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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RESPONSE TO

Senate resolution of January 3, 1895, transmitting information relating to the amount of money necessary to pay annuities accruing and falling due each year from July 1, 1894, to July 1, 1902, under treaties with the Sioux Indians.

JANUARY 19, 1895.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 18, 1895.

SIR: In compliance with Senate resolution of the 3d instant, I have the honor to herewith submit an estimate, prepared and transmitted by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with his letter of the 17th instant, of the amount of money necessary to be appropriated to pay the annuities accruing and falling due each year from July 1, 1894, to July 1, 1902 (being for eight fiscal years), under the treaties between the United States and the Sioux Indians, entered into in 1851, to the scouts and soldiers, and their descendants, of the Sisseton, Wahpeton, Medawakanton, and Wahpakoota bands, who were enrolled and entered the military service of the United States, and served in what is known as the "Sioux outbreak of 1862," etc.

Very respectfully,

HOKE SMITH, *Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 17, 1895.

SIR: I have the honor to be in receipt, by your reference of the 4th instant, for report, of Senate resolution calling for estimate and report of sum of money necessary to be appropriated to pay annuities each year from July 1, 1894, to July 1, 1902, a period of eight years, to scouts and soldiers, and their descendants, of the Sisseton, Wahpeton, Medawakanton, and Wahpakoota bands of Sioux Indians, under the treaties entered into between the United States and said Indians in 1851.

By the Indian act approved March 3, 1893, an appropriation was made for the benefit of the scouts and soldiers of the four bands named, in the sum of \$30,666.66, being at the rate of \$6,133.33½ for the five fiscal years ending June 30, 1894, or an amount equal to one-third of the sum of \$18,400, payable to the Sisseton and Wahpeton Indians for thirteen years under the third article of agreement with said Indians, dated September 12, 1889, ratified by act of March 3, 1891.

In accordance with the directions contained in said resolution I submit herewith (in duplicate) an estimate of the sum necessary to be appropriated to pay the scouts and soldiers named their proportion of annuities for the eight fiscal years ending June 30, 1902, amounting to \$49,066.64.

The resolution of the Senate is respectfully returned herewith.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BROWNING, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required to pay scouts and soldiers of the Sisseton, Wahpeton, Medawakanton, and Wapakoota bands of Sioux Indians.

That for the purpose of paying to the scouts and soldiers of the Sisseton, Wahpeton, Medawakanton, and Wapakoota bands of Sioux Indians who were enrolled and entered into the military service of the United States, and served in suppressing what is known as the Sioux outbreak of eighteen hundred and sixty-two, or who were enrolled and served in the armies of the United States in the war of the rebellion, and are now living, and to the descendants and members of families of such of said scouts and soldiers as are now dead, who were not parties to the agreement entered into between the United States and the Sisseton and Wahpeton bands of Dakota and Sioux Indians on the twelfth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, for the reason that they were not residents of the said Sisseton Reservation and did reside elsewhere, their pro rata shares of the amount found due said scouts and soldiers for annuities under the provisions of the fourth article of the treaty of July twenty-third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and of which they have been wrongfully and unjustly deprived by the operation of the provision of the act of Congress approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and entitled "An Act for the relief of persons for damages sustained by reason of depredations and injuries by certain bands of Sioux Indians," the whole amount so found due all of said scouts and soldiers by the Department of the Interior, having been appropriated by the United States, to the Indians residing on the Sisseton Reservation, in and by article three of the said agreement of December twelfth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, to the Indians residing on the said Sisseton Reservation, without reference to military service, and the said scouts and soldiers residing off said reservation being thereby deprived of their pro rata share of said annuities for which Congress made provision to the thirteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety, in and by section twenty-seven of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, being their share of the annuity of eighteen thousand four hundred dollars due the said Indians from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, to the first day of July, nineteen hundred and two—eight years—amounting to forty-nine thousand sixty-six dollars and sixty-four cents, to be paid in equal shares and per capita to said scouts and soldiers who are still living, and who are not parties to the agreement aforesaid, and a share that any such scout or soldier would receive if living shall, in the event he is dead, be divided pro rata between his wife and children and descendants; and the pay rolls upon which payments were made to said scouts and soldiers and their descendants under the twenty-seventh section of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, shall be conclusive in all cases where the name appears upon said rolls, except in cases where deaths have subsequently occurred, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to add such other names to said rolls as were previously omitted therefrom by mistakes, or omissions of persons who were lawfully entitled to be enrolled thereon; and the amount hereby appropriated shall be a full payment and settlement of all the annuities coming to said Indians under said treaty of eighteen hundred and fifty-one, or any action of the Interior Department, or any acts of Congress heretofore passed in relation thereto.