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KICKAPOO AND OTHER ROAMING BANDS OF INDIANS IN
MEXICO.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation for removing the Kickapoo and other roaming bands of Indians from Mexico to the Indian Territory.

JANUARY 27, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 22, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith a copy of a report, dated 21st instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with the accompanying copy of a communication from Henry M. Atkinson and Thomas G. Williams, the special commissioners appointed to remove the Kickapoo and other roaming Indians from Mexico, from which it will appear that the sum of \$115,000 will be required to collect and remove the members of said tribes remaining in Mexico. For this amount an estimate is submitted by the Commissioner, which is also herewith transmitted, with the recommendation that the subject receive the favorable consideration and action of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER *House of Representatives.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 21, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of a communication from Henry M. Atkinson and Thomas G. Williams, the special commissioners for the removal of the Kickapoo and other roaming

Indians in the republic of Mexico, dated the 21st October last, from which it will appear that the sum of \$115,000 will be required to collect and remove the remainder of said Indians still in Mexico.

As it is very desirable that these Indians be removed at an early day, I respectfully recommend that Congress be requested to appropriate the required amount, an estimate of which is submitted herewith.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 21, 1873.

SIR: In compliance with your verbal request of this day we have the honor to submit the following estimate of funds requisite to complete the objects of our mission, that is, to collect, subsist, and remove the Kickapoos and other roving tribes of Indians from Mexico back to their United States reservations.

For expenses in collecting, subsisting, and transporting, or furnishing with the means of transportation, (such as pack-mules or horses,) and furnishing with a moderate quantity of clothing and other presents 280 to 300 Kickapoos, the balance who remained in Mexico after the departure of those removed by us.....	\$45,000
For expenses in collecting, subsisting, transporting, or furnishing with the means of transportation, with a moderate quantity of clothing and other presents, 1,500 Lipans and Mescaleros.....	70,000
Total.....	115,000

This is exclusive of the amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose, only \$12,000 of which was drawn from the Treasury and furnished to us, the balance having, on the 1st of July, 1873, reverted to the Treasury during the time we were, under your instructions, engaged in the work of removing those Indians.

We would remark that the amounts estimated for are neither large nor extravagant when it is considered that this service is to be performed in a foreign and sparsely-settled country, where gold only can be used, and where many unforeseen difficulties arise from the active opposition of a class of lawless frontier Mexicans who find their thieving operations upon the United States border advanced and, in a measure, protected by the presence of these Indians.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

HENRY M. ATKINSON,
THOS. G. WILLIAMS,

Special United States Indian Commissioners.

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

For this amount or so much thereof as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of the Interior to collect bands of Kickapoo or other Indians roving on the borders of Texas and Mexico, and to locate and subsist them in the Indian Territory.....

\$115,000