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REMOVAL OF CERTAIN CHIPPEWA INDIANS.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A memorial of the legislature of Dakota, praying that the Pembina band of Chippewa Indians be removed from the lands on the Dakota side of the Red River of the North to the White Earth reservation in Minnesota.

FEBRUARY 8, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 30, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 28th instant, inclosing a copy of a memorial of the legislature of Dakota, approved January 6, 1873, addressed to the President of the United States, praying that the Pembina band of Chippewa Indians be removed from the lands on the Dakota side of the Red River of the North to the White Earth reservation in Minnesota.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Acting Commissioner, the memorial is respectfully transmitted for consideration, in connection with Department letter of the 13th, addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, submitting an estimate of \$35,000 for the accomplishment of the purpose contemplated by the memorial.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 28, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from you, of a copy of a memorial by the legislative assembly of the Terri-

tory of Dakota, approved January 6, 1873, to the President of the United States, praying that the Pembina band of Chippewa Indians might be removed from the lands on the Dakota side of the Red River of the North, to the White Earth reservation in the State of Minnesota.

I respectfully recommend that the said memorial be submitted to Congress for consideration, in connection with the recommendation of this office upon the subject to the honorable Secretary of the Interior, dated the 11th instant, which was transmitted to Congress with Department letter of the 13th instant.

The memorial is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

A MEMORIAL to the President of the United States relative to the Pembina band of the Chippewa Indians.

To His Excellency the President of the United States:

Your memorialists, the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, would most respectfully represent that the Pembina band of Chippewa Indians are still occupying the lands on the Dakota side of the Red River of the North, which were ceded by the said band and the Red Lake band of the Chippewas, in their treaty with the United States in 1863, and that the occupation of said lands by said Pembina band is a great nuisance to the white settlements on the Pembina and Red Rivers, and also retards the establishment and growth of new settlements on the ceded lands.

Your memorialists therefore pray that said last-named band of Indians be removed from the ceded lands, and settled upon their reservation at the White Earth agency, in Minnesota, according to the stipulations in said treaty.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Approved January 6, 1873.

I certify that the above is a true copy of a memorial passed at the tenth session of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Dakota, and approved by me on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1873.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the great seal of the Territory, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1873.

[SEAL.]

JOHN A. BURBANK,
Governor.

Attest:

EDWIN S. MCCOOK,
Secretary.