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EXPENSES OF GENERAL INDIAN COUNCIL.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation required to defray the expenses of holding a general council of Cherokee, Creek, &c., as provided by treaties with said Indians.

JANUARY 27, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, January 23, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith an estimate of appropriation for \$14,000, required to defray the expenses of holding a general council of the Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Indians, in the Indian Territory, as provided by treaties with said tribes concluded in 1866.

The consideration of Congress is respectfully invited to the subject.

A copy of a report dated the 22d instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, submitting the estimate to this Department, is also herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
Secretary.

The SPEAKER House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C., January 22, 1874.

SIR: By the 12th article of the treaty with the Cherokees, of July 19, 1866, (St., vol. 14, p. 802,) 10th article treaty with Creeks, of June 14, 1866, (St., vol. 14, p. 788,) 7th article treaty with Seminoles, of March 21, 1866, (St., vol. 14, p. 758,) and the 8th article of the treaty with Choctaws and Chickasaws, of April 28, 1866, (St., vol. 14, p. 772,) it is provided that a general council, consisting of delegates from each tribe

lawfully residing within the Indian Territory, shall be annually convened, with powers to legislate upon matters appertaining to the intercourse and relations of said tribes; &c.

To defray the expenses of holding this general council for next fiscal year I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate for the sum of \$14,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, and to request that the same be laid before Congress for favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWD. P. SMITH,  
Commissioner

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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*Estimate of appropriation required to defray expenses of holding a general council of the Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, and Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, in the Indian Territory, as provided by the treaties with said tribes in the year 1866.*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of a general council of certain Indians in the Indian Territory, as provided by the 12th article of the treaty with the Cherokees, of July 19, 1866, the 10th article of the treaty with Creeks, of June 14, 1866, the 7th article of the treaty with Seminoles, of March 21, 1866, and the 8th article of the treaty with Choctaws and Chickasaws, of April 28, 1866..... \$14,000