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MONEY PAID TO JAS. T. MILLER AND PYM-Y-OH-TE-MAH.

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LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Information in answer to a resolution of the House as to the amount of money paid to James T. Miller and Pym-y-oh-te-mah.*

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FEBRUARY 19, 1855.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, February 17, 1855.*

SIR: On the 12th instant I had the honor to receive a resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 10th, which is in the following words:

“*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to communicate to this House the amount of money he has paid to James T. Miller and Pym-y-oh-te-mah, or to either of them, as directed by the Senate amendment to the treaty with the Miami Indians, made in August, 1854; and if he has not paid the whole of the two thousand two hundred dollars, his reasons, if any he has, for not having done so, and the amount unpaid.”

And in obedience thereto, I transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 15th inst., with accompanying papers, containing the information called for.

I am, sir, with much respect, your obedient servant,  
R. McCLELLAND, *Secretary.*

Hon. LINN BOYD,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office Indian Affairs, February 15, 1855.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the House of Representatives adopted on the 10th instant, in the words following, to wit:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to communicate to this House the amount of money he has paid to James T. Miller and Pym-y-oh-te-mah, or to either of them, as directed by the Senate amendment to the treaty with the Miami Indians, made in August, 1854; and, if he has not paid the whole of the two thousand two hundred dollars, his reasons, if any he has, for not having done so, and the amount unpaid."

With reference to the first question, I have the honor to report, that the amount of money paid to James T. Miller and Pym-y-oh-te-mah was fourteen hundred and thirty-five dollars. The payment of this amount was based on a bill of items for time and expenses of Miami Indians of Indiana, presented to this office by J. T. Miller, esq., on the 7th of August, 1854. The aggregate of the bill, a copy of which is hereto appended, is twenty-one hundred and ninety-two dollars.

With reference to the question, "if he has not paid the whole of the two thousand two hundred dollars, (the sum named in the amendment by the Senate to the treaty,) his reasons, if any he has, for not having done so, and the amount unpaid," I have to state that the reasons for not paying the whole sum are stated in the accompanying copy of a letter from this office, dated August 8, 1854, to J. T. Miller, esq., and Pym-y-oh-te-mah; which reasons, so far as this office is informed, were satisfactory to the delegation then in Washington. The amount unpaid is \$765.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. MANYPENNY, *Commissioner*.

Hon. R. McCLELLAND,

*Secretary of the Interior*.

*Bill of items presented by James T. Miller, esq., for time and expenses of Miami Indians of Indiana. September 7, 1854.*

Me-shinga-me-zia (one trip).....	\$85
24 days' time, at \$2 per day.....	48
Pym-y-oh-te-mah (two trips, \$85 each).....	170
24 days first trip and 16 days last trip, at \$2.....	80
Wah-pop-e-tah (two trips).....	170
Time 40 days.....	80
Po-con-ge-ah (two trips).....	170
Time 40 days.....	80
Buffalo (one trip).....	85
Time 24 days.....	48
Griggs.....	170
Time 40 days.....	80
McClure (one trip).....	85
Time 24 days.....	48
Miller (two trips).....	170
Time 40 days.....	80
Peter Langley (one trip).....	85
Time 16 days.....	32

Gabe Godfroy (one trip) .....	3
Time 16 days.....	\$85
Little Charley (one trip).....	32
Time 16 days.....	85
	32
Mr. Huff—expenses.....	2,000
Time 16 days.....	85
To Pym-y-oh-te-mah, for provisions furnished at council.....	32
	75
	<u>2,192</u>

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Office Indian Affairs, August 8, 1854.

GENTLEMEN: I have received a "bill of items, presented by J. T. Miller, esq., for time and expenses of Miami Indians of Indiana," amounting to \$2,192, based, I presume, upon an amendment of the Senate to the articles of agreement and convention concluded with the Miami tribe on 5th June last.

I was aware of the purpose of the Senate to make some provision for the deputation of Miamies from Indiana, on account of the expenses incurred by them connected with the treaty in question, though not to the extent charged for in the bill now before me. It is true the phraseology of the amendment reads, "for time employed and money expended in assisting to make the treaty;" but as the government has not, I believe, heretofore, in any similar case allowed "for time employed," I am clearly of opinion that it was not the intention of the Senate to do more than to provide for the reimbursing the deputation for expenses actually incurred. Admitting it to be otherwise, there is no appropriation applicable to the payment of the bill as submitted; but to carry out the direction of the Senate, as I understand it, I am willing to appropriate, of the fund at the disposal of this office, for "extinguishing title of Indian tribes to lands west of Missouri and Iowa," a sum that will cover the expenditures of the deputation as set forth in the bill, which I have ascertained to be \$1,520. That amount will be paid to you, or either of you, by the disbursing agent of the department, Moses Kelly, esq., to whom you will receipt for the same.

The money must be distributed, as directed by the Senate, strictly in accordance with justice and equity; and you will submit vouchers therefor to this office.

I enclose, for your information, a copy of the amendment, and of the statement of expenses making up the \$1,520.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
GEO. W. MANYPENNY,  
*Commissioner.*

J. T. MILLER, esq., and  
TYN-YE-OH-TE-MAH (PYM-Y-OH-TE-MAH,) Washington, D. C.

P. S.—Since writing the above I have been informed that the Secretary of the Interior has directed the deduction of \$85—the amount

set down as the proportion of Mr. Huff—from the \$1,520, regarding him as an agent or attorney.

There will then be left for payment to you the sum of \$1,435, to be accounted for to this office as before stated.

G. W. M.

*Statement of expenses of Miami Indians of Indiana, submitted to Indian Office by James T. Miller, August 7, 1854.*

Me-shin-go-me-zia, one trip .....	\$85
Pym-y-oh-te-mah, two trips, \$85 each.....	170
Wah-pop-e-tah, two trips, \$85 each.....	170
Po-con-ge-ah, two trips, \$85 each.....	170
Buffalo, one trip.....	85
Griggs, two trips, \$85 each.....	170
McClure, one trip .....	85
Miller, two trips, \$85 each.....	170
Peter Langley, one trip.....	85
Gabe Godfroy, one trip .....	85
Little Charley, one trip.....	85
Mr. Huff's expenses .....	85
Pym-y-oh-te-mah, for provisions furnished at council.....	75

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1,520

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