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SITTING BULL'S BAND.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate from the Secretary of the Interior of an appropriation for the subsistence of the remainder of Sitting Bull's band of Indians for the fiscal year 1888.

FEBRUARY 28, 1887.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 26, 1887.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of letter of the Secretary of the Interior of 25th instant, and its inclosures, submitting an estimate of an appropriation in the sum of \$50,000, for the subsistence of the remainder of Sitting Bull's band of Sioux Indians now in Canada, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, to be expended only after the said Indians shall return to the United States and locate on the Great Sioux Reservation.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 25, 1887.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith for transmittal to Congress, in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of the act of July 7, 1884 (23 Stat., 254), an item of appropriation presented, with accompanying correspondence by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in his letter of 24th instant (copy herewith), recommending that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated for the subsistence of the remainder of Sitting Bull's band of Sioux Indians, now in Canada, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, with the proviso that none of the said fund shall be expended until after the above-named Indians have returned to the United States, and are located at one of the agencies on the Great Sioux Reservation.

The Commissioner recommends that the item in question may be inserted in the deficiency bill now before Congress for action.

The matter has the approval of this Department.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

H. L. MULDROW,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 24, 1887.

SIR: In the act making appropriation for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, approved July 4, 1884, (Stats. 23, page 87), an additional sum of \$50,000 is appropriated under the head of "Fulfilling treaty with Sioux of different tribes, including Santee Sioux of Nebraska, to be expended only on the condition that the remainder of Sitting Bull's band return to the United States and unite with said tribes." These Indians did not return during the fiscal year 1885, and the amount appropriated as above went back into the Treasury.

This office is now in receipt of a letter from the Hon. Secretary of State, dated the 2d instant, inclosing copy of a note from the British minister in relation to the return of the remainder of Sitting Bull's band of Indians now in Canada, but as Congress has not renewed the appropriation for the support of these Indians, no action can be taken in reference to this matter except to call the attention of Congress to the subject. For that purpose, I have the honor to inclose herewith an item of appropriation for \$50,000 to be used for the subsistence and civilization of Sitting Bull's band of Sioux now in Canada, and respectfully recommend that the same be forwarded to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, with the request that it be incorporated in the deficiency bill now before Congress for action.

Very respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Item of appropriation to be incorporated into the deficiency bill.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be required to properly feed, clothe, and take care of the remainder of Sitting Bull's band of Sioux Indians now in Canada, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, provided that none of this fund shall be expended until after the above-named Indians have returned to the United States and are located at one of the agencies on the Great Sioux Reservation, \$50,000.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, February 2, 1887.

SIR: With reference to your reply of the 11th of December, 1885, to the letter of this Department of the 2d of that month, in relation to the

subject of making an application to Congress for an appropriation to defray the expense of removing the remainder of Sitting Bull's band from Canada to this country, I now have the honor to inclose herewith for your information and consideration a copy of a recent note to this Department on the subject from Sir Lionel West, her Britannic Majesty's minister at this capital.

With reference to the statement contained in your letter of December 11, 1885, above mentioned, to the effect that application would be made to Congress for an appropriation for the expense of removing the Indians in question, which statement was duly communicated to the British legation, I have the honor to request you to do me the favor to inform this Department as to what action has been taken in reference to this subject.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

T. F. BAYARD.

Hon. LUCIUS Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, January 9, 1887.

SIR: With reference to your note of the 18th December, 1885, I have the honor to inclose to you herewith extract from a report of a committee of the privy council of Canada on the subject of the renewal of the appropriation by Congress of the vote for the removal from Canada to the United States of the remainder of the Sioux Indians, and for their settlement in the United States.

I have the honor to be, with highest consideration, sir, your obedient servant,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

Hon. THOMAS F. BAYARD,
Secretary of State.

EXTRACT OF A REPORT OF A COMMITTEE OF THE HONORABLE THE PRIVY COUNCIL
FOR CANADA.

DECEMBER 30, 1886.

The committee of the privy council have had before them a dispatch dated 19 December, 1885, from Her Majesty's minister at Washington, inclosing a note from the Secretary of State of the United States, intimating that Congress would be asked during the then next ensuing session to renew the appropriation, previously voted, for the removal from Canada to the United States of the remainder of the Seton Sioux, for their settlement in the United States.

The superintendent-general of Indian affairs, to whom the dispatch and inclosures were referred, reports that his department has not received any further information in regard to this matter, and he recommends that the Government of the United States be reminded of the promise to ask Congress to make an appropriation for the above purposes.