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LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House of February 3, relative to annuities or other payments withheld from Indian tribes under act of Congress.

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

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

SIR: I acknowledge the receipt of a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 3d instant, in the following words, viz:

“*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to inform this house what annuities or other payments, if any, have been withheld from Indian tribes under the provisions of ‘An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870.’”

In answer to said resolution, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 7th instant, containing the information called for.

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., February 7, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from your department, of House resolution dated the 3d instant, requesting you to inform that house “what annuities or other payments, if any, have been withheld from Indian tribes under the provisions of ‘An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian

Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1870.”

Said resolution having been referred to this office for report, I would say that no payments of money appropriated and to be paid under the provisions of said act have been withheld from Indians having recognized treaties with the United States. There are, in some cases, balances on the books of this office of moneys to be paid to or expended for Indians, but they are not withheld by reason of any tribes or bands not having observed their treaty obligations, and they will, by or before the 30th of June next, either be paid as annuities or expended for the benefit of the Indians for whom the money was appropriated.

The resolution inclosed, with your reference of the 4th instant, is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

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

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