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LETTER

OF

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

ADDRESSED TO

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS,

CALLING

*Attention to the condition of the Black Bob band of Shawnee Indians in
Kansas.*

MARCH 9, 1871.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 8, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a report dated the 7th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, calling my attention to Senate Mis. Doc. No. 61, Forty-first Congress, in relation to the condition of "Black Bob" band of Shawnee Indians in Kansas, and recommending, for reasons therein stated, that the subject be brought to the attention of the present Congress.

The recommendations contained in the communication are therefore respectfully submitted for such consideration by Congress as that body may deem proper.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

HON. JAMES HARLAN,
*Of the Committee on Indian Affairs,
Senate of the United States.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., March 7, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to call attention to Senate Mis. Doc. No. 61, Forty-first Congress, third session, being a "letter of the Secretary of the Interior, addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, communicating information in relation to the Black Bob band of Indians (Shawnees) in Kansas."

As the last session of Congress adjourned by limitation of law, without affording the requisite aid by legislation to these Indians, I am again compelled to ask that the subject of their condition be brought to the attention of both Houses of the present Congress, in order that the remedy may be applied by appropriate legislation.

It is deemed of the utmost importance to the present and future condition of the Black Bob band, that the suspension of the issue of patents for their allotments under the treaty of 1854, and the disposition by them of said allotments under the rules of the Department, should be removed. The act imposing such suspension is in direct violation of treaty stipulations, and with the intercourse act of 1834, and has had the effect not only to impoverish the members of that band, but has kept them from locating and making improvements upon their homes in the Indian Territory, where they could provide for their future wants, and has rendered necessary extra expenditures to keep them from actual starvation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

Answers to the questions of the Black Bob band of Indians
 1854

MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 Washington, D. C., March 8, 1854

Sir: I have the honor to receive in reply to a report dated the 21st instant from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and in relation to the Black Bob band of Indians, that the subject is brought to the attention of the present Congress.

The recommendations contained in the communication are therefore respectfully submitted for such consideration by Congress as may be deemed proper.

I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

C. DELANO,
Secretary

Hon. James H. Smith,
 U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
 Bureau of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
 Washington, D. C., March 7, 1854

Sir: I have the honor to call attention to Senate Bill No. 21, passed by the House of Representatives on the 21st of the month of February last, and in relation to the Black Bob band of Indians, and in relation to the subject of their removal to the Territory of Indian Territory.

The act passed on the 21st of the month of February last, and in relation to the Black Bob band of Indians, and in relation to the subject of their removal to the Territory of Indian Territory, is in direct violation of the treaty of 1854, and has had the effect not only to impoverish the members of that band, but has kept them from locating and making improvements upon their homes in the Indian Territory, where they could provide for their future wants, and has rendered necessary extra expenditures to keep them from actual starvation.