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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Information relative to appropriations for the Cherokees east and west of the Mississippi.

MARCH 29, 1854.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON,

March 27, 1854.

SIR: In answer to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 10th instant, requesting that I would state "what amounts of moneys have been appropriated from time to time for the benefit of the Cherokee Indians east of the Mississippi river, and for the Cherokee Indians west of the Mississippi river, and carried to the surplus fund from the year 1815 to January, 1854, stating under what law or treaty each appropriation was made, and when carried to the surplus fund," I have the honor to transmit a report from the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, dated the 25th instant, which it is believed contains the information desired by the House.

I am, sir, with much respect, your obedient servant,

Hon. LINN BOYD,

R. McCLELLAND, Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

March 25, 1854.

SIR: In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th instant, referring to this office a copy of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 10th instant, I have the honor to state that the following amounts of moneys appropriated for the benefit of the Cherokee Indians from time to time, since the year 1815 to January, 1854, appear to have been carried to the surplus fund at the respective dates given below:

[Attached table with amounts and dates]
“Education of Cherokees for the years 1828, 1829, 1830, and 1831,” act May 24, 1828; $7,657 39 carried to surplus fund on 31st December, 1835.

“Rifles for Cherokees,” act March 2, 1831; $411 carried to surplus fund on 31st December, 1838.

“Fulfilling treaties with Cherokees,” acts 1837, 1838, 1839, &c.; $6,151 11 carried to surplus fund on 30th June, 1847.

“Carrying into effect treaty with Cherokees of December 29, 1835,” act July 2, 1836; $42,862 99 carried to surplus fund on 31st December, 1843, being amount of balance of $75,000 appropriated as an advance stipulated in the 18th article of the treaty, and of which appropriation $32,137 01 was carried to the surplus fund in 1840.

“Payments to the Cherokees for value of improvements upon the missionary reservations, per 4th article of treaty of December, 1835, in addition to former appropriations for that effect,” act March 3, 1839; $11,011 75 carried to surplus fund on 27th March, 1845.

“Arrearages of annuities, &c.,” (satisfying all claims for arrearages of annuities, for supplying blankets, &c., for Cherokees,) 3d section act June 12, 1838; $18,797 88 carried to surplus fund on 30th June, 1847.

“Claims of Cherokees for improvements abandoned,” act April 20, 1832; $703 carried to surplus fund on 30th June, 1846.

“Gratuities of $50 for every five emigrants, (Cherokees,)” act June 4, 1832; $2,220 carried to surplus fund on 31st December, 1843.

“Carrying into effect treaty with the Cherokees,” act March 3, 1835; $128 08 carried to surplus fund on 30th June, 1846.

“Compensation for improvements abandoned by Cherokees,” act March 2, 1829; $15,455 87 carried to surplus fund on 30th June, 1846.

“Fulfilling treaties with Cherokees,” acts 1837, &c.; $1,715 46 carried to surplus fund on 24th September, 1852.

“Carrying into effect treaty with Cherokees of December 29, 1835,” act July 2, 1836; $31,329 69 carried to surplus fund on 30th June, 1853.

“Expenses of a delegation of Cherokees, &c.,” act June 27, 1846; $2,408 17 carried to surplus fund on 30th June, 1849.

“Payment to Cherokees for improvements abandoned under treaty of May 6, 1828,” (re-appropriated,) act March 1, 1847; $343 60 carried to surplus fund on 24th September, 1852.

“Carrying into effect treaty with western Cherokees,” act June 28, 1834; $146 60 carried to surplus fund on 24th September, 1852.

“Claims of western Cherokees for stock lost, &c.,” act July 14, 1832; $69 carried to surplus fund on 24th September, 1852.

Very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

J. M. BRODHEAD, Comptroller.

Hon. ROBERT McCLELLAND, Secretary of the Interior.