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WINNEBAGO INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation for the benefit of the Winnebago Indians.

JANUARY 16, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 15, 1872.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 11th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying papers, together with an estimate of appropriation required to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, at such times and in such sums as he shall deem expedient and necessary, for the benefit of the Winnebago Indians, in improving their lands, purchasing stock and agricultural implements, houses, providing schools, and in any other way promoting their civilization.

The sum asked to be appropriated is \$100,000, to be taken from the \$200,000 placed to the credit of the Winnebago Indians on the books of the Treasury by the act of July 15, 1870, (Statutes, vol. 16, p. 355.)

I commend the subject to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO, *Secretary.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 11, 1872.

SIR: For the purpose of refunding to the Winnebago Indians the amount taken from their tribal funds to pay the expenses of their removal from Minnesota, the sum of \$232,345 90 was appropriated by the act of July 15, 1870, (Statutes, vol. 16, p. 355,) \$200,000 of that amount to be placed to the credit of these Indians upon the books of the Treasury, with an allowance of 5 per cent. per annum as interest on the same; said interest

to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior for the improvement of their allotments of land, and for other beneficial purposes.

Referring to the above act, I have now the honor to lay before you the inclosed copies (in duplicate) of a communication from Samuel M. Janney, Benjamin Hollowell, and other members of a committee of "Friends," to whose care the Indians in the northern superintendency have in a measure been committed, requesting that of the \$200,000 held in trust as above, the sum of \$100,000 be applied to immediate uses for building houses on the lands assigned to these Indians in severalty, for fencing and improving the same, for the purchase of stock and agricultural implements, and for the establishment and maintenance of industrial and other schools on their reservation.

Accompanying the letter of the committee of Friends, and herewith inclosed, is a petition of the chiefs, headmen, and other members of the Winnebago tribe of Indians, of the same tenor.

These Indians, numbering some thirteen hundred souls, are gradually adopting the habits and pursuits of civilized life. Allotment of lands has been made to them, eighty acres to each head of family, and they are to a considerable extent engaged in cultivating the soil and improving their property, having some eight or nine hundred acres of ground actually under cultivation. The annuities they receive from the Government by way of interest on funds held in trust; are not, however, sufficient to enable them to extend and complete their improvements by building houses, providing schools, and surrounding themselves with the conditions of civilized life; and they therefore ask that part of the principal be placed at the disposal of the Department, and made available for the purposes referred to.

Concurring fully in the recommendation of the committee of Friends, I respectfully request that Congress be asked to appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose mentioned in the inclosed estimate, out of the amount of \$200,000 placed to the credit of these Indians upon the books of the Treasury by the act of July 15, 1870.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriation required from funds placed to the credit of the Winnebago Indians on the books of the Treasury by the act of July 15, 1870, (Statutes, vol. 16, p. 355.)

For this amount, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior at such times and in such sums as he shall deem expedient and necessary for the benefit of the Winnebago tribe of Indians, in improving their lands, purchasing stock and agricultural implements, erecting houses, providing schools, and in any other way promoting their civilization and comfort, the said amount to be taken from the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in the Treasury of the United States belonging to the said tribe..... \$100,000 00

SANDY SPRINGS, MARYLAND,
Twelfthmonth, 1, 1871.

RESPECTED FRIEND: We herewith inclose a petition signed by the chiefs, policemen, and headmen of the Winnebago tribe of Indians, requesting that \$100,000 of their invested funds in the hands of the Government may, by act of Congress, be appropriated for their use, to build houses on their allotments of land already assigned them in severalty, to purchase live stock and agricultural implements, and to establish and maintain an industrial school, with other preparatory schools on the reservation.

The undersigned, having been appointed a committee on Indian affairs to represent the six yearly meetings of Friends, to whose care was committed the Indians in the northeru superintendency, respectfully request that the appropriation for the purpose above mentioned may be made at an early day, in order that the contemplated improvements may be made as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully, thy friends,

SAMUEL M. JANNEY.
BENJ. HOLLOWELL.
B. RUSH ROBERTS.
RICH'D T. BENTLY.

C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

To his excellency the President of the United States, and the honorable members of the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

The petition of the chiefs, headmen, and other members of the Winnebago tribe of Indians in the State of Nebraska, in council assembled, respectfully represents that our people have always been loyal to the Government of the United States and friendly to the white man; that the reservation we now occupy in the State of Nebraska we wish to make our permanent home; that we are desirous of adopting the dress and habits of civilized life, and turn our attention to agricultural pursuits; that we have had allotted, in severalty, to each head of a family in our tribe, eighty acres of the lands of the reservation, on which allotments we desire to build dwelling-houses, and place the necessary fencing; live stock, and agricultural implements; that we also desire the establishment of a manual-labor school on our reservation.

For these purposes your petitioners respectfully and earnestly pray that the sum of \$100,000 may be directed to be paid to us early in the spring of 1872, out of our proportion of the sum of \$200,000, placed to the credit of the Winnebagoes on the books of the Treasury, being the amount in part taken from our tribal funds to pay the expenses of the removal of the tribe from Minnesota, provided for in public act No. 187, approved July 15, A. D. 1870.

Signed this 9th day of tenth month, A. D. 1871.

CHIEFS.

| | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Gray Wolf, | his x mark. | Yound De Cora, | his x mark. |
| John Coono, | his x mark. | Sharp Wing, | his x mark. |
| Yellow Bank, | his x mark. | King of Thunder, | his x mark. |
| Mud Turtle, | his x mark. | Asa Colman, | his x mark. |
| Atter Smith, | his x mark. | White Spirit, | his x mark. |
| Pottawattomie John, | his x mark. | Big Bear's Brother, | his x mark. |

POLICEMEN.

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|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Henry Rice No. 1, | his x mark. | William Cullen, | his x mark. |
| Henry Ewing, | his x mark. | Snow Ball, | his x mark. |
| Johnson Blackbird, | his x mark. | Black Hawk, | his x mark. |
| Henry Harris, | his x mark. | Thomas Harden, | his x mark. |
| John Twip, | his x mark. | Captain Whitewood, | his x mark. |
| Jake Holstson, | his x mark. | | |

HEADMEN.

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Hole Digger, | his x mark. | Coonokaw, | his x mark. |
| Naw-kae-kaw, | his x mark. | Little Thunder, (ex-chief), | his x mark. |
| James Thomas, | his x mark. | Henry Wolf, | his x mark. |
| Young Bear Skin, | his x mark. | Na-a-ja-ho-kaw | his x mark. |
| White Horse, | his x mark. | John Twin No. 1, | his x mark. |

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| U. S. Grant, | his x mark. | James Shell, | his x mark. |
| Black Horse, | his x mark. | James Johnson, | his x mark. |
| Yellow Cloud, | his x mark. | Wm. Marcy, (ex-policeman,) | his x mark. |
| Joseph Tebault, | his x mark. | Joe Turtle, | his x mark. |
| Edward Nash, | his x mark. | Prosper Arnell, | his x mark. |
| John Cross, | his x mark. | Oliver Arnell, | his x mark. |
| Charles Mallory, (ex-chief,) | his x mark. | George Rainbow, | his x mark. |
| David Riley, | his x mark. | Big Wave, | his x mark. |
| James Earth, | his x mark. | Green Hair, | his x mark. |
| No-so-ho-kaw, | his x mark. | Crow, | his x mark. |
| Bear, | his x mark. | Lewis Buchanan, | his x mark. |
| South Wind, | his x mark. | Bill Buchanan, | his x mark. |
| King of Thunder, jr., | his x mark. | Frank La Mere, | his x mark. |
| Two Times, | his x mark. | Big Jim, | his x mark. |
| Thomas Emmerson, | his x mark. | Young French, | his x mark. |
| Little Black Hawk, | his x mark. | Charles F. Porter, | his x mark. |
| Major, | his x mark. | James Black Hawk, | his x mark. |
| James Buchanan, | his x mark. | Mi-no-boc-kaw, | his x mark. |
| Black Deer, | his x mark. | Asa White, | his x mark. |
| Wa-saw-e-mon-e-kaw, | his x mark. | Big Head, (ex-chief,) | his x mark. |
| Tall Henry, | his x mark. | Pa-cho-kaw, | his x mark. |
| Jackson Breeze, | his x mark. | Wolf, | his x mark. |
| Sweet Corn, | his x mark. | Maw-he-ke-o-kaw, | his x mark. |
| J. M. Street, | | Ha-na-ship-kaw, | his x mark. |
| David McClusky, | | John Walker Sioux, | his x mark. |
| Thomas Jefferson, | | Son-in-law, | his x mark. |
| Martin Van Buren, | | Sportsman, | his x mark. |
| Andrew Balcombe, | his x mark. | Ne-ho-kaw, | his x mark. |
| Little Crow, | his x mark. | Naw-goo-cho-in-kaw, | his x mark. |
| Cha-pon-nope-kaw, | his x mark. | Wa-co-choo-ke-un-kaw, | his x mark. |
| Henry Clark, | his x mark. | White Wood, | his x mark. |
| Young Snake, | his x mark. | Henry Wilkinson, | his x mark. |
| James Billes, | his x mark. | John Tucker, | his x mark. |
| John White, | his x mark. | My Soul, | his x mark. |
| Neo pin-kaw, | his x mark. | Eagle, | his x mark. |
| Walking Thunder, | his x mark. | Joseph Joseph, | his x mark. |
| Whirling Thunder, jr., | his x mark. | Ray's Wing, | his x mark. |
| James McClusky, | his x mark. | White Pigeon, | his x mark. |
| Mon-no-sinch-ja-kaw, | his x mark. | Stiff Wing, | his x mark. |
| Alonzo Mitchell, | his x mark. | Little Hill, (ex-chief,) | his x mark. |
| Henry Mitchell, | his x mark. | Arm Broke, | his x mark. |
| Frank Tebault, jr., | his x mark. | John Hill, | his x mark. |
| Frank Tebault, | his x mark. | Solomon Hill, | his x mark. |
| O-pin-kaw, | his x mark. | Good Heart, | his x mark. |
| William Hensley, | his x mark. | Wi-sep-in-kaw, | his x mark. |
| Henry John, | his x mark. | Big Crow, | his x mark. |
| Abraham Lincoln, | his x mark. | Ni-sog-e-shis-kaw, | his x mark. |
| Captain Jefferson, | his x mark. | Snow Ball, | his x mark. |
| Red Legs, | his x mark. | White De Bell, | his x mark. |
| Little Chief, | his x mark. | Henry Rice No. 2, | his x mark. |
| One Horn, (ex-chief,) | his x mark. | George Eaden, | his x mark. |
| White Br-ast, (ex-chief,) | his x mark. | William Snow Ball, | his x mark. |
| Jas. Smith, (ex-captain police,) | his x mark. | Moon House, | his x mark. |
| O-o kaw, (ex-chief,) | his x mark. | Master of Thunder, | his x mark. |
| Wm. Hatchet, (ex-policeman,) | his x mark. | Little Hawk, | his x mark. |
| Fire Man, | his x mark. | Indian Doctor, | his x mark. |
| George DeCora, | his x mark. | Leader of Thunder, | his x mark. |
| James Arthur, | his x mark. | | |

Signed in the presence of—

HOWARD WHITE,
United States Indian Agent.

HENRY M. RICE,
United States Interpreter.

WALTER LAMB,
B. WHITE, Jr.