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**PAYMENTS FOR NEGOTIATING INDIAN TREATIES SINCE 1829.**

**MESSAGE**

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,**

TRANSMITTING

*A statement of amounts paid to persons concerned in negotiating Indian treaties since 1829, &c.*

MAY 18, 1840.

Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

*To the House of Representatives of the United States :*

I transmit the report of the Secretary of War, furnishing a statement of the amounts paid to persons concerned in negotiating Indian treaties since 1829, &c., which completes the information called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 28th January, 1839, upon that subject, and the disbursing officers in the War Department.

M. VAN BUREN.

WASHINGTON, May 16, 1840.

WAR DEPARTMENT, May 16, 1840.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a report of the Second Auditor, furnishing a statement of the amounts paid to persons concerned in negotiating Indian treaties since 1829, &c., which completes the information called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 28th January, 1839; so much therein as relates to the disbursing officers in the several bureaus of the department having been submitted, together with my communication of the 2d March, 1839.

Very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

J. R. POINSETT.

The PRESIDENT of the United States.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Second Auditor's Office, May 14, 1840.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, an answer to so much of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 28th January, 1839,

asking for a statement showing the amount paid to persons concerned in negotiating Indian treaties since 1829, &c., as was referred to this office. The reason why the information could not be promptly furnished when your communication was first received, was, at the time, assigned; and I now have to add, that a great press of business has caused its delay till this time. Many accounts (and some of them very voluminous) having to undergo strict scrutiny, rendered the preparation of the statement tedious.

The copy of the resolution, sent to this office, is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, your obedient servant,

W. B. LEWIS.

Hon. J. R. POINSETT,  
Secretary of War.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A statement of accounts paid to persons concerned in negotiating Indian treaties since 1829, &c.

MAY 18, 1840.

Received by the Committee on Indian Affairs.

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit the report of the Secretary of War, furnishing a statement of the amounts paid to persons concerned in negotiating Indian treaties since 1829, &c., which complies with the information called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 28th January, 1839, upon that subject, and the Treasury officers in the War Department.

M. VAN BUREN

Washington, May 16, 1840.

WAR DEPARTMENT, May 16, 1840.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a report of the Second Auditor, furnishing a statement of the amounts paid to persons concerned in negotiating Indian treaties since 1829, &c., which complies with the information called for by the resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 28th January, 1839; so much therein as relates to the department of the War, and in the several papers of the department having been submitted together with my communication of the 2d March, 1839.

Very respectfully, your most obedient servant,

J. R. POINSETT.

The President of the United States.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Auditor's Office, May 16, 1840.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, an answer to so much of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 28th January, 1839,

Statement showing the "aggregate amount paid to all persons who have, since 1829, been concerned in negotiating treaties with the Indians, together with the names of such persons, and the sums respectively received by them in the way of per diem, mileage, and extra charges."

Date of treaty.	Tribe.	Persons concerned in negotiating, &c.	Per diem.	Mileage.	Extra charges.	Amount.
July 15, 1830	Sacs and Foxes, Sioux, Omahas, Iowas, Ottos, and Missourias.	Wm. Clark, commissioner	\$552 00	-	-	\$552 00
		W. Morgan, commissioner	128 00	-	-	128 00
		John Ruland, secretary	260 00	-	-	260 00
Sept'r 27, 1830	Choctaws	John H. Eaton, commissioner	328 00	\$907 20	-	1,235 20
		John Coffee, commissioner	112 00	138 40	-	250 40
		E. Breathitt, secretary	92 00	137 50	-	229 50
		John H. Eaton, commissioner, S. C. Stambaugh, commissioner	1,633 00	202 00	-	1,835 00
Feb. 8, 1831	Menomonies	James B. Gardiner, commissioner	2,619 00	1,197 65	-	3,816 65
Feb. 28, 1831	Senecas	James B. Gardiner, commissioner	-	-	-	-
July 20, 1831	Senecas and Shawnees	John McElvain, commissioner	60 00	269 00	-	329 00
Aug. 8 & 30, 1831	Shawnees and Ottowas	William Walker, secretary	44 00	-	-	44 00
July 19, 1832	Wyandots	James Gadsden, commissioner	962 00	-	-	962 00
May 9, 1832	Seminoles	Douglass Vass, secretary	495 00	-	-	495 00
		Winfield Scott, commissioner	944 00	1,292 00	-	2,236 00
		John Reynolds, commissioner	312 00	280 00	-	592 00
Sept. 15, 1832	Winnebagoes	R. Bache, secretary	95 00	100 00	-	195 00
Sept. 21, 1832	Sacs and Foxes	James Gadsden, commissioner	112 00	300 00	-	412 00
October 11, 1832	Appalaehicolas	John Coffee, commissioner	360 00	88 00	-	448 00
October 20, 1832	Chickasaws	N. Anderson, secretary	65 00	-	-	65 00
October 26, 1832	Pottawatomies	Jonathan Jennings, commissioner	632 00	344 00	-	976 00
October 27, 1832	Pottawatomies.	John W. Davis, commissioner	688 00	304 00	-	992 00
		Mark Crum, commissioner	632 00	225 00	-	857 00
		Henry Hoover, secretary	375 00	120 00	-	495 00
October 24, 1832	Kickapoos	William Clark, commissioner	496 00	-	-	496 00
October 25, 1832	Shawnees and Delawares	Frank J. Allen, commissioner	400 00	170 00	-	570 00
October 27, 1832	Kaskaskias and Peorias	Nathan Kouns, commissioner	344 00	212 00	-	556 00
October 27, 1832	Piankeshaws and Weas.	James Kennerley, secretary	205 00	-	-	205 00
October 27, 1832	Menomonies	G. B. Porter, commissioner	496 00	484 00	-	980 00
		Joshua Boyer, secretary	310 00	300 00	-	610 00
		George B. Porter, commissioner	224 00	124 50	-	348 50
October 27, 1832	Pottawatomies	William Marshall, commissioner	80 00	-	-	80 00
		E. A. Brush, secretary	280 00	175 00	-	455 00

STATEMENT—Continued.

Date of treaty.	Tribe.	Persons concerned in negotiating, &c.	Per diem.	Mileage.	Extra charges.	Amount.
Dec. 29, 1832	Senecas and Shawnees	M. Stokes, commissioner	\$5,440 00	\$2,016 80	-	\$7,456 80
March 14, 1833	Cherokees and Creeks,	H. L. Ellsworth, commissioner	5,138 00	3,369 40	-	8,507 40
March 28, 1833	Seminoles,	J. F. Schermerhorne, commissioner	4,836 00	3,856 40	-	8,692 40
May 13, 1833	Quapaws,	S. C. Stambaugh, secretary	3,135 00	2,835 00	-	5,970 00
Sept. 21, 1833	Ottos and Missourias,	E. A. Ellsworth, secretary	1,015 00	-	-	1,015 00
October 9, 1833	Pawnees.					
Feb. 14, 1833	Ottawas	George B. Porter, commissioner	304 00	488 00	-	792 00
		E. A. Brush, secretary	190 00	305 00	-	495 00
June 18, 1833	Appalachicoles	James Gadsden, commissioner	112 00	1,262 00	-	1,374 00
		Douglass Vass, secretary	495 00	-	-	495 00
Sept. 26, 1833	Chippewas, Ottawas, and Pottawatomies.	George B. Porter, commissioner	282 00	240 00	-	522 00
		Thomas J. V. Owen, commissioner	352 00	-	-	352 00
		William Weatherford, commissioner	352 00	228 00	-	580 00
		W. L. D. Ewing, secretary	135 00	157 50	-	292 50
Oct. & Nov. 1833	Miamies	George B. Porter, commissioner	432 00	312 00	-	744 00
		J. F. Schermerhorn, commissioner	320 00	642 40	-	962 40
		W. Marshall, commissioner	440 00	136 00	-	576 00
		E. A. Brush, secretary	270 00	195 00	-	465 00
		J. B. Duret, assistant secretary	160 00	-	-	160 00
Dec. 4, 10, 16, & 17, 1834	Pottawatomies	William Marshall, commissioner	160 00	229 00	-	389 00
		J. B. Duret, secretary	100 00	-	-	100 00
1834	Wyandots	Robert Lucas, commiss'r, (no treaty-concluded)	264 00	168 00	-	432 00
		John A. Bryan, secretary	131 00	105 00	-	236 00
July 1, 1835	Caddoes	Jehiel Brooks, commissioner	512 00	790 08	-	1,302 08
Dec. 29, 1835	Cherokees	William Carroll, commissioner	824 00	128 00	-	952 00
March 28, 1836	Ottawas and Chippewas	H. R. Schoolcraft, commissioner	912 00	-	-	912 00
		John Hulbert, secretary	195 00	-	-	195 00
March 29, 1836	Pottawatomies,	A. C. Pepper, commissioner	352 00	88 00	-	440 00
April 11 & Aug. 22, 1836.	Pottawatomies.	C. Carter, secretary	18 00	-	-	18 00
		E. V. Cicott, secretary	18 00	-	-	18 00
		J. B. Duret, secretary	18 00	-	-	18 00
August 5, 1836	Pottawatomies	A. C. Pepper, commissioner	304 00	40 00	-	344 00
		J. B. Duret, secretary	30 00	-	-	30 00
Sept. 20, 22, & 28, 1836.	Pottawatomies	A. C. Pepper, commissioner	\$04 00	36 00	-	340 00
		J. B. Duret, secretary	30 00	-	-	30 00

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April 23, 1836	Wyandots	John A. Bryan, commissioner	48 00			48 00
May 9, 1836	Chippewas	H. R. Schoolcraft, commissioner	88 00			88 00
		S. H. Porter, secretary	55 00			55 00
Sept. 3, 1836	Menomonies,	H. Dodge, commissioner	496 00			496 00
Sept. 27 & 28, '36	Sacs and Foxes.	H. Dodge, commissioner	65 00			65 00
		H. S. Baird, secretary	96 00			96 00
		G. P. Kingsbury, secretary	60 00			60 00
		J. W. Grimes, secretary	30 00			30 00
Sept. 17, 1836	Iowas, Sacs, and Foxes	William Clark, commissioner,				
		G. G. Clark, secretary	75 00			75 00
July 29, 1836	Chippewas of Mississippi	H. Dodge, commissioner	216 00	732 00		948 00
		W. R. Smith, commissioner	24 00	1,560 00		1,584 00
		V. Van Antwerp, secretary	150 00	550 00		700 00
1836	Miamies	H. L. Ellsworth, comm'r, (no treaty concluded)	432 00			432 00
		A. Hamilton, secretary	102 00			102 00
1837	Cherokees	J. Mason, jr., commissioner	1,184 00	782 49		1,966 49
1837	Miamies	J. Keller, commissioner	96 00			96 00
Oct. 21 & 29, 1837	Sacs and Foxes, Sioux, &c.,	C. A. Harris, commissioner,				
Nov. 1, 1837	Winnebagoes.	C. Bush, secretary	660 00	41 63	\$215 25	316 88
1837	Pottawatomies	John Dougherty, commissioner	296 00	361 00		657 00
		A. L. Davis, commissioner	296 00	78 00		374 00
Jan. 10, 1837, & Jan. 23, 1838.	Chippewas of Sagana w.	H. R. Schoolcraft, commissioner	408 00			408 00
Part of 1836 and 1837.	New York Indians	Charles E. Anderson, secretary	78 25			73 25
		J. F. Schermerhorn, comm'r, (treaty not concluded)	2,056 00			2,056 00
1838	New York Indians	Albert G. Ellis, secretary	40 00			40 00
1838	Wyandots	R. H. Gillet, commissioner	2,408 00	2,770 20		5,178 20
		Joseph McCutchen, commissioner	240 00			240 00
		H. C. Brush, secretary	128 00	128 00		256 00
November, 1838	Miamies	A. C. Pepper, commissioner	104 75	96 00		200 75
		Allen Hamilton, secretary	185 00			185 00
			52,017 00	32,080 06	215 25	84,312 31

N. B. The commissioners were paid at the rate of \$8 per diem, while employed in negotiating, and \$8 for every 20 miles' travel.

\* These sums include their compensation for much service rendered in the Indian country, between October, 1832, and January, 1835, beside negotiating treaties, but not being separated in their accounts, they cannot be separated here.

## STATEMENT—Continued.

## RECAPITULATION.

Persons concerned in negotiating, &c.	Per diem.	Mileage.	Extra charges.	Amount.
William Clark, commissioner	\$1,048 00	-	-	\$1,048 00
W. Morgan, commissioner	128 00	-	-	128 00
John Ruland, secretary	260 00	-	-	260 00
John H. Eaton, commissioner	328 00	\$907 20	-	1,235 20
John Coffee, commissioner	472 00	226 40	-	698 40
E. Breathett, secretary	92 00	137 50	-	229 50
S. C. Stambaugh, commissioner	1,633 00	212 00	-	1,835 00
S. C. Stambaugh, secretary	3,135 00	2,825 00	-	5,960 00
James B. Gardner, commissioner	2,619 00	1,197 65	-	3,816 65
John M. Elvain, commissioner	60 00	269 00	-	329 00
William Walker, secretary	44 00	-	-	44 00
James Gadsden, commissioner	1,186 00	1,562 00	-	2,748 00
Douglass Vass, secretary	990 00	-	-	990 00
Winfield Scott, commissioner	944 00	1,292 00	-	2,236 00
John Reynolds, commissioner	312 00	280 00	-	592 00
R. Bache, secretary	95 00	100 00	-	195 00
N. Anderson, secretary	65 00	-	-	65 00
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Frank J. Allen, commissioner	400 00	170 00	-	570 00
Nathan Kouns, commissioner	344 00	212 00	-	556 00
James Kennerley, secretary	205 00	-	-	205 00
G. B. Porter, commissioner	1,738 00	1,648 50	-	3,386 50
Joshua Boyer, secretary	310 00	300 00	-	610 00
Wm. Marshall, commissioner	640 00	365 00	-	1,045 00
E. A. Brush, secretary	740 00	675 00	-	1,415 00
M. Stokes, commissioner	5,440 00	2,016 80	-	7,456 80
H. L. Ellsworth, commissioner	5,570 00	3,362 40	-	8,932 40
J. F. Schermerhorn, commissioner	7,202 00	4,498 80	-	11,700 80
E. A. Ellsworth, secretary	1,015 00	-	-	1,015 00
Thomas J. V. Owen, commissioner	352 00	-	-	352 00
Wm. Weatherford, commissioner	352 00	228 00	-	580 00
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J. A. Bryan, secretary	179 00	105 00	-	284 00
Jehiel Brooks, commissioner	512 00	790 08	-	1,302 08
William Carroll, commissioner	824 00	128 00	-	952 00
H. R. Schoolcraft, commissioner	1,408 00	-	-	1,408 00
John Hulbert, secretary	195 00	-	-	195 00
A. C. Pepper, commissioner	1,064 75	260 00	-	1,324 75
C. Carter, secretary	18 00	-	-	18 00
E. V. Cicott, commissioner	18 00	-	-	18 00
S. H. Potter, commissioner	55 00	-	-	55 00
H. Dodge, commissioner	777 00	732 00	-	1,509 00
H. S. Baird, secretary	96 00	-	-	96 00
G. P. Kingsbury, secretary	60 00	-	-	60 00
J. W. Grimes, secretary	30 00	-	-	30 00
G. G. Clark, secretary	75 00	-	-	75 00
W. R. Smith, commissioner	24 00	1,560 00	-	1,584 00
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A. Hamilton, secretary	287 00	-	-	287 00
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Charles E. Anderson, secretary	73 25	-	-	73 25

STATEMENT—Continued.

Persons concerned in negotiating, &c.	Per diem.	Mileage.	Extra charges.	Amount.
Albert G. Ellis, secretary - -	\$40 00	-	-	\$40 00
R. H. Gillet, commissioner - -	2,408 00	\$2,770 20	-	5,178 20
Joseph McCutchen, commissioner - -	240 00	-	-	240 00
H. C. Brish, secretary - -	128 00	128 00	-	256 00
	52,017 00	32,080 06	\$215 25	84,312 31

May 14, 1840.

W. B. LEWIS.