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SURVEY OF THE GRANDE RONDE RESERVATION.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs upon the survey of the Grande Ronde Reserve, and asking for an appropriation.

JANUARY 12, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 9, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 6th instant, with accompanying copy of a letter from the Hon. H. W. Corbett, recommending the survey of the Grande Ronde Reserve, and asking that an appropriation of \$7,000 be made for the purpose.

I concur in the Commissioner's recommendation, and respectfully invite the favorable consideration of Congress to the matter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 6, 1871.

SIR: Hon. H. W. Corbett, by letter of the 20th ultimo, (copy herewith,) has called the attention of this office to the report of the superintendent of Indian affairs for Oregon, in which he recommends that the Grande Ronde Reserve be surveyed and lands assigned to the heads of families and others; and the honorable Senator of Oregon recommends, for reasons stated in the above letter, that an appropriation should be asked of Congress to have the lands surveyed reserved for these Indians, according to treaty stipulations.

Regarding these stipulations, I have the honor to state that a treaty was concluded January 22, 1855, between the United States and the confederated bands of Indians residing in the Willamette Valley, (Stat.

at Large, vol. 10, p. 1143,) wherein provision is made that said bands of Indians be permitted to remain within the limits of the country ceded, until a suitable district of country would be designated for their permanent home. Provision is also made in article 4 of the aforesaid treaty that "The President may, from time to time, at his discretion, cause the whole, or such portion as he may think proper, of the tract that may hereafter be set apart as the permanent home of these Indians, to be surveyed into lots, and assign them to such Indians of the confederated bands as may wish to enjoy the privilege and locate thereon permanently, to a single person over twenty-one years of age, twenty acres; to a family of two persons, forty acres; to a family of three and not exceeding five persons, fifty acres; to a family of six persons, and not exceeding ten, eighty acres; and to each family over ten in number, twenty acres for each additional three members."

By executive order of June 30, 1857, townships 5 and 6 south, of range 8 west, and parts of townships 5 and 6 south, of range 7 west, are withdrawn from sale and entry, and set apart as a reservation for the Indians, party to the aforementioned treaty, and I now respectfully recommend that Congress may be asked for an appropriation of \$7,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the survey of this reserve as provided for.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, *December 20, 1870.*

DEAR SIR: I desire respectfully to call your attention to the report of superintendent Indian affairs for Oregon, in which he recommends that the Grande Ronde agency be surveyed and lands assigned to the heads of families and others. I think the treaty with these Indians provides for the survey of these lands. I visited this reservation this past fall, and found great dissatisfaction in consequence of the non-survey of these lands. The Indians, many of whom are building good and comfortable houses, feel uncertain as to what will become of their improvements set apart to each so far as practicable. I therefore respectfully ask that the honorable Commissioner and Secretary of the Interior will make a special recommendation of an appropriation for this purpose, or so much as may be necessary.

Yours, respectfully,

H. W. CORBETT.

Hon. COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

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