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**Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a draught of a bill making available certain unexpended balances of funds to be used for the civilization of the Pawnee Indians**

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CIVILIZATION OF PAWNEE INDIANS.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*A draught of a bill making available certain unexpended balances of funds to be used for the civilization of the Pawnee Indians.*

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JANUARY 12, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., January 5, 1874.*

SIR: In consequence of certain restrictions imposed by the fifth and sixth sections of the act of Congress approved July 12, 1870, (Statutes, vol. 16, p. 25,) the sum of \$8,530.01, being the aggregate of unexpended balances of appropriations heretofore made for the benefit of the Pawnee Indians, to carry out treaty stipulations with that tribe, is unavailable without special legislation by Congress.

I therefore have the honor to submit herewith, for the favorable consideration and action of Congress, a draught of a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to use the said unexpended balances for the benefit of the Pawnee Indians, in Nebraska, in the manner indicated therein.

I also transmit for the information of Congress on the subject, a copy of a report, dated the 30th ultimo, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with a copy of a letter, dated the 18th ultimo, addressed to the Commissioner by Samuel M. Janney, on behalf of the executive committee of Six Yearly Meetings of friends, having the care of Indians in the Northern Superintendency.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

The SPEAKER *House of Representatives.*

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized to use for purposes of civilization of the Pawnee Indians the unexpended balances from funds appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, and former years, under the provisions of the treaty with said tribe of September 24, 1857, for support of schools and mills, and for pay of employes, smiths, &c., said balances amounting to the sum of \$8,530.01.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C. December 30, 1873.

SIR: In compliance with the request of the executive committee of Friends, as per inclosed copy of letter from S. M. Janney, dated the 18th instant, I have the honor to submit herewith a draught for a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to use for the civilization of the Pawnee Indians certain unexpended balances from appropriations heretofore made in favor of said tribe, and now on the books of this office, amounting in the aggregate to \$8,530.01. These funds were appropriated for support of schools and mills, and for pay of employes, smiths, &c., in accordance with treaty stipulations with the Pawnees of September 24, 1857, (Stats., vol. 11, pp. 729-734,) but, under a recent decision of the First Comptroller of the Treasury regarding unexpended balances, they cannot, by reason of the restrictions contained in the fifth and sixth sections of the act of July 12, 1870, (Stats., vol. 16, p. 251,) be used for present purposes without special legislation in the premises.

I respectfully recommend that the matter be submitted to Congress for favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

OFFICE COMMISSIONER INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Twelfthmonth 18, 1873.*

RESPECTED FRIEND: On behalf of the executive committee of Six Yearly Meetings of Friends, having the care of Indians in the Northern Superintendency, I respectfully request that the following appropriation may be incorporated in the appropriation bill for the present year, to wit:

Eight thousand five hundred and thirty dollars, being balances remaining on hand on the 30th of June, 1873, from appropriations made for schools, for pay of smiths, assistants, &c., and for employes and mills, covered into the Treasury, to be appropriated for the use of the Pawnee tribe of Indians, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, for purposes of civilization.

Very respectfully, thy friend,

SAML. M. JANNEY.

Hon. E. P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington.*