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LOYAL SEMINOLE ROLLS AND LOSSES.

LETTER

FROM

OF THE INTERIOR. THE SECRETARY

TRANSMITTING.

IN RESPONSE TO RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF JANUARY 17, 1899. COPIES OF THE LOYAL SEMINOLE ROLLS AND THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE SEMINOLE LOSSES.

January 23, 1899.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

> DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, January 20, 1899.

SIR: On January 18 the Department received the resolution of the Senate of the United States dated 17th instant, as follows:

Whereas by article four of the treaty of March twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, with the Seminole Nation of Indians, the Secretary of the Interior was authorized to investigate and determine the losses sustained by loyal Seminoles during the war of the rebellion; and

Whereas by the agreement of December sixteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, with said nation it was and is provided as follows: "The loyal Seminole claim shall be submitted to the United States Senate, which shall make final determination of the same, and, if sustained, shall provide for payment thereof within two years from date thereof:" Therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, requested to furnish the Senate with a copy of the roll of said loyal Seminoles, and also a copy of the report of the commissioners appointed by him to investigate and determine said losses, in pursuance of the said treaty of eighteen hundred and sixty-six. And be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be, and is hereby, instructed to investigate the matter, in accordance with said treaty and agreement, and report by bill or otherwise, its conclusions to the Senate, with such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

Said resolution was duly referred to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for early report in duplicate. In compliance with said resolution, I now have the honor to transmit copies of the loyal Seminole rolls and the report of the commissioners appointed to investigate Seminole losses.

Respectfully,

C. N. Bliss, Secretary.

The President of the Senate.

Washington, November 26, 1867.

SIR: The undersigned, a commission by appointment of the Secretary of the Interior, under the authority of the fourth article of the treaty of the 21st March, 1866, between the United States and the Seminole Indians, "to adjudge and determine the claims of loyal Seminoles for losses actually sustained by reason of their having remained loyal and faithful to their treaty stipulations to the United States during the recent rebellion," etc., respectfully report that having received our instructions, we immediately started for the Seminole country.

By appointment of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, it was arranged that the commission should meet in the city of St. Louis, Mo., on the 14th of August. The undersigned were prompt in their meeting, but failed to meet a third commissioner, of whose appointment we had been duly advised. We waited a reasonable time for his appearance, then telegraphed the Department for instructions, and received an answer authorizing us "to wait one day longer, and if he did not appear, then we should proceed and execute our mission without him." Acting upon our instructions, we promptly left St. Louis and proceeded by the most direct and expeditious route to the field of our labors. After a fatiguing trip, made long by the modes of travel incident to the far West, we reached the Seminole Agency on the night of the 9th of September, and on the morning following we began our duties.

Upon our arrival we found the northern portion of the Seminoles in council, and at once put ourselves in communication with them, making known our business, and thus giving the "public notice" required by the terms of our instructions, which notice was promptly disseminated among the people of the nation by the chief and headmen of the different bands. We also communicated with John Jumper, a chief residing with the southern portion of the Seminoles at the old agency, distant 50 miles, and requested that he would make known our arrival and business among that portion of the Seminole people. In due time we received his acknowledgment, which, with a copy of our letter, is herewith transmitted.

It will be seen by reference to some of the claims that the claimants have put in for loss of guns; also for loss of cash (gold and silver coin). In the instance of a loss of guns, we have, through witnesses, satisfied ourselves that the claimants carried a gun off with them at the time of leaving home, and only allowed for guns when the claimant carried

away one or more and had to leave others behind.

In the item of cash, occurring in some of the claims, we have made our investigations as full as possible, always satisfying ourselves through witnesses that the claimant actually possessed said money and lost it on account of the disturbed condition of the country in consequence of the rebellion. In every such case the money was lost at the Budd Creek fight, occurring on the night of the 25th of December, 1861, while the claimant was endeavoring to escape from the rebel forces then overrunning the Seminole country.

These loyal Indians had successfully beaten the rebels in two previous fights, but on the 25th of December they were surprised in camp and many massacred, and lost all their effects. We are of opinion that the claimants are entitled to include said item in their bill of losses, as much so as if the loss had been in cattle, especially so when we consider that their best efforts were exhausted to prevent its loss.

Our investigations were thorough in each case, especially as regarded

the amounts and the estimates or prices therefor; we obtained reliable information from disinterested persons of prices ruling the market in the Seminole country at the breaking out of the war, and in our awards governed ourselves accordingly. We are satisfied that the prices allowed the claimants are reasonable and just, certainly not too high.

We held our sessions as a board from day to day, and neither commissioner transacted any business in the absence of the other. We received much valuable assistance in our investigations from the chief, John Chupco, and the headmen of the various bands; also

from Robert Johnson, interpreter.

In our expenditures for expenses we were as economical as circumstances would allow, and feel warranted in saying that we incurred no bills, chargeable to the Government, except such as were necessary to the proper discharge of our duties.

During our labors we examined and determined 340 claims, amount-

ing in the aggregate to \$213,915.95.

Respectfully submitted.

J. TYLER POWELL,
J. W. CALDWELL,

Commissioners.

Hon. O. H. Browning, Secretary of the Interior.

List of claims of loyal Seminole Indians adjudged and determined by J. Tyler Powell and J. W. Caldwell, commissioners appointed under the provisions of the treaty of March 21, 1866.

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No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
1 2 3 3 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 26 8	Manwell (\$922.50) Susie Manwell Wolf Hoke tee Leat Kah Joseph Buck Chise harjo Wat Ke a ho la Hally Tal wa fixico Os lot Ka Thlah wee Tes wo lee (Te no lee) Lop Kah James McKane Jenny Lee nah Thle potsee Hannah Ya ha fixico So wa le tah (Sa wa le tah) Tomy Louisa	\$1, 637. 50 442. 50 833. 25 532. 00 692. 00 629. 00 629. 00 7721. 00 404. 50 520. 00 404. 50 520. 00 400. 50 530. 00 301. 35 568. 65 318. 00 1, 140. 00 825. 75 358. 00 871. 00	\$912. 50 327. 50 633. 35 532. 00 1, 572. 00 828. 00 629. 00 177. 40 721. 00 409. 50 630. 00 400. 50 520. 00 301. 35 168. 65 313. 00 1, 140. 00 825. 75 358. 00 871. 00
295 333 336	Lo nee Rose Son o chee	375.25 237.50 160.00	385. 25 237. 50 160. 00
	Total FOOS HOTSCHE BAND.	15, 947. 40	14,602.40
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 144	Foos hotsche (Foos hatsche) Hi ma ma Ah pa yucke harjo E ne ah fixico Cho fo lup fixico Sallie Polly Ko nip harjo	1,476.00 964.00 510.00 613.00 192.50 555.50 951.50 410.00	1, 363. 00 899. 00 510. 00 613. 00 192. 50 555. 50 951. 50 410. 00

No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
147 150 151 152 153 154 155 281 146	FOOS HOTSCHE BAND—continued. O ha he Lizzie So Kee Chit to harjo Pow hos harjo Po to Kee Sock to Koth Ko Sel lin ta (Sil lin tee) Te tee.	\$647.00 761.25 228.75 1.289.00 147.00 275.75 61.25 278.00 252.00	\$647.00 761.25 228.65 1,289.00 147.00 275.75 61.25 278.00 252.00
	Total	9, 612. 50	9, 434. 50
	POW HOS FIXICO BAND.		
30 31 32 33 43 55 56 37 89 40 41 42 44 45 46 47 48 49 142 1145 1210	Pow hos fixico No Koos e ly Cho fixico So see Cho harjo gee. Thlo my Tock Koos ah fixico Suck Kah Kee Sa hi chee See ly Mo ah chah e Ky My mce Foos e Kah (\$263). Chah ly Ka botch che a ho la (Ka bitch chi a ho la) Ho tel Kay fixico Cho choc hario No Koos se marthlo gee Kee by ah (Ke hy ah) No Koos fixico Sy a mah chee Hee Kee John o gee.	660.00 438.50 318.50 1.230.00 587.75 223.00 1, 425.50 2204.00 206.50 789.40 1, 902.95 260.00 408.50 277.25 2120.00 104.00 114.25 111.50 120.00 104.00 114.25	660 09 498, 50 318, 50 1.040 00 537, 75 223, 00 1.425, 50 277, 25 2, 204, 00 206 50 789, 40 1.002, 95 260, 00 403, 50 274, 00 277, 25 780, 25
	Total	13, 474, 85	13, 284. 85
	PAS COFA BAND.		
50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67	Pas cofa Latch ti cha (Mrs. Lucy Brown) Fanny Jenny Oke tus ho e tah Mus see lee nah In Kee pah. Milly Cho la fixico Oke fus Kee (\$672.50) Pol him i Kah (hun) Con pit ra fixico (fit) Me tho li Kee. Ho po thle and Su Kee (pi) Ta se Ky e harjo Pon o cho gee. Oke tios es i harjo. Suth lo harjo.	4, 898, 25 5, 096, 00 581, 75 729, 50 510, 20 987, 00 987, 00 181, 75 631, 75 882, 50 588, 50 588, 50 279, 50 266, 25 473, 50 872, 75 723, 50	4, 726, 00 5, 096, 00 581, 75 729, 50 510, 20 987, 00 181, 75 631, 75 682, 50 588, 50 588, 50 583, 25 55, 50 279, 56 862, 55 879, 56 872, 75 723, 50
	Total	19, 803. 20	19.630 95
69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84	KO A HARJO BAND. Ko a harjo. Telemassee Mos ho he (Mis ho he) Suck Koos Ky I lo gee (Is lo gee) Lucy lah ny E pus see Un thla ho way (nay) William Graham (Billy) So fa chi e Kee Samy Mary Hannah Nelly La pe gee Os son wah	1, 199. 50 2, 082. 50 1, 948. 60 350. 75 244. 75 1, 441. 25 342. 25 707. 00 1, 991. 25 1, 118. 75 1, 453. 60 1, 433. 75 700. 25 6022. 20	1, 199, 50 2, 082, 59 1, 948, 60 350, 75 244, 75 1, 461, 25 707, 00 1, 991, 25 1, 118, 75 1, 453, 69 368, 00 1, 433, 75 760, 25 622, 20

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0.	- 1 + 3 × 3	Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
5 6 7 0 8 9 7 0 4	KO A HARJO BAND—continued. Kin Ke he Sim e ah Kee Chut ta Kee Fuch ho ye Ah thla hi e gee Mon ah (Min ah) Teth thle ho Kah (Tith) Mop pe he (Mup) Me chi ly Cho harjo.	\$1, 279. 50 494. 00 292. 50 344. 00 947. 00 523. 80 1, 096. 00 638. 75 1, 539. 50 2, 107, 00	\$1,279.5 494.0 292.5 344.0 947.0 523.8 1,096.0 638.7 1,539.5 2,107.0
	Total	27,025.20	27,025.2
8912845678901284567890123456788	FOOS HARJO BAND. Wak se ah ho lah Ah ha lock harjo Ox son wah Pa ho see Ka see (Koe see) Pon Kil ly Cho ny Hol pah du (Hol pa dee) Yah ho chee (\$370) Ily Fos e a ho la Eliza Chit to fixico Chock ful lee Kah Se me to So hah he ye. See lee chee Is tee com ee Sally Hoke to thloc co gee Mil le ah Ah ha lock e marthlo gee Kot che la ny Ma & ho kee (ha) Go gee (Geo gee) Thia ho my he Pa ho se marthlo gee So mol lee chee Hoke to lustee (Luster) So fo lo gee Foos harjo. U fol o gee	455. 00 253. 50 247. 00 552. 50 491. 50 662. 00 888. 00 619. 00 619. 00 370. 50 1, 302. 50 310. 50 436. 50 436. 50 555. 00 387. 50 128. 00 602. 00 602. 00 603. 00 603	455.0 253.5 247.0 552.5 491.5 534.0 662.0 880.0 619.0 736.5 436.5 436.5 436.5 436.5 436.5 436.6
4	Total	389. 25 19, 414. 50	19,414.8
	CHO FIXICO BAND.	,	
90012284568790012334568789001	Billy Ho lo to marthlo Wak se harjo gee Dolly Ah lock harjo gee Hoke to lock thio gee Ah ha lock e a ho la Sim mon dah he ly No koos fee gee (koss) Ko oo ko gee Ah we lick ee Top pee chee Milly Mon ah My lee Cho harjo gee Dy see William ee Lee coffee Fanny Cho fixico Meely Cho fixico Meely	506. 50 217. 75 342. 50 513. 50 514. 00 883. 25 233. 75 270. 50 668. 25 148. 50 666. 50 182. 25 256. 00 892. 50 173. 25 887. 00 892. 00 949. 00 251. 25 2, 247. 25	506. 217. 342. 513. 514. 883. 270. 668. 148. 466. 192. 256. 892. 247. 692. 247. 247.
		11,477.25	11,477.7
3	AH HA LOCK FIXICO BAND. Hal but a harjo (Hul but a harjo)	2,017.25 881.00 986.00	2,017.2 881.0 986.0

No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
	AH HA LOCK FIXICO BAND—continued.		
159 160 161 163 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 177 178 177 178 179 180 181 183 189 181 189 181 189 180 181 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 187 188 189 190 190 190 190 190 190 190 19	Le coffee (coffer) Ya ha fixico Chit to harjo Che pon ny Ily O san a fixico Hol pod a fixico La te eya ho la (La le eya ho la) Tal wa tus ton nock kee (Tol na) Is cha swa Ke cha chee Tin he la pee (le) Ly ly Yoke fo la (fa) O tul Ko gee Ah ha lock fixico Ah foos ah ne ah Pee chee Is lit Ka (In) So fi ya tee Is pon e harjo (fon) To ko gee So nock ya ho la Ah harjo. Lo so gee Ko se harjo Sa Ka thle Kee Me lo a Kee Chit tee eya ho la E Kus harjo Jony (Johny) Ca cha chupco Ah ta lock Kee Me lo a Kee Chit ke ce (to) Te Ka che Ma lee Jo Ka Ah la lock Kee See ho to see	\$967. 00 147. 50 977. 50 977. 50 977. 50 2, 167. 00 338. 25 257. 00 185. 50 1, 389. 80 724. 50 576. 50 524. 25 980. 00 385. 75 274. 50 1, 689.	\$967. 00 147. 59 147. 59 147. 59 147. 59 2, 167. 00 542. 00 388. 257. 00 185. 368 724. 50 186. 368. 00 186. 368. 00 187. 00 18
	Totai	31, 305. 45	31, 305. 45
194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 205 207 207 211 215 216 217 218 219 266 332 335	NUTH KO BUCK NY BAND. Ah thlan harjo (Hah) Bay nee Milly Fon nock ee Fus ton nuck harjo Hoke thlo to yeah (po) Cho we a ho la No Koos Ko chuck ney Kissie Mil he Jah Ko by (Joh) Cot chee harjo (chea) Foos harjo U pock ela tay gee Sitty Nuth Ko buck ny So me chee Mic co harjo To Kah lo gee No Koos harjo Polly Pi e harjo In la tay gee (lay) So ho tay gee Che na see Ho la to chupco Mat chi he	871. 75 488. 50 612. 50 926. 75 558. 50 577. 25 786. 50 125. 50 209. 50 1, 079. 00 325. 25 730. 00 342. 10 1, 833. 25 730. 00 997. 75 376. 75	871, 75 458, 50 612, 50 926, 75 786, 50 125, 5
	Total	16,872.85	16,872.85
173 174	JOHN CHUPCA BAND. Nancy Nelly	625. 80 112. 00	H5 11:

Мo.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
	JOHN CHUPCA BAND—continued		
212 213 225 226 226 226 226 226 226 226 226 226	Nuth cup harjo Ne hy he ho la John Chupco Lina Mah Ko yi kee Po hy e kee Thly he ho thla kee Oc to coto gee (ti) Billy Das ho kee (Dos) Le son ee Ma tuth ho kee (Mu) Ah ho la ko gee (ka) Kone he Klee harjo Ka bitch Ko gee Ko e harjo Oc san harjo Oc san harjo Oc san harjo Oc la title Nah po e chee (Nah) Ta yo chee (yi) Ah ha lock ee William Fi ho Kah Fon nock ee Mary Ah ha le marthla Sarah Nip Kah As son harjo Sally Kah po se (na) Nah po se (na) Nah po se ee Fus ton nuck harjo Yah no see (na) Te ye cha chee Fus ton nuck harjo Yah no see (na) Te ye cha chee Fus ton nuck harjo Yah no see (na) Te ye cha chee Fus ton nuck harjo Yah no see (na) Te ye cha che Thia set tee (sut) Son nock harjo gee (So mock harjo yee)	\$875.00 616.00 2, 423.00 457.00 1, 035.59 50 371.00 131.00 606.50 264.50 600.50 274.00 124.00 550.00 388.25 210.25 424.00 438.00 1, 232.00 438.50 438.50 438.50 438.50 448.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50 458.50	\$875.00 616.00 1, 873.00 457.00 1, 035.50 233.75 529.50 371.00 131.00 606.50 264.50 600.50 264.50 600.55 264.24.00 436.00 377.00 278.00 377.00 278.00 377.00 278.00 40.50 285.50 424.50 436.50 285.50 444.50 456.50
264 340	Ceasar Louisa	1,233.75 114.00 148.50 23,737.05	1,233.75 114.00 148.50 23,187.05
	Total	20, 101.00	20, 101.00
26691121114569203356655899514899666	Robert Johnson Thomas Payne Lottie Sandy Joseph Barkus John Cudjo Sancho Bruner Thomas Foster Dennis Primus Monday Dindy Mollie Lottie Scipio Davis Rebecca Payne Abram Payne Washington Abraham Ceasar Bruner Calina Payne Rachel Abraham Pheby Billy Betsy Miller John Bruner Ben Bruner Affy Bruner Edward Abraham Fay Cully Cathrine Payne Mary Tecumseh Pompy Jane Mungo	885. 00 5112. 25 387. 500 629. 50 581. 75 4222. 50 642. 00 344. 00 344. 00 1, 173. 75 1, 087. 00 732. 50 206. 75 852. 50 120. 50 173. 75 659. 75 1, 322. 00 219. 00 545. 50 140. 50 144. 00	885. 00 512. 25 387. 50 629. 50 581. 75 422. 50 642. 00 344. 00 427. 50 363. 00 732. 50 206. 75 852. 50 120. 50 173. 75 659. 75 1, 322. 00 840. 45 112. 00 219. 00 545. 50 440. 50 440. 50 444. 00
	Total	14,686.45	14, 686. 45
294 296 297	JOHN BROWN BAND. Ned Cudjo William Bowlegs Dick Bowlegs	672.75 612.00 562.00	672, 75 612, 00 562, 00

No.		Amount claimed.	Amount passed.
	JOHN BROWN BAND—continued.		
ne l	Jacob Bowlegs	4710.00	4710.00
98	Hagar Bowlegs		\$710.00 333.75
00	Cyrus Bowlegs	333.75 406.50	406.50
01	Dolly Bowlegs (a)	76.00	76.00
02	Hattie Charies	121.00	121.00
03	Jessie Bowlegs	493, 50	493.50
04	Nancy Poldo	414.00	414.00
05	Scipio Noble	567.50	567.50
06	Davy Dilly	284.50	284.50
07	Jack Shortman	541.25	541.25
08	William Noble	387.00	387.00
09	Tony Bowlegs	171.00	171.00
10	Jacob Davis	514.00	514.00
11	John Bowl	523, 50	523.50
12	Daily Davis	644.00	644.00
13	Bob Davis	294.50	294.50
15	Maria Bowlegs	284.00	284.00
16	Lucy Noble (\$450.75)	460.75	460.75
17	John Stannay	299.75	299. 75
21	John Stepney Thomas Noble	226.75	226.75
22	Sam Cudjo	475.00	475.00
23	Johnson Bowlegs	138.00	138.00
24	Mollie Bowlegs	277.50	277.50
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	Polly Savers	200 00	309.00
28	Swamp William Bowlegs Philip Sayers	575.00	575.00
27	Philin Savers	500.00	500.00
28	A (10C8, C) (8322)	362,00	362,00
29	Jim Bowlegs	758.00	758.00
	Total	12,994.50	12,994.50
10	SUMMARY.		
	Manwell Band	15, 947, 40	14,602.40
	Foos Hotsche Band	9, 612, 50	9, 434, 50
	Pow hos fixico Band	13, 474, 85	13, 284, 85
	Pas cora Band	19, 803, 20	19, 630. 95
	Ko a nario Band	27, 025, 20	27, 025, 20
1	FOOS DATIO BANG	19, 414, 50	19, 414. 50
	Uno hxico Band	11, 477, 25	11, 477.25
	Ah ha lock flyico Rand	31, 306, 45	31, 305. 45
	NULL KO DUCK DV Band	16, 872, 85	16,872.85
		23, 737.05	23, 187. 05
	Jim Lane Band	14, 686. 45	14, 686. 45
	John Brown Band	12,994.50	12, 994. 50
	Total (\$213,888.95)	216, 351.20	213, 915. 95
		213, 915. 95	
		2, 435. 25	

After correcting clerical errors the actual amount is \$213,888.95.