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MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

COMMUNICATING

*A report of the Secretary of the Interior, asking an appropriation for the survey of lands acquired under a treaty with the Chippewa Indians.*

MARCH 1, 1855.—Read, referred to the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be printed.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :*

I transmit to Congress, herewith, a communication of this date from the Secretary of the Interior, and recommend that the appropriation therein asked for be made.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, *February 27*, 1855.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*February 27*, 1855.

SIR. Under a treaty recently entered into with the Chippewa Indians, a valuable tract of country, lying northwest of Lake Superior, has been secured, which it is desirable should be surveyed and brought into market at an early day, to accommodate the settlers now entering upon it in considerable numbers. The Commissioner of the General Land Office states that the sum of forty thousand dollars can be used to great advantage, during the next fiscal year, in executing those surveys.

I have, therefore, the honor to request that Congress be asked to make the following appropriation, to wit:

For surveying public lands in the northern part of Minnesota Territory recently acquired from the Chippewas..... \$40,000

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
R. McCLELLAND, *Secretary.*

To the PRESIDENT.