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FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

TO

HON. J. R. DOOLITTLE,

RELATIVE

To the Wea, Peoria, Kaskaskia, and Piankeshaw Indians of Kansas.

MAY 23, 1864.—Ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, April 9, 1864.

SIR: I have received a letter from the clerk of the Committee on Indian Affairs, United States Senate, desiring to be informed whether an appropriation would be necessary to subsist the confederated tribe of Kaskaskia, Peoria, Wea, and Piankeshaw Indians.

In reply I have the honor to state, that the condition of said tribe is such, caused by losses sustained in consequence of the war and the non-payment of interest on bonds held in trust for them by the Department of the Interior, that they cannot be subsisted without an appropriation of some means for that purpose. Could an appropriation for the interest due them upon said bonds be made, it would relieve a suffering people, and, at the same time, be doing an act of justice towards them.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. P. DOLE, *Commissioner.*

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