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EDUCATION OF SAC AND FOX INDIANS.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation for educational purposes for the Sac and Fox Indians of the Missouri.

JANUARY 7, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 5, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to Congress, herewith, an estimate of appropriation required in fulfilling treaty stipulations with the Sac and Fox Indians of the Missouri. The amount asked for is twelve hundred dollars, to be expended as follows, viz: One thousand dollars for the erection of a suitable school-house, and dwelling-house for a school-teacher, and two hundred dollars for the support of a school for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, in accordance with the fifth article of the treaty of 6th March, 1864, with the said tribe of Indians. (Statutes at Large, vol. 12, pp. 1172, 1173.)

A copy of a report, dated the 27th ultimo, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and copy of a letter from Samuel M. Janney, of the executive committee of Six Yearly Meetings of Friends, in relation to the necessity of the appropriation asked for, are herewith submitted.

The attention of Congress is respectfully invited to the subject, which is commended to the favorable consideration of that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER *House of Representatives.*

Estimate of appropriation required in fulfilling treaty stipulations with the Sac and Fox Indians of the Missouri.

For this amount, to be expended in the erection of a suitable school-house, and dwelling-house for the school-teacher, for the benefit of the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the fifth article of the treaty with said tribe of March 6, 1861, (Stat., vol. 12, pp. 1172 and 1173)	\$1,000 00
For the support of said school for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, as per said article of the treaty	200 00
	1,200 00

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 27, 1873.

SIR: By the terms of the fifth article of the treaty with the Sacs and Foxes of Missouri and Iowa tribe of Indians, of March 6, 1861, (Stat., vol. 12, pp. 1172, 1173,) it is agreed "that the United States shall expend the sum of one thousand dollars for the erection of a suitable school-house, and dwelling-house for the school-teacher, for the benefit of the Sacs and Foxes; and, also, the additional sum of two hundred dollars per annum for school purposes, so long as the President of the United States may deem advisable."

It does not appear that any appropriation has ever been made in accordance with the above provision, probably by reason of the difficulty of establishing, with reasonable prospects of success, a school among Indians who had never evinced the slightest desire to have their children educated.

Recently, however, impressed with the advantages of education by the spectacle of neighboring tribes receiving instruction in schools, their former indifference on this subject has given way to a strong desire to secure the same advantages for their own children.

In compliance with the request of the executive committee of Friends having the care of the Indians in the Northern superintendency, (see copy of letter from S. M. Janney, herewith,) I have the honor to recommend that Congress be asked to appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for educational purposes of the Sacs and Foxes of the Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty above cited.

An estimate for the amount referred to is herewith.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

OFFICE COMMISSIONER INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Twelfthmonth 18, 1873.

RESPECTED FRIEND: On behalf of the executive committee of Six Yearly Meetings of Friends, having the care of the Indians in the Northern superintendency, I respectfully request that the following appropriation may be incorporated in the Indian appropriation bill for the present fiscal year, to wit: One thousand dollars for the erection of a school-house and dwelling-house for teacher, and two hundred dollars per annum for school purposes, for the benefit of the Sacs and Foxes of Missouri tribe of Indians, in accordance with treaty made March 6, 1861, promulgated March 26, 1863, (Statutes at Large, vol. 12, p. 1171,) \$1,200.

Very respectfully, thy friend,

SAML. M. JANNEY.

Hon. E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington.