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EXPENSES OF INDIAN DELEGATIONS TO WASHINGTON.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

SUBMITTING

Joint resolution to enable the Department to use, subsequent to January 1, 1871, the balance of appropriation for defraying expenses of Indian delegations to Washington.

DECEMBER 21, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 19, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 8th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the accompanying form of a joint resolution "authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to use certain funds appropriated by joint resolution to defray the expenses of delegations of Indians visiting the city of Washington," approved July 13, 1870.

I respectfully commend the subject to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. T. OTTO,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 8, 1870.

SIR: Referring to joint resolution approved July 13, 1870, as follows: "That there be appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty thousand dollars to enable the Secretary of the Interior to defray the expenses of delegations of Indians visiting Washington and to purchase presents for the members thereof, in the year 1870," I have the honor to say that a very small proportion of the appropriation was used within the time prescribed by law, and as delegations have made application to visit Washington and will prob-

ably be permitted to do so, the whole amount, or a great proportion of the balance now on hand, \$38,614 23, will be required by this Department. I have prepared a joint resolution, which is herewith inclosed, to be submitted to Congress if it meets with your concurrence, in order that the requirements of section No. 5 of the act making appropriations for the judiciary may be obviated, under which all unexpended balances are required to be carried to the surplus fund, &c., and that the balance, \$38,614 23, may be placed to the credit of this Department, to be used for defraying expenses of delegations subsequent to the 1st day of January, 1871.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. COLUMBUS DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to use certain funds appropriated by joint "resolution to defray the expenses of delegations of Indians visiting the city of Washington," approved July thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy.

Be it resolved 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 to defray the expenses of delegations of Indians visiting the city of Washington, by authority of the United States, subsequently to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and to purchase presents for the members thereof, out of the amount remaining unexpended on the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy, of the sum of fifty thousand dollars appropriated by resolution No. 110, entitled "A resolution to pay expenses of delegations of Indians visiting the city of Washington," approved July thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy.