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SCHOOL-BUILDINGS FOR THE SACS AND FOXES AND  
IOWA INDIANS.

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LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RELATION TO

*An appropriation for schools and school-buildings for the benefit of the Sacs  
and Foxes and the Iowa Indians in Nebraska.*

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DECEMBER 20, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be  
printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, D. C., December 20, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report of the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying papers, in relation  
to schools and school-buildings for the benefit of the Sacs and Foxes,  
and the Iowa Indians in Nebraska, as contemplated by the fifth article  
of the treaty of 6th March, 1861, with said Indians.—(12 Stat. at L.,  
p. 1172.)

The estimates forwarded by the Commissioner, with a view to an ap-  
propriation for the objects contemplated, are herewith submitted, with  
the recommendation that they receive the favorable consideration of  
Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C., December 4, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to state that, by the fifth article of the treaty  
of March 6, 1861, with the Sacs and Foxes and the Iowas, (Stat. at  
L., vol. 12, p. 1172,) the United States agree to expend the sum of  
\$1,000 for the erection of a suitable school-house and dwelling-house  
for the school-teacher, for the benefit of the Sacs and Foxes. For some  
reason, not now known to this office, said sum of \$1,000 has never been

appropriated, and consequently no school-house has been provided for the Sacs and Foxes, as stipulated in said treaty.

Late Superintendent Janney, in a communication to this office dated March 3, 1871, (copy herewith,) suggests that said sum "be used in enlarging the building proposed as an 'Industrial Home' on the Iowa reservation," and that some of the Sac and Fox children be admitted to that institution. The sum stipulated in the treaty above referred to will, doubtless, not prove sufficient to erect a suitable school-house and dwelling-house for the teacher, and unless Congress will appropriate at least \$2,500 for the erection of said buildings, I would respectfully recommend that the necessary authority be granted by that body to use the sum of \$1,000, when appropriated, in the manner and for the objects named in the late superintendent's letter.

I herewith inclose two estimates of appropriation, in accordance with the views herein expressed, and respectfully request that the same be submitted to Congress for its action.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,  
*Commissioner.*

Hon. C. DELANO,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

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OMAHA NEBRASKA, *Third Month 27, 1871.*

RESPECTED FRIEND: It has recently come to my knowledge that in the treaty with the Sacs and Foxes and Iowas, made March 6, 1851, promulgated March 26, 1853, article 5, there is a provision that the United States shall expend the sum of \$1,000 for the erection of a suitable school-house and dwelling-house, for the school-teacher, for the benefit of the Sacs and Foxes, and also the additional sum of \$200 per annum for school purposes, so long as the President of the United States may deem advisable. This stipulation, I believe, has never been complied with. Some of the Sacs and Foxes wish their children educated, and there is no school on their reservation.

If the above-mentioned funds are applicable to this purpose, I suggest that they be used in enlarging the building proposed as an "industrial home," on the Iowa reservation, and admitting some of the Sac and Fox children to said institution. As the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians come under the head of those "not otherwise provided for" in relation to schools, and for whom \$100,000 was appropriated by Congress last year, it would seem as if they were justly entitled to a portion of the above sum.

I am sorry to say there is very little improvement in the Sacs and Foxes, which I attribute to their living six miles from the agency, with no employés of the Government among them. Their neighbors, the Iowas, are rapidly improving, both in their physical and moral condition.

Very respectfully, thy friend,

SAML M. JANNEY,  
*Superintendent of Indian Affairs.*

Hon. E. S. PARKER,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.*

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*Estimate of appropriation required for the erection of a suitable school-house and dwelling house, for the school-teacher, as per 5th article treaty of March 6, 1851, with the Sacs and Foxes and the Iowas.*

For this amount, required for the erection of a suitable school-house and dwelling-house, for the school-teacher, for the benefit of the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouri, as per 5th article treaty of March 6, 1851, with Sacs and Foxes and the Iowas.—(Stat. at L., volume 12, page 1,172)..... \$1,000

And authority is hereby granted, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, to use said sum of \$1,000 in enlarging the building proposed as an "industrial home," on the Iowa reservation; provided, that children belonging to said Sac and Fox tribe of Indians shall be admitted to said institution.

SCHOOL-BUILDINGS FOR INDIANS.

*Estimate of appropriation required for the erection of a suitable school-house and dwelling-house, for the school-teacher, as per 5th article treaty of March 6, 1861, with the Sacs and Foxes and the Iowas.*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the erection of a suitable school-house and dwelling-house, for the school-teacher, for the benefit of the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouri, as per 5th article treaty of March 6, 1861, with the Sacs and Foxes and the Iowas.—(Statutes at Large, volume 12, page 1172) ..... \$2,500