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PETITION

OF THE CHIEFS OF

THE DELAWARE INDIANS IN KANSAS,

PRAYING

An issue of United States bonds in lieu of bonds that have been abstracted from them by an agent, and on which no interest has been paid since 1860, and that an appropriation be made to pay the interest on the same to the 1st day of July, 1862.

JUNE 2, 1862.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:.

Your petitioners, the chiefs of the Delaware tribe of Indians in Kansas, would represent to your honorable body that a large amount of their funds, heretofore invested and held in trust by the government of the United States for the use and benefit of the Delaware tribe of Indians, were invested in the bonds of the different States, and that a large portion of said bonds have been abstracted by the agent appointed to keep the same, and that no interest has been paid on the bonds abstracted during the present or past year. The wants of the Delawares demand that the interest on said stocks or bonds be paid regularly when due, as guaranteed by the government.

Your petitioners respectfully ask an issue of United States bonds in lieu of the bonds so abstracted, and that an appropriation be made to pay all interest due the Delaware Indians up to the present time.

Your petitioners would also represent that the United States invested in trust for the Delaware tribe of Indians, in bonds of different States, on which no interest has been paid since the year 1860, and that the government agreed, by treaty stipulation, to invest the same in stocks or bonds of a permanent character, and we believe that the character of the security was not the motive which actuated and governed in making the investment.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the same amount of United States bonds be issued in lieu of said bonds, and that an appropriation be made to pay the interest on the same to the first day of July,

1862, from the time of the defalcation of the payment of the interest on said bonds.

JOHN CONNER, his x mark.
Head Chief.
 SARCOXER, his x mark.
Assistant Chief.
 NE-CON-HE-CON, his x mark.
Assistant Chief.
 CHARLES JOURNEYCAKE.
 JAMES CONNER, his x mark.
Chief Counsellor.

Signed in presence of—

F. JOHNSON,

United States Indian Agent.

ROBERT JORDAN E. JONNEYCAKE,

Acting United States Interpreter.