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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

ADDRESSED TO HON. D. P. LOWE,

RELATIVE TO

Amount necessary to indemnify certain Indians for lands of theirs erroneously sold.

FEBRUARY 20, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 17, 1875.

SIR: Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo, requesting information upon certain questions arising out of Ex. Doc. H. R., No. 101, present session, relative to the treaty of February 23, 1867, with certain Indian tribes in Kansas, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of a report, dated the 16th instant, from the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, to whom your communication was referred.

Said report contains a statement of the facts as they appear of record, and shows that certain land, having an area of 3,602.27 acres, has been treated as public land of the United States, and disposed of accordingly, while it actually belonged to the Indians. The Indians would seem to have an equitable claim for indemnification to the extent of the value of the lands thus disposed of, which, at the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre, amounts to \$4,502.83, for which sum I have the honor to present herewith an estimate of appropriation, and commend the same for favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

Hon. D. P. LOWE,
*Subcommittee Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.*

2 KASKASKIA, PEORIA, PIANKESHAW, AND WEA INDIANS.

Estimate of appropriation necessary to indemnify the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Piankeshaw, and Wea Indians for the erroneous sale by the Government of certain lands belonging to them.

For this amount, to indemnify the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Piankeshaw, and Wea Indians for the value of three thousand six hundred and two and twenty-seven hundredths acres of their land, erroneously sold by the United States as public lands, estimated at \$1.25 per acre..... \$4,502 83