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M- E S S A G E

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, with draft of bill for the per capita distribution of the sum of two thousand dollars to the band of Eastern Shawnee Indians at Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory.

JANUARY 24, 1882.—Read, referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, with draft of a bill for the per capita distribution of the sum of two thousand dollars to the band of Eastern Shawnee Indians at Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, with accompanying papers noted in said communication.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
January 24, 1882.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 24, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a draft of a bill, prepared in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, allowing a per capita payment to members of the band of Eastern Shawnee Indians at Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory. The sum for distribution named in the bill is two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

The petition of the Shawnees, and the letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, presenting the subject, will be found herewith; and agreeably to the recommendation of the Indian Office, I respectfully request that the subject may be transmitted for the consideration of Congress.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
S. J. KIRKWOOD,

Secretary.

The PRESIDENT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 20, 1882.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a petition from the Eastern Shawnee Indians at Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, setting forth their impoverished condition, caused by the failure of their crops and the ravages of the chintz-bugs during the past season, and in which they request a cash payment of two thousand dollars per capita from their uninvested funds in the Treasury, to relieve their wants and necessities. The said Indians have to their credit in the Treasury the sum of eleven thousand seventy-nine dollars and twelve cents (\$11,079.12) uninvested, at five per centum per annum, and, as no part of said fund can be paid to the said Indians without permission of Congress, I inclose herewith a draft of a bill providing for the payment to them of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per capita, which I respectfully recommend may receive the approval of the department and be transmitted to Congress for early action.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.

A BILL for the relief of the Eastern Shawnee Indians at the Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be paid in cash, per capita, to the Eastern Shawnee Indians, at Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, from their uninvested funds in the Treasury, the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), in order to relieve their pressing wants and necessities occasioned by the failure of crops during the summer and fall of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

QUAPAW AGENCY,
SHAWNEE RESERVE, INDIAN TERRITORY,
January 4, 1882.

To the Hon. H. PRICE,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.:

SIR: The petition of the subscribers, members of the Eastern Shawnee tribe of Indians, of the Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, respectfully sheweth:

That the drought which prevailed here the past season, aided by the ravages of "chintz-bugs," very nearly destroyed all our corn and wheat crop, and, in addition, prevented the growth of potatoes, or fruit of any kind; that the hay crop was poor, and without the aid of grain is not sufficient to carry our stock through till another crop can be raised; that owing to these unavoidable calamities, we are left in a most destitute and helpless condition; that up to this time we have steadily increased our little property by adding to our live stock from year to year, until we began to feel and realize that we were in better circumstances than we had ever realized since our removal to this home.

That many of us will be compelled to suffer great loss in the sale of our live stock unless our wants are supplied from our funds, while a few of the old and poorer people, who have no stock, will be objects of charity without substantial aid; that we do not come to you asking for the white people's money for our relief, but for our own, so that none may suffer and none be compelled to sacrifice their little herd.

That it is the earnest desire of each and all of us that the honorable Commissioner will prepare and submit a bill to Congress for our relief, so that not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) of our funds received from the sale of 12,000 acres of land to the Ottawas can be paid to us at an early day. In granting our request, you will not only make our heart's glad, but cause us to be ever grateful to the government we love and respect.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c., &c.

Each signature represents so many as numbers placed opposite each name:

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| 3. John Jackson, his x mark, 1st chief. | 2. Fannie Boone, her x mark. |
| 3. George Beaver, his x mark, 2d chief. | 1. Chilo Kyzer, his x mark. |
| 1. Lazarus Flint. | 1. Lizzie Kyzer, her x mark. |
| 1. Thomas Captain, his x mark. | 2. Lack wi pe a Blackfish, her x mark. |
| 2. Thomas Stand, his x mark. | 2. Mary Jane Flint, her x mark. |

1. Charles Stand, his x mark.
2. Stonewall Jackson, his x mark.
3. William Dick, his x mark.
3. Susan Jackson, her x mark.
3. Lucinda Dick, her x mark.
2. La qua ta Lincoln, her x mark.
2. Betsey Tomahawk, her x mark.
2. Mattie Williams, her x mark.
1. Susan Kyzer, her x mark.
1. Rosalie Bluejack, her x mark.
1. Mary McDaniel, her x mark.
1. George McDaniel, his x mark.
1. Macoquas Parks, her x mark.
1. James A. Boone, his x mark.
1. Jane Jackson, her x mark.
1. Ki ke ni pe asu Jackson, her x mark.
4. Nancy De Shane, her x mark.
2. Carrie Bluejacket, her x mark.
1. Lucy Beaver, her x mark.
2. Jonathan Punch, his x mark.
2. John Logan, his x mark.
1. John Mohawk, his x mark.
2. Jacob Tomahawk, his x mark.
1. Much e the Ball, her x mark.
1. Ellen Quick, her x mark.

Witness to marks:

LAZARUS FLINT, interpreter.
WM. D. HODGKISS.

The signatures represent a total of 60 persons, all members of the said tribe, and duly represented when above was signed.

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