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FLATHEAD INDIANS IN MONTANA.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

An appropriation for the relief of the Flathead Indians in Montana.

MARCH 4, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 26, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to present to Congress herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 24th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the papers therein referred to, including a draught of a bill for the relief of the Flathead Indians in Montana, which provides for an appropriation of \$5,000, to meet the wants of the Indians in question.

These papers are submitted at the request of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the consideration 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., February 24, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of a letter addressed by this office to Hon. Martin Maginnis, under date of the 4th instant, together with a copy of the draught of the bill for the relief of the Flathead Indians in Montana, therein referred to, as best calculated, in the opinion of this Office, to accomplish the end in view.

Attention is respectfully invited to the second section of the bill in question, providing for the appropriation of \$5,000, which appropriation should be made in order that means may be available to meet the absolute wants of the Indians in question.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 4, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from you, of the draught of a bill for the relief of the Flathead Indians, and to respectfully submit the inclosed draught of a bill for the relief of said Indians, calculated, in the opinion of the Office, to better accomplish the end in view than by the draught you submit, which is herewith respectfully returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner.

Hon. MARTIN MAGINNIS,
House Representatives.

A BILL for the relief of the Flathead Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proceeds of the sales of land in Bitter-Root Valley, Montana Territory, referred to in the second section of the act of Congress approved June 5, 1872, entitled "An act to provide for the removal of the Flathead and other Indians from the Bitter-Root Valley, in the Territory of Montana," (U. S. Stats. at Large, vol. 17, p. 226,) shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States in the same manner that other moneys derived from the sale of other public lands are now paid in, provided that, in lieu of the amount provided to be set apart therefrom by the act of Congress of June 5, 1872, hereinbefore referred to, there shall be annually appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars, for the period of ten years, to be expended under the direction of the President in the manner deemed for the best good of the Indians who have been removed from Bitter-Root Valley.

SEC. 2. That the sum of five thousand dollars, being the first of ten installments above provided for, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, to be used under the direction of the President for the best good of said Indians.