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Letter from the Secretary of the Interior,  
transmitting an estimate of appropriation to pay  
balance due James W. Terrell, as disbursing agent of  
the Treasury Department to make payments to  
North Carolina Cherokee Indians

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JAMES W. TERRELL.

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L E T T E R

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*An estimate of appropriation to pay balance due James W. Terrell, as disbursing agent of the Treasury Department to make payments to North Carolina Cherokee Indians.*

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JANUARY 13, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., January 11, 1875.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report, dated the 7th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with a copy of the estimate of appropriation therein mentioned, required "to pay the balance found due to James W. Terrell for commission on payments made to the North Carolina Cherokee Indians, under his appointment as disbursing agent of the Treasury Department, dated October 22, 1851, in pursuance of the fourth and fifth sections of the act of Congress approved July 29, 1848," amounting to \$1,439.36.

Copies of the appointment of Mr. Terrell, and the letter of the First Comptroller of the Treasury, mentioned in the report, are also herewith transmitted.

The subject is respectfully presented to Congress for its favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., January 7, 1875.*

SIR: I have the honor to state that, under an appointment dated October 22, 1851, (copy herewith,) James W. Terrell, esq., was made a disbursing agent of the Treasury Department for the purpose of paying

the interest due the North Carolina Cherokee Indians, under the provisions of the fourth and fifth sections of the act of Congress approved July 29, 1848, (Stat., vol. 9, pp. 264-5,) and was to be allowed, as compensation for his services, 5 per cent. on the amount so disbursed.

By reference to the inclosed copy of a letter from the acting First Comptroller of the Treasury, under date of the 29th ultimo, it will be seen that an amount equal to the sum of \$36,255.53 was admitted to have been disbursed by late Agent Terrell, during the period from 1853 to 1861, and that he has been allowed credit on the books of the Treasury Department, in accordance with a decree of the court for the western district of North Carolina and the approval of the Attorney-General, with the sum heretofore disallowed and charged against him, amounting to \$2,478.78, thus showing that the total amount disbursed by Mr. Terrell, under his said appointment, was \$38,734.31. It also appears that he has received the sum of \$497.35 only, for commission on said disbursements, and that there is still due him, as compensation, a balance of \$1,439.36.

The powers and duties devolving upon the Secretary of the Treasury, under and by virtue of the fourth section of said act of July 29, 1848, having been transferred to the Secretary of the Interior, in pursuance of the act of July 27, 1868, (Stat., vol. 15, p. 228,) and there being no funds at the disposal of this Bureau applicable to the payment of the amount found due the claimant, I have caused a special estimate for the same to be prepared; and respectfully inclose the same herewith, for the favorable consideration of the Department and of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

HON. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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*Estimate of appropriation required to pay a certain balance due James W. Terrell, as disbursing agent of the Treasury Department, to make payments to the North Carolina Cherokee Indians.*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the balance found due James W. Terrell, for commission on payments made to the North Carolina Cherokee Indians, under his appointment as disbursing agent of the Treasury Department, dated October 22, 1851, in pursuance of the fourth and fifth sections of the act of Congress approved July 29, 1848 .....

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
FIRST COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., December 29, 1874.

SIR: Your letter of 23d instant, requesting an official statement of the disbursements made by James W. Terrell, as disbursing agent to the Cherokee Indians of North Carolina, from 1853 to 1861, is received. In reply I would say, that an examination of the accounts rendered by him shows that the amount admitted to have been disbursed by him, by the accounting officers, for that period, was \$36,255.53. He has been allowed credit on the books of this Department, in accordance with a decree of the court for the western district of North Carolina and the approval of the Attorney-General, with the sum heretofore disallowed and charged against him, amounting to \$2,478.78. It also appears that he was allowed, and received, for commission on disbursements during the period mentioned, the sum of \$497.35.

Very respectfully,

WM. HEMPHILL JONES,  
*Acting Comptroller.*

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