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SURVEY OF INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Report of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the survey of Indian reservations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872.

JANUARY 18, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 17, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of the 11th instant, submitting estimates of the amount which will be required to defray the expenses incident to the survey of Indian reservations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872; and, agreeably to the recommendation therein contained, have the honor to request the favorable consideration of Congress, with a view to an appropriation for the purpose.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 11, 1871.

SIR: In view of the fact that the following surveys of Indian reservations, as provided for by treaty stipulations, may be rendered necessary during the ensuing fiscal year, I have the honor to recommend that Congress be requested to make the necessary appropriations therefor, in accordance with estimated cost of the same, viz:

For surveying the country reserved for the Cherokee Indians, "whenever the Cherokee national council shall request it," in accordance with

the twentieth article of the treaty with said Indians concluded July 19, 1866, (Stats. at Large, vol. 14, p. 799,) viz:

Estimated boundary of said reservation, 650 miles, at \$10 per mile.....	\$6,500
Estimated standard and township lines, 7,068 miles, at \$6 per mile.....	42,408
Estimated subdivision lines, 35,340 miles, at \$5 per mile.....	176,700
Aggregate	<u>225,608</u>

For surveying the "leased country" ceded to the United States by the third article of the treaty concluded with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, April 28, 1866, (Stats. at Large, vol. 14, p. 769,) viz:

Estimated boundary, 600 miles, at \$10 per mile.....	\$6,000
Estimated township lines, 4,000 miles, at \$6 per mile.....	24,000
Estimated subdivision lines, 20,240 miles, at \$5 per mile.....	101,200
Aggregate	<u>131,200</u>

For the survey of such reservations in Oregon, under treaty stipulations, as may be rendered necessary.....

\$30,000

Total estimated amount required for surveys of Indian reservations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1872.....

\$386,808

It is proper to state that the foregoing estimates are made at the rates paid by the General Land Office for surveys of public lands in the same localities.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.