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LETTER
FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
IN ANSWER TO
Resolution of the House of the 15th instant, relative to payment of annuities to the Miami tribe of Indians.

DECEMBER 22, 1862.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
December 20, 1862.

SIR: On the 15th instant the House of Representatives adopted a resolution in the following words:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior inform the House whether the permanent annuity for the years 1854 and 1855, payable to the Miami tribe of Indians, in accordance with the fifth article of the treaty with said tribe, made June 5, 1854, has been paid to said tribe."

In answer to said resolution, I now have the honor to transmit a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of the 19th instant, and accompanying paper, from which it appears that $36,100 20 of the annuity of the Miami Indians, due in 1854 and 1855, was carried to the surplus fund; that the amount has not been reappropriated, and consequently it has never been paid to the Miami Indians.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
CALEB B. SMITH, Secretary.

Hon. Galusha A. Grow,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, December 19, 1862.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from you, of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 15th instant, calling for information "whether the permanent annuity for the years 1854 and 1855, payable to the Miami tribe of Indians, in accordance with the fifth article of the treaty with the said tribe, made June 5, 1854, has been paid to said tribe," and to transmit herewith an extract from the report of this office to the Secretary of the Interior, made on the 7th of July, 1855, from which it will be seen that the sum of $36,100 20 of Miami annuity for these years was reported as available...
for the surplus fund, and was returned to the treasury of the United States by surplus warrant No. 29, (less $20, error in addition,) and that the said sum has never been reappropriated, and, of course, has not been paid to the Miamies.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. P. DOLES, Commissioner.

Hon. CALES B. SMITH, Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Extract of a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the honorable the Secretary of the Interior, dated July 7, 1855, Recorded Book No. 8, pages 515 and 516.

The treaty of June 5, 1854, with the Miami Indians made full provision for adjusting all financial matters with them, and thereby new payments were substituted for some of the annuities previously existing, whilst others were confirmed and continued.

The Indians thereby released the United States from all payments and claims that are not expressly provided for in that treaty.—(See articles 4, 5, and 6 of the treaty.)

On examination I find the following amounts standing now to the credit of and making part of the head of account “for fulfilling treaties with the Miamies,” which, according to the views of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, will not be needed for payment, having so been relinquished by the Indians:

Fulfilling treaties with the Miamies, $44,668.16, in items as follows:

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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
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<td>Agricultural assistance, 5th article treaty 1818</td>
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<td>Annuities. This amount due the United States, being 1st, 2d, and 3d of 8 instalments to reimburse the United States, &amp;c., as per act August 30, 1852, and 6th article of the treaty of June 5, 1854</td>
<td>4,663.89</td>
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<td>Remainder of the balance in the treasury on June 30, 1855, for “annuity” after deducting certain sums necessary to be retained</td>
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