS, *Commissioner*

HON. J. R. POINSETT,
Secretary of War.

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