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INDIAN DEPREDAATION CLAIMS NOW PENDING.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

*An appropriation to pay certain Indian depredation claims now pending before Congress.*

DECEMBER 3, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, June 8, 1872.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report, dated the 6th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to certain Indian depredation claims now pending before Congress, and which are described in the accompanying schedule.

The Commissioner recommends that an appropriation be asked for the payment of these claims.

I will remark that this Department has no knowledge of the facts connected with these claims beyond what is contained in the Commissioner's report and the papers heretofore submitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., June 6, 1872.*

SIR: Referring to the provisions of the seventh section of the Indian appropriation act, approved May 29, 1872, I have the honor to call the attention of the honorable Secretary to the fact that since the 27th November, 1871, I have reported upon 46 cases of alleged depredations by Indians, in which claims for damages had been filed in this office, (exclusive of the claim of Mrs. Fanny Kelly, which has already received

favorable action by Congress,) recommending in each case a specific allowance. The total damages alleged by the claimants in these 46 cases amount to \$121,050.70. The total amount recommended for allowance is \$58,815.10. During the same period of time a large number of claims have been examined and reported on adversely to the Department. Each of the claims favorably reported on, a schedule of which accompanies this letter, was examined by myself. The presentation of the case was to conform strictly to the regulations which governed in respect to depredation claims under the act of 1834, prior to the passage of the act of July 15, 1870. The evidence has been scrutinized with the utmost care, and is believed to establish incontrovertibly the fact of depredation and the amount of damage in each case in the full sum recommended for allowance. No more searching and severe examination could be made under any system of regulations or restrictions that might be adopted, and I feel therefore justified in suggesting to the Department that I be allowed to re-affirm under the provisions of the act of May 29, 1872, and without further consideration, the action of this office in respect to each and all of the 46 claims named in the accompanying schedule. Should this be held admissible, I would respectfully recommend that Congress be asked to make an appropriation in the aggregate amount of \$58,815.10 for the payment of the several claimants whose claims have thus been recommended for allowance.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,  
*Commissioner.*

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

INDIAN DEPREDEATION CLAIMS NOW PENDING.

Statement of claims on account of depredations by Indians upon property of citizens of the United States, reported by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the Secretary of the Interior for allowance, in whole or in part, since November 27, 1871.

Name of claimant.	Date of depredation.	Indians charged with the depredation.	Amount claimed.	Date of report of the case to the Secretary of the Interior.	Amount recommended for allowance.
T. R. Curtis	Jan., 1865	Cheyennes	\$600 00	Dec. 19, 1871	\$600 00
T. Roberts	Oct., 1865	Osages	220 00	Jan. 8, 1872	155 00
L. Krouse	July, 1865	do	75 00	Jan. 8, 1872	60 00
E. F. Williams	Oct., 1865	do	250 00	Jan. 8, 1872	150 00
W. L. Arnett	Sept., 1865	do	300 00	Jan. 8, 1872	200 00
R. Ester	May, 1865	do	700 00	Jan. 8, 1872	450 00
V. S. Wyrick	May, 1865	do	150 00	Jan. 8, 1872	100 00
Fanny Kelly	July, 1864	Sioux	15,200 00	Jan. 16, 1872	6,500 00
Bickford & Stanley	Feb., 1864	Kiowas	1,400 00	Jan. 19, 1872	960 00
C. Weidner	Aug., 1868	do	2,388 25	Jan. 19, 1872	1,194 12
Curtis & Cole	July, 1864	do	3,650 00	Jan. 19, 1872	2,950 00
H. M. Fosdick	Aug., 1864	Arapahoes	500 00	Jan. 19, 1872	400 00
J. Howsley	July, 1868	Navajoes	2,133 00	Jan. 19, 1872	350 00
H. Hegwer	June, 1867	Cheyennes	2,129 50	Jan. 20, 1872	1,558 00
T. Hetherington	Aug., 1867	do	450 00	Jan. 20, 1872	250 00
M. Bellmard	June, 1868	do	1,293 00	Feb. 5, 1872	835 33
L. Pashall	June, 1868	do	454 00	Feb. 5, 1872	151 33
H. Pappan	June, 1868	do	207 00	Feb. 5, 1872	167 00
A. Grigsby	June, 1868	do	232 95	Feb. 5, 1872	155 30
W. E. Daugherty	Aug., 1869	Sioux	2,208 25	Feb. 9, 1872	1,840 00
Ledrick & Whittaker	{ Feb., 1867 } { Sept., 1867 } { May, 1868 }	Cheyennes	18,453 55	Mar. 8, 1872	6,729 27
Durfree & Peck	{ June, 1868 }	Comanches	7,541 75	Mar. 18, 1872	2,921 75
Ann Marble	Aug., 1864	Cheyennes	3,905 00	Mar. 20, 1872	2,250 00
H. Kirkendall	Dec., 1869	Blackfeet	8,709 00	Mar. 22, 1872	5,375 00
H. C. Bridgman	Mar., 1867	Osages	215 00	April 4, 1872	175 00
W. Zigler	May, 1866	do	500 00	April 4, 1872	400 00
N. Harer	June, 1866	do	125 00	April 4, 1872	100 00
W. T. Asbell	June, 1868	do	550 00	April 4, 1872	350 00
C. Holmes	Dec., 1867	do	715 00	April 4, 1872	500 00
J. Sonne	June, 1867	Cheyennes	1,000 00	April 9, 1872	850 00
A. Holborn	June, 1867	do	4,620 00	April 9, 1872	3,950 00
G. Fleming	June, 1867	do	700 00	April 9, 1872	600 00
W. Kersten	June, 1867	do	700 00	April 9, 1872	600 00
S. N. Wood	July, 1870	Kiowas	3,810 00	April 13, 1872	1,285 00
C. W. Denton	1854 to 1860	Oregon	25,000 00	April 23, 1872	5,500 00
Bickford & Stanley	May, 1864	Cheyennes	866 45	May 3, 1872	600 00
J. W. Snyder	June, 1869	Osages	7,000 00	May 20, 1872	2,800 00
R. F. Barrett	July, 1864	Kiowas and Arapahoes	2,945 00	May 28, 1872	1,702 00
J. E. Crow	July, 1864	do	1,584 00	May 28, 1872	1,062 00
John Hiles	July, 1864	do	571 50	May 28, 1872	232 00
J. K. Cornelius	July, 1864	do	210 50	May 28, 1872	135 00
W. S. Redding	July, 1864	do	183 50	May 28, 1872	125 50
A. M. Gentry	July, 1864	do	119 50	May 28, 1872	91 50
A. Edwards	July, 1864	do	52 25	May 28, 1872	42 00
J. Schroder	July, 1864	do	46 75	May 28, 1872	13 00
C. Antobees	1861 and 1864	do	3,390 00	June 3, 1872	1,650 00
H. Wedeles	Mar., 1867	Arapahoes	8,200 00	June 3, 1872	6,150 00
Total			136,250 70	Total	65,315 10
Deduct claim of Fanny Kelly.			15,200 00	Deduct amount of claim of Fanny Kelly, (Congress having lately passed an act in favor of the claimant.)	6,500 00
			121,050 70		58,815 10