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APPROPRIATIONS FOR POTTAWATOMIE INDIANS.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*Estimates of appropriations to carry out treaty stipulations with the Pottawatomie Indians.*

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MAY 15, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., May 14, 1868.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 12th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with an "estimate of appropriations required to carry out the stipulations of the third article, treaty of November 15, 1861, (Stat. at Large, vol. 12, p. 1192,) with the Pottawatomie Indians, as modified by the treaty of March 29, 1866," (Stat. at Large, vol. 14, p. 763.)

The attention of Congress is respectfully invited to the consideration of the subject.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING,  
*Secretary.*

HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., May 12, 1868.*

SIR: Referring to office report of the 13th ultimo, relative to a division of the tribal funds of the Pottawatomie Indians, as provided in the third article, treaty of November 15, 1861, with the Pottawatomies, (Statutes at Large, vol. 12, p. 1192,) as modified by treaty of March 29, 1866, (Statutes at Large, vol. 14, p. 763,) and to your reply thereto, under date of April 28, 1868, I have the honor to submit the following statement of the annuities and funds belonging to said Indians, and also of the amount to which those members of the tribe who have elected to become citizens are entitled, under said article and treaties, viz :

## PERMANENT ANNUITIES.

Treaty of August 3, 1795, article 4, (see Statutes at Large, vol. 7, p. 51,) payable in silver .....	\$1, 000 00
Treaty of September 30, 1809, article 3, (Statutes at Large, vol. 7, p. 114,) payable in silver .....	500 00
Treaty of October 2, 1818, article 3, (Statutes at Large, vol. 7, p. 185,) payable in silver .....	2, 500 00
Treaty of September 20, 1828, article 2, (Statutes at Large, vol. 7, p. 317,) payable in money .....	2, 000 00
Treaty of July 29, 1829, article 2, (Statutes at Large, vol. 7, p. 320,) payable in specie .....	16, 000 00
Treaty of September 20, 1828, (see reference above,) and of June 5 and 17, 1846, article 10, (Statutes at Large, vol. 9, p. 855,) payable in lieu of tobacco, iron, and steel .....	300 00
Treaty of October 16, 1826, article 3, (Statutes at Large, vol. 7, p. 296,) and of September 20, 1828, and July 29, 1829, (references as above,) being for blacksmith, iron, steel, &c. ....	2, 820 00
Treaty of July 29, 1829, article 2, (reference as above,) being for salt .....	437 50
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Total amount of permanent annuities .....	25, 557 50
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Treaty of June 5 and 17, 1846, article 7, (Statutes at Large, vol. 9, p. 855 and 856,) the same to be held in trust by the United States, and in interest of 5 per cent. paid thereon annually, to continue thirty years and until the nation shall be reduced below one thousand souls; and if after the expiration of thirty years or any period thereafter the nation is reduced below that number, the said annuity is to be paid *pro rata*, so long as they exist as a separate nation, in proportion as the present number, at date of treaty, bears to the number then in existence, \$643,000.

Stocks held in trust for said Indians as follows :

## FOR EDUCATION.

State of Indiana, at 5 per cent. ....	\$68, 000 00
State of Missouri, at 6 per cent. ....	5, 000 00
United States loan of 1862, at 6 per cent. ....	94, 100 00

## FOR MILLS.

United States loan of 1862, at 6 per cent. ....	50, 100 00
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Total amount of stocks .....	217, 200 00
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The tribe numbers, per last census, 2,180 souls, 600 of this number have elected to become citizens, and have complied with the requirements of said third article treaty of November 15, 1861, as regard the things to be done by them to entitle them to receive their proportion of the cash value of the credits of the tribe, principal and interest.

With these data, and taking the foregoing statement as a basis of calculation, calculating in the manner directed in your communication of the 28th ultimo, the amounts found due said 600 are as follows :

Silver and specie annuities \$20,000, which is the interest at 5 per cent. on \$400,000, making the cash value of the shares of 600 equal to .....	\$110, 091 74
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Money annuities, and for blacksmith, iron, steel, and salt, \$5,557 50, which is the interest at 5 per cent. on \$111,150, making the cash value of 600 shares equal to.....	\$30, 591 74
Cash value of permanent annuities due 600 persons.....	140, 683 48
The shares of 600 persons in \$643,000 is equal to .....	176, 972 48
And in \$217,200 invested in government and State stocks....	59, 779 81
 Total amount due said 600 persons .....	 377, 435 77

of which amount the sum of \$110,091 74, in silver and specie, and \$207,564 22 in currency, will have to be appropriated by Congress before a settlement can be made, as contemplated in said treaties of November 15, 1861, and March 29, 1866. Authority should also be granted by Congress to dispose of so much of the respective stocks held in trust for said tribe as will belong to said 600 members, in order that they may be paid the full amount to which they are entitled at the same time their proportion of the other funds are paid and a final settlement be made with them.

I enclose herewith an estimate of appropriations required to pay 600 Pottawatomies their shares of said annuities, and respectfully request that the same be laid before Congress for proper action by that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. MIX,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,  
*Secretary of the Interior.*

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*Estimate of appropriations required to carry out the stipulations of the third article, treaty of November 15, 1861, with the Pottawatomie Indians as modified by the treaty of March 29, 1866.*

For this amount, to enable the President of the United States to carry out the provisions of the third article treaty of November 15, 1861, with the Pottawatomie Indians, as modified by the treaty of March 29, 1866, by paying to those members of the tribe who have elected to become citizens in accordance with said article, the proportion of the cash value of the Pottawatomie annuities to which they are entitled, \$377,435 77.