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FOND DU LAC INDIANS.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*An estimate of appropriation, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior,  
for the Fond du Lac Indians in the State of Minnesota.*

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JANUARY 4, 1894.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to  
be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 3, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of appropriation, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior on the 18th ultimo, for the Fond du Lac Indians of the State of Minnesota, \$4,000.

Respectfully, yours,

W. E. CURTIS,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, December 16, 1893.*

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the inclosed copies of correspondence between J. M. Vale, attorney and counsellor at law, and the Department of Justice and the honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to the compromise of the suit against Andrew Gowan and the C. N. Nelson Lumber Company, arising from a trespass upon the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation in Minnesota, by the unlawful cutting of timber there.

The amount involved, which has been covered into the Treasury, is the sum of \$4,000, and as the timber belonged to the Fond du Lac band of Chippewas, I respectfully recommend that the Congress of the United States be requested to appropriate the said sum for the benefit of said band; and I submit herewith a proposed amendment to be incorporated in the Indian bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BROWNING,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
December 18, 1893.

Respectfully forwarded through the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation that Congress appropriate the within-named amount (\$4,000) as requested.

HOKE SMITH,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR OF THE TREASURY,  
Washington, D. C., November 20, 1893.

SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of this date relating to the offer of Andrew Gowan and the C. N. Nelson Lumber Company, to pay \$4,000 and costs, in compromise of the claim of the Government arising from a trespass on public lands. A suit to recover said claim amounting to about \$20,700 was commenced in the circuit court for the district of Minnesota. A compromise on terms proposed was accepted on the 29th of April, 1892.

For reply to your specific inquiry as regards the disposition made of the amount offered and accepted, you are informed that, aside from the item of costs, the money was covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,

F. A. REEVE,  
Solicitor.

J. M. VALE, Esq.,  
Attorney at Law, Atlantic Building, Washington, D. C.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Washington, D. C., November 25, 1893.

SIR: In reply to your reference of the 21st instant, of the communication to you from the Solicitor of the Treasury of the 20th instant in relation to the disposition of the sum of \$4,000 paid to the United States on the offer of Andrew Gowan and the C. N. Nelson Lumber Company, in compromise of the claim of the Government arising from trespass on public lands, I have to inform you that the said money was covered into the Treasury by miscellaneous revenue covering warrant No. 1981, dated June 30, 1892, as a miscellaneous receipt derived from depredations on public lands.

The letter of the Solicitor of the Treasury is herewith returned as requested.

Respectfully, yours,

W. E. CURTIS,  
Acting Secretary.

J. M. VALE, Esq.,  
Attorney at Law, Washington, D. C.

NOVEMBER 27, 1893.

SIR: I herewith inclose to you certain correspondence had by me with the Department of Justice (office of the Solicitor of the Treasury), and the Secretary of the Treasury, in relation to the compromise of the suit against Andrew Gowan and the C. N. Nelson Lumber Company, referred to in your letter to me inclosing copy of the 13th instant, involving timber cut from the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation.

With a view to Congressional action and the appropriation of the money to the use of the Indians, as was done in the case of money derived from the compromise of the case against Patrick Hines by the Fifty-second Congress, I have the honor to request that the Secretary of the Treasury be requested, through the proper channel, to include the application of this money to the use of the Indians among the estimates sent to Congress for appropriation, for the present fiscal year. Attention is invited to the fact that the money was covered into the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts derived from depredations on public lands. This item is \$4,000.

Respectfully,

J. M. VALE,  
One of the Attorneys for the Fond du Lac Indians.

Hon. D. M. BROWNING,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

[Proposed amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.]

*Relief of Fond du Lac Chippewa Indians.*

This amount to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the Fond du Lac Chippewa Indians of the State of Minnesota, being the sum recovered by the United States in compromise of a suit against certain parties for timber depredation upon the Fond du Lac Reservation in Minnesota, and which sum has been deposited in the United States Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt, \$4,000.

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