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SUPPORT OF OSAGE INDIANS.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*An estimate of appropriation for settlement, subsistence, and support of the Osage Indians.*

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FEBRUARY 21, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., February 17, 1872.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the accompanying papers, including an estimate of an appropriation of \$50,000, which is required in addition to the usual appropriation made for the Osage Indians, to provide subsistence and clothing for them during the coming year, and to aid them in establishing themselves upon their new homes in the Indian Territory, the same to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas.

The Commissioner states fully the reasons why the appropriation is asked for, and, in view of the facts, I respectfully recommend that the subject receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., February 16, 1872.*

SIR: Herewith I have the honor to inclose copies (in duplicate) of letters from Superintendent Hoag and Agent Gibson, requesting that, in addition to the appropriation usually made for the Osage Indians, the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated to provide subsistence and clothing for

said Indians during the coming year, and to aid them in establishing themselves in their new homes in the Indian Territory, said sum to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas, and from the interest on the same, as sold under the provisions of the second article of the treaty with the Great and Little Osages of September 29, 1865, (Stat., vol. 14, p. 688,) and the 12th section of the act of July 15, 1870, (Stat., vol. 16, p. 362.)

By the act referred to it is provided that the proceeds from the sale of said lands shall be carried to the credit of the Osage Indians on the books of the Treasury, deducting the expenses of the survey of the diminished reserve of said Indians in Kansas; and that the United States shall pay, annually, interest on said proceeds at the rate of five per centum to be expended by the President for the benefit of the Osage Indians in such manner as he may deem proper; and for this purpose it is provided that an accurate account shall be kept of the money received as proceeds of sale; and that the aggregate amount realized prior to the first day of November of each year shall be the amount upon which the payment of interest shall be based.

The General Land-Office not being prepared at the present time to furnish a complete statement of the net proceeds from the sale of said lands up to the 1st of November, 1871, by which the precise amount of interest due the Osages might be determined, I respectfully recommend, in view of the pressing necessities of the Indians, that Congress be asked to appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, as per inclosed estimate, for the purpose of providing subsistence and clothing, and aiding said Indians in establishing themselves in their new homes, to be reimbursed from the interest on the proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,  
*Commissioner.*

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

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*Estimate of appropriation required for the settlement, subsistence, and support of the Osage Indians in their new homes in the Indian Territory.*

For this amount to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, in providing subsistence and clothing for the Osage Indians, and aiding them in establishing themselves in their new homes, to be reimbursed to the United States from the interest on the net proceeds of the sale of their lands in Kansas, as provided by the second article of the treaty with the Great and Little Osages of September 29, 1865, and the twelfth section of the act of July 15, 1870..... \$50,000 00

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY,  
*Lawrence, Kansas, Firstmonth 20, 1872.*

Hon. F. A. WALKER,  
*Commissioner, Washington, D. C. :*

Inclosed I transmit letter of Agent Gibson requesting, in addition to the appropriation usually made for the Osages, that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated by the present Congress to subsist them in their new homes during the coming year; said funds, so far as may be, to come from the interests on the proceeds of the sale of lands, and the remainder to be reimbursed from proceeds of said lands when sold, which request meets the approval of this office.

Very respectfully,

ENOCH HOAG, *Superintendent.*

OSAGE AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Firstmonth 12, 1872.*

Hon. F. A. WALKER,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs:*

In addition to the usual appropriation for the Osages of \$3,456, educational purposes, and \$15,000 annuity, I respectfully recommend an appropriation of \$50,000 to provide subsistence, clothing, and aiding said Indians in establishing themselves in their new homes, said sum to be derived by appropriation from the following sources, to wit:

Five per cent. interest on the proceeds of the sale of the trust lands for the year ending Eleventhmonth 1, 1871, according to article 2 of treaty, concluded Ninthmonth 29, 1865; 5 per cent. interest on the proceeds of the sale of the trust lands for the year ending Eleventhmonth 1, 1872, as provided in section 12 of act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the year ending Sixthmonth 30, 1871. In case the 5 per cents are insufficient to make up the \$50,000, I would request that the balance required be appropriated and reimbursed from the interest on the proceeds of the sale of said trust lands.

Very respectfully,

ISAAC T. GIBSON,  
*United States Indian Agent.*