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CLAIMS OF KANSAS INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

TRANSMITTING

Copy of report made by commissioners appointed under the provisions of the twelfth article of treaty of 23d February, 1867, with the Senecas, Mixed Senecas and Shawnees, and Quapaw tribes of Indians in Kansas, to investigate the claims of those Indians.

FEBRUARY 11, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 8, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter of the 31st ultimo from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying copy of a report, dated April 25, 1869, made by commissioners appointed under the provisions of the twelfth article of the treaty concluded February 23, 1867, with the Senecas, Mixed Senecas and Shawnees, and Quapaw tribes of Indians in Kansas, to investigate the claims of those Indians for losses sustained on account of being driven from their homes during the late war.

An "abstract" of said claims, showing the amount recommended by the commissioners for allowance, is also herewith submitted for the consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX, *Secretary.*

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 31, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit to you duplicate copies of the report, under date of April 25, 1869, made by Messrs. J. W. Caldwell and Landon Carter, commissioners appointed by the Secretary of

the Interior, under the provisions of the 12th article of the treaty concluded February 23, 1867, with the Senecas, Mixed Senecas and Shawnees, and Quapaw tribes of Indians, to investigate the claims of those Indians for losses sustained on account of being driven from their homes by rebel forces during the late war.

I also inclose herewith duplicate copies of an abstract of the said claims, made in this office by your direction.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. COX,
Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25, 1869.

SIR: The undersigned commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Interior under the provisions of the twelfth article of the treaty concluded February 23, 1867, between the United States and the Seneca, Mixed Seneca and Shawnee, and Quapaw tribes of Indians, to proceed to the country of said Indians, and make careful investigation of their claims for losses sustained on account of being driven from their homes by rebel forces during the late war, respectfully submit the following report:

Having duly received our instructions from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in pursuance thereof we proceeded to Baldwin City, Kansas, the place of meeting designated therein, and arrived there on the 4th of February, the appointed date. We found the roads, southward from Ottawa, Kansas, the furthest point attainable by rail, in an impassable condition, owing to continued rains, and were thereby delayed until the 15th of February. We were also delayed awaiting the arrival of part of our funds from the Indian Bureau, which only reached us on the 13th of that month.

There being no stages nor other public conveyances running at that time by means of which we could proceed further, we were compelled to furnish our own transportation.

Leaving Ottawa on February 15, we proceeded slowly southward, the roads being yet so heavy as to necessitate our walking half the time, and the variable nature of the weather, alternately freezing and thawing, kept them in such a wretched condition that we were unable to accomplish but from fifteen to twenty miles per day. We finally reached our destination—Neosho Agency, Indian territory—after a most disagreeable and fatiguing journey of ten days, on the 24th of February.

On the following day we gave notice to the Indians of our arrival and business, in pursuance of our instructions, and procured the affidavits of three disinterested persons respecting the current or market value of stock cattle and other property in the Indian country at the time of the breaking out of the war, which is herewith transmitted, marked A. We afterwards took the affidavits of three other disinterested persons bearing upon the same subject, and testifying as to the general condition of these Indians when the late war broke out, which is also herewith, marked B. In taking the claims, as will be perceived by reference thereto, we have been governed by the prices established by said affidavits, and which we believe to be just and equitable.

During the first ten days after our arrival, we were enabled to inves-

tigate but few claims, the attendance of the Indians being limited, caused by the continuance of unfavorable weather, and the fact of the Senecas holding an annual festival, (lasting over a week,) which the Indians of all the tribes with whom our business was connected generally attended.

In taking the Shawnee claims, we inadvertently neglected to establish by the evidence that the claimants "are now, and were, at the commencement of the war," members of that tribe, which omission has been supplied by the affidavits of the chiefs of said tribe, herewith transmitted, marked C.

A list of the claims taken, marked D, is also herewith, showing the number and amount thereof, aggregating as follows, viz:

30 Mixed Seneca and Shawnee claims, amounting to	\$14, 757 25
33 Shawnee claims, amounting to	18, 143 85
41 Seneca claims, amounting to	29, 306 95
78 Quapaw claims, amounting to	48, 601 85
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182 claims in all, amounting to	110, 809 90
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Beside the above there were about twenty claims, as made out by their agent, which we could not take, the claimants having removed from the territory and not being able to attend our sittings, although we gave them ample notice and opportunity to do so.

In some of the claims of these Indians, as originally made out by their agent while in Kansas, stock cattle and other property were claimed, alleged to have been taken from them by Union soldiers, before they were compelled to abandon their homes; and similar property, alleged to have been lost after their arrival in Kansas. These items were all stricken out, as we considered they did not come within the province of our instructions, which we construed to mean that we should only pass upon claims for losses sustained on account of the *abandonment* of the property.

In every case wherein a guardian has been selected by the council of the tribe to which the claimant belonged to make the claim for the benefit of minor heirs, the same has been done with the knowledge and approval of the agent; and it is understood and agreed among the chiefs and headmen of the different tribes that he shall witness the payment of the money, should the claims be allowed by Congress, and assure the proper disbursement of the amount of each claim to the person thereunto entitled.

In two cases (*vide* claims No. 30 and 142) the claimants appear to have been absent from their homes at the time of the involuntary exodus of these Indians, and had left their property in the charge of their friends or relatives, which was abandoned by them and lost. It is respectively submitted, however, that said claimants have as just claim for remuneration for their losses as if they been at home, in immediate possession of the property lost.

In another case (*vide* claim No. 164) the claimant appears to have been temporarily residing in the Creek Nation when the war broke out. As shown by the evidence, she was living in that country under an old compact, entered into some years before the war between the different Indian tribes inhabiting the Indian territory, which allowed the members of any tribe to live and trade in the country of another tribe, without becoming members thereof. The claimant appears to have been

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engaged in raising stock cattle and trading while there, and had accumulated much property, including a considerable stock of dry goods, and some specie, the proceeds of sales of part of her stock cattle. From the evidence taken in the case, it would seem that she used every endeavor to save her property, but was compelled to sacrifice it, which, it is respectfully submitted, might be considered as a sufficient guarantee of her loyalty.

Mention is made in the affidavits respectively, marked A and B, and in the evidence in the claim No. 91, of the condition of these Indians when the war broke out, representing that they were in prosperous circumstances, &c. In the business for which we were appointed, we were compelled to travel through a considerable portion of their country, and from the numerous evidences of former prosperity, such as ruined farms, houses, stables, &c., we are led to believe in the truth of said statements touching their condition before the war. Their advanced state of civilization, then and now, also warrants the belief that they were in possession of the property claimed to have been lost. Their loyalty is also established by said affidavits, and the fact that they abandoned their property in preference to joining the rebel forces, and that a large proportion of them, as will be seen by the evidence in the claims, entered the service of the United States after their arrival in Kansas.

During our investigations we received much valuable assistance from George Mitchell, special Indian agent for the Senecas, Mixed Senecas and Shawnees, and Quapaws; Major G. C. Snow, Neosho agent; and Lazarus Flint, George Wright, and Samuel G. Valier, interpreters. We would also acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered the commission by Mr. Q. A. Pearson, its secretary. It is only justice to him to say that, by the aid of his faithful services, the business of the commission was greatly expedited, and we take pleasure in testifying to his diligence and efficiency.

In conclusion, we have only to state, that during our travels in connection with the business for which we were appointed, we have been guided in our expenditures, as far as was possible, by a rigid adherence to economy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. CALDWELL,
LONDON CARTER,
Commissioners.

Hon. J. W. Cox,
Secretary of the Interior.

SHAWNEE CLAIMS.

No.	Name of claimant.	Amount allowed.	Remarks.
1	Alfred McDaniel.....	\$642 75	
2	Old House Beaver.....	1,051 50	
3	Mary Flint.....	181 90	
4	Much-e-la-tha McDaniel.....	181 55	
5	Ki-kepea-se Jackson.....	1,731 50	Less \$100 disallowed.
6	Bill Captain.....	201 00	
7	Cornstalk.....	174 50	
8	Mrs. James King.....	208 65	
9	Jack McLane.....	3,833 50	
10	Tom Stands.....	1,193 50	
11	Lucinda McLane.....	478 75	
12	Mrs. James Beaver.....	714 15	

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SHAWNEE CLAIMS—Continued.

No.	Name of claimant.	Amount allowed.	Remarks.
13	George Hunter.....	\$192 00	Heir of Run Before.
14	Alfred McDaniel.....	174 50	Representative of Joe Mohawk's children.
15	Ketchum Jackson.....	445 75	Heir of Betsey Jackson.
16	Same	335 50	Representative of Ottawa Jackson.
17	Good Hunt.....	17 00	
18	Samuel Thomas.....	1,708 25	
19	Mrs. Henry Stands.....	1,131 80	
20	Mrs. Cornstalk.....	571 75	Heir of Mrs. John Quick.
21	Mrs. Grindstone.....	298 55	
22	Samuel Thomas.....	100 25	Representative of Ni-ki-ta-gun-se.
23	It-sah-hah.....	193 50	
24	Mrs. Henry Grindstone.....	13 00	
25	Mrs. John Kelley.....	441 25	Representative of John Kelley.
26	It-sah-hah.....	255 00	Representative of James Sanders.
27	William Jackson.....	126 00	
28	Wm. Jackson & Alfred McDaniel, (chiefs)	46 00	National claim.
94	Betsey Shawnee.....	670 25	
95	Martha.....	296 50	
179	Tah-pen-se.....	331 00	
180	Tom Stands.....	112 00	Representative of Hallewapease.
181	Cho-quee.....	90 75	
	Total.....	18,143 85	

MIXED SENECA AND SHAWNEE CLAIMS.

29	John Young.....	\$1,385 05	
30	Sally Schuyler.....	153 75	
31	Mrs. Susan Beaver.....	1,703 25	
32	Mary Yellow Jacket.....	336 05	
33	James Tall Chief.....	313 75	
34	John White Tree.....	411 50	
35	John Big Tail.....	139 00	
36	James Tall Chief.....	731 15	Representative of John Mellen.
37	John White Tree.....	172 75	Representative of Dr. White Tree.
38	Twenty Bassett.....	198 50	
39	Mrs. John Porcupine.....	114 00	
40	Charles Bee.....	353 25	
41	Mrs. Silas Smith.....	272 75	
42	Mrs. Sarah Clarke.....	793 50	
43	Mrs. Lewis Davis.....	2,711 25	Representative of Lewis Davis.
44	Mrs. Sarah Bearskin.....	529 25	
45	Mrs. Jo Mohawk.....	348 00	
46	Mrs. Betsey Beaver.....	308 25	
47	Charles Bee.....	301 75	Representative of Mary Civil John.
48	John Porcupine.....	446 50	
49	James Tall Chief.....	409 25	Representative of Napoleon Solomon.
50	James Logan.....	233 75	
51	Mrs. John Smith.....	611 00	
52	Jo Silas.....	92 50	Representative of Jno. and Jas. Good Hunt.
53	Sam Tucker.....	142 50	
54	Sam Tucker.....	75 00	Representative of James Tucker.
67	Thomas Ball.....	379 00	Representative of John Ball.
90	John Mush, jr.....	61 00	
178	Mrs. Sarah Clark.....	989 00	Representative of James and Rosa Harris.
182	The Chiefs.....	41 00	National claim.
	Total.....	14,757 25	

SENECA CLAIMS.

55	Isaac Warrior.....	\$905 08	
56	Joseph Spicer.....	367 25	
57	William Spicer.....	979 25	Representative of Little Town Spicer.
58	Harlan Mush.....	236 35	
59	John Armstrong.....	111 75	
60	James Bigbone.....	406 25	
61	Amos Crow.....	1,222 95	
62	James Schrimpsker.....	70 00	
63	James King.....	764 75	
64	Eliza Schrimpsker.....	117 00	
65	James King.....	1,497 65	Representative of Mrs. John Mush, sr.
66	John Winny.....	1,277 17	
68	James Mingo.....	611 40	Representative of Joe and Mary Mingo.

SENECA CLAIMS—Continued.

No.	Name of claimant.	Amount allowed.	Remarks.
69	Daniel Spicer	\$244 25	
70	John Spicer	236 50	
71	Armstrong Spicer	1, 185 20	Representative of Small Cloud Spicer.
72	Susan Armstrong	1, 694 75	
73	Young Jacob	437 50	
74	Mrs. Brown	579 50	
75	James King	236 25	Representative of Hannah Moss.
76	James Mingo	120 75	Representative of Square Stone.
77	James Armstrong	1, 181 30	
78	Mrs. Henry Dr. Shane	484 00	Representative of Fat Armstrong.
79	Susan Smith	154 25	Representative of Jane Smith.
80	James T. Young	473 00	
81	Joseph Herron	353 25	
82	Jerry Crow	514 45	
83	George Spicer	2, 568 00	
84	Joseph Silas	533 50	
85	Mrs. John Standstone	122 00	
86	Nancy Douglass	496 50	Representative of George Douglass.
87	Mrs. James Young	91 00	Representative of Sin-i-o-wa.
88	Mary Curley Eye	412 00	Representative of Coffee House.
89	Mrs. James Young	342 90	Representative of James Young.
92	Jack Armstrong, sr.	210 00	
93	George Wright	2, 956 00	
91	The Chiefs	2, 858 00	National, (less \$450 disallowed.)
96	Martha Driver	869 50	Representative of Mrs. Hicks.
126	Katie Armstrong	177 50	Representative of Jacob Smith.
141	Elizabeth Herron	33 75	
142	Jacob White Crow	1, 174 50	
	Total	29, 306 95	

QUAPAW CLAIMS.

97	Cah-hic-ca-te-da	\$1, 074 50	Cah-hic-ca-te-da's band.
98	Mus-cah-tah-sey	316 00	Do.
99	Te-she-wah-con-tah	396 00	Do.
100	Wah-she-hoo-tah	170 00	Do.
101	Con-sey-war-con-tah	400 00	Do.
102	Red Eagle	326 00	Do.
103	Cah-ha-to-wah-nee	212 00	Do.
104	Lony Jack	370 00	Do.
105	Mus-cah-hoo-way	66 00	Do.
106	White Eagle	460 25	Do.
107	On-po-see	1, 341 00	Do.
108	Me-te-day	105 75	Do.
109	Mrs. Francis	695 00	Do.
110	Mo-shin-ke-tah	260 50	Do.
111	Me-mo-nee-nee	328 50	Do.
112	Tah-me-te-kah	268 50	Representative of Mus-ca-she-cah.
113	Spa-da	139 50	Do.
114	Ham-pah	418 25	Do.
115	Buffalo Calf	222 00	Do.
116	Bogy	264 00	Do.
117	Hah-hoo-wah	145 00	Do.
118	Me-no-bar-te-to	153 00	Do.
119	Ile-dah-me	49 00	Do.
166	Me-hun-cah-te-da	252 50	Do.
120	George Lane	2, 632 50	George Lane's band.
121	Samuel G. Valler	1, 688 50	Do.
122	Wah-ta-hun cah	393 50	Do.
123	Lewis Bartholomew	270 00	Do.
124	Richard Buck	290 00	Do.
125	Shra-wah-me-tah-ke	723 00	Do.
127	Shrury-cah-war-con-tah	1, 204 50	Do.
128	Jack Quapaw	119 50	Do.
129	Augustus Eddy	515 00	Do.
130	Young Cedar	3, 301 75	Do.
131	Black Hawk	186 00	Do.
133	Me-tah-te-da	523 50	Do.
134	Me-cow-see	222 00	Do.
135	Cah-nee	116 75	Do.
136	Mus-cah-me-tah-kee	1, 040 75	Do.
137	Me-skar	184 00	Do.
138	Me-tah-he-no-bah	694 75	Do.
139	Me-con-sah	106 50	Do.
140	Mi-ta-te-dy	180 75	Do.
143	John Hun-cah, jr.	714 25	Do.

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QUAPAW CLAIMS—Continued.

No.	Name of claimant.	Amount allowed.	Remarks.
144	Ham-pah-me-tah-ke	\$67 50	George Lane's band.
145	Joseph Crow	181 25	Do.
146	Alphonsus Valier	346 00	Do.
154	Me-no-bar-te-to	70 75	Do.
176	Mo-shin-tah-ketah	50 00	Do.
132	James Mac Henry	322 50	Canadian band.
147	Me-tah-to-mo-nee	537 00	Do.
148	Shin-cah-wah-con-tah	766 50	Do.
149	Wah-te-wah-con-tah	302 50	Do.
150	Lewis Quapaw	1, 723 25	Do.
151	Water Maker	689 50	Do.
152	Window She-to	108 50	Do.
153	James Medicine	125 00	Do.
155	He-det-skar-wah-tah-ke	179 00	Do.
156	Snee-he-she-cah	799 00	Do.
157	Mo-tah-cah-nee	175 00	Do.
158	Joe Washinteda	125 75	Do.
159	Wah-tah-skoh	450 00	Do.
160	War-he-sah	631 00	Do.
161	Wah-to	171 00	Do.
162	Wah-con-tah-mo-nee	171 00	Do.
163	Cah-she-cah	650 00	Do.
164	Me-skar-to	12, 531 75	Do.
165	Tah-to-me-to	811 50	Do.
167	Elijah Young	318 75	Do.
168	Charlotte Jozette	426 25	Do.
169	Mo Squin	1, 182 50	Do.
170	Miss Beaver	136 10	Do.
171	He-det-sin	488 00	Do.
172	Tah-me-ke-tah	256 75	Do.
173	Me-he-tah	161 00	Do.
174	He-dah-wah-con-tah	32 00	Do.
175	Me-skarteda	49 00	Do.
177	He-det-me-tah-ke	26 00	Do.
	Total	48, 601 85	

RECAPITULATION.

No.	Name of tribe.	Amount allowed.
33	Shawnees	\$18, 143 85
30	Mixed Senecas and Shawnees	14, 757 25
41	Senecas	28, 306 95
78	Quapaws	48, 601 85
	Total—182 claims	110, 809
	Deduct this amount disallowed in claim No. 5	\$100 00
	Deduct this amount disallowed in claim No. 91	45 00
		550 00
	Amount recommended for allowance	110, 259 90