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CATHARINE E. AND SOPHIA L. GERMAN.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

CONCERNING

The destitute condition of the German children captured by Indians.

OCTOBER 25, 1877.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 20, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 18th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the copy of letter of Agent John D. Miles, therein noted, upon the subject of the destitute condition of Catharine E. and Sophia L. German, two white children, captured by Cheyenne Indians.

The Commissioner requests that the matter be presented with a view to procuring legislation in favor of these children similar to that provided for Adelaide and Julia German, as set forth in his communication.

The subject is respectfully presented to Congress for the consideration of that body.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
Z. CHANDLER,

Secretary.

The SPEAKER,
House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 18, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a communication received from Indian Agent John D. Miles, dated the 6th day of October last, addressed to Enoch Hoag, superintendent of Indian affairs, inviting attention to the destitute condition of two white captive girls, Catharine E. and Sophia L. German, aged eighteen and thirteen years, respectively, the parents of whom, together with three of the children of said family, were murdered by a band of hostile Cheyenne Indians, on the 11th day of September, 1874.

By the act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, &c., for the year ending June 30, 1876, approved March 3, 1875, (Stat. 18, part 3, p. 424,) it is provided that the Secretary of the Interior shall reserve from the portion of annuities due or to become due to the Cheyenne Indians the sum of \$2,500 for Adelaide German and \$2,500 for Julia German, two children of the family referred to, the amounts specified to be placed to the credit of the children named on the books of the Treasury of the United States, to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, the income from the same to be used from time to time for the benefit of the children.

In accordance with the recommendation of Superintendent Hoag, I respectfully request that the matter be presented to Congress for consideration at its present session, with a view of procuring legislation in favor of Catharine E. and Sophia similar to that provided for Adelaide and Julia German, herein described.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. Q. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

LAWRENCE, KANS., *Tenthmonth 6th, 1875.*

I desire to call thy attention to the destitute condition of the two white captive girls, Catharine E. and Sophia L. German, aged eighteen (18) and thirteen (13) years. It is a well-known fact that the parents and three of the children of this family were murdered by a band of hostile Cheyennes, on the eleventh (11th) day September, 1874.

Two of the children of same family, rescued by General Miles in November last, were provided for by Congress at its last session by an appropriation of \$5,000. I have, therefore, to recommend that a like appropriation (\$5,000) be made for the benefit of the above-named two girls, as they are now dependent upon the charity of the people for their education and support. Thy influence is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully,

JNO. D. MILES,
United States Indian Agent.

ENOCH HOAG,
Superintendent, Lawrence, Kans.

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