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LETTER

OF

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMUNICATING,

In compliance with the resolution of the Senate of December 20, 1870, information in relation to certain Indiana State bonds, held by him as trustee for various Indian tribes.

JANUARY 9, 1871.—Read, ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 5, 1871.

SIR: In compliance with Senate resolution of the 20th ultimo, requesting information relative to certain Indiana State bonds, I have the honor to state that the accompanying schedule, marked A, contains a description of all such bonds, sixty-nine in number, as are now in possession of the Secretary of the Interior as trustee for various Indian tribes. The principal of these bonds is \$69,000.

When the office of Indian Affairs was transferred to this Department, under the act of March 3, 1849, the Secretary of the Interior received from the Secretary of War these bonds, and also one bond, No. 564, which was handed to Hon. Graham N. Fitch, of Indiana, in 1857-'58, by the clerk then in charge of the Indian trust fund. A copy of the correspondence on the subject will be found in the papers marked B. Mr. Fitch has not returned the bond.

Under the act approved July 27, 1868, the Secretary of the Treasury transferred 141 five per cent. coupon bonds of \$1,000 each, of the State of Indiana, held in trust for the Chickasaw national fund. (See statement marked C.) The bonds having matured in 1857, the principal, with the accrued interest thereon from the 1st July, 1849, to November 1, 1868, was paid by the Secretary of the Treasury upon an order of the acting governor of Indiana, dated November 5, 1868. For further information in regard to the collection of moneys on account of principal and interest on these bonds, and of the interest of those now held by the Secretary of the Interior, see statement marked D.

These moneys, amounting to \$323,925, were applied as follows, viz :

December 8, 1868, amount invested in United States 5-20 bonds for the benefit of the Chickasaw national fund.....	\$141,000 00
February 24, 1869, amount covered into the United States Treasury to credit of the following funds:	
Pottawatomies, education	1,346 80
Chickasaw incompetents.....	750 00
Chickasaw national	101,050 00
Chickasaw incompetents.....	550 00
Chickasaw national	43,978 20
Amount covered into United States Treasury to reimburse the Government for advances made of overdue and unpaid interest on Indiana bonds....	35,250 00
	<u>323,925 00</u>

Statement E shows the amount retained by the United States Treasury from the three per cent. fund accruing to the State of Indiana from the net proceeds of sales of public lands within her limits.

From the records of the Indian Office it is found that when the sums making such amount were from time to time credited by the Treasury to the Pottawatomies and Chickasaw incompetent Indians, coupons for the sums thus credited were sent to that Department for delivery to the State authorities. (See statement marked F.) As at the dates mentioned in the statement, from 1849 to 1856, the Department held no other Indiana State bonds than the seventy described in Schedule A, the coupons so sent belonged to those bonds only. By that schedule it will be seen what coupons are attached to the bonds now in possession of this Department. There are no detached coupons belonging to these bonds in my custody.

So far as this Department is informed no abstraction of coupons annexed to Indiana State bonds has occurred.

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

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

A.

Abstract of Indiana five per cent. coupon bonds held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of certain Indian tribes, the interest on which is payable semi-annually at Washington City.

No. of bond.	Date of bond.	When redeemable.	Amount of bond.	Interest due every six months.	Whole amount due January 1, 1854.
501	April 13, 1835.....	1875	\$1,000	\$25	
502do.....	1875	1,000	25	
503do.....	1875	1,000	25	
504do.....	1875	1,000	25	
505do.....	1875	1,000	25	
506do.....	1875	1,000	25	
507do.....	1875	1,000	25	
508do.....	1875	1,000	25	
509do.....	1875	1,000	25	
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521do.....	1875	1,000	25	
522do.....	1875	1,000	25	
523do.....	1875	1,000	25	
524do.....	1875	1,000	25	
525do.....	1875	1,000	25	
526do.....	1875	1,000	25	
527do.....	1875	1,000	25	
528do.....	1875	1,000	25	

* These bonds held in trust for the Pottawatomie Indians—"education"—and are of the issue known as the "Wabash and Erie Canal Loan," Nos. 501 to 563 inclusive, 13 coupons of \$25 each for interest due from July, 1868; all coupons attached.

A.—Abstract of Indiana five per cent. coupon bonds, &c.—Continued.

No. of bond.	Date of bond.	When redeemable.	Amount of bond.	Interest due every six months.	Whole amount due January 1, 1854.
529	April 13, 1835.....	1875	\$1,000	\$25	\$225
530	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
531	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
532	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
533	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
534	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
535	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
536	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
537	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
538	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
539	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
540	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
541	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
542	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
543	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
544	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
545	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
546	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
547	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
548	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
549	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
550	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
551	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
552	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
553	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
554	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
555	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
556	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
557	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
558	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
559	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
560	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
561	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
562	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
563	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
564*	do.....	1875	1,000	25	225
64 bonds of \$1,000 each is.....			64,000	1,600	14,400

* In hands Hon. G. N. Fitch, Indiana.

Abstract of Indiana five per cent. coupon bonds held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of certain Indian tribes, the interest on which is payable semi-annually at New York.

No. of bond.	Date of bond.	When redeemable.	Amount of bond.	Interest due every six months.	Whole amount due January 1, 1854.
565*	July 1, 1836.....	1886	\$1,000	\$25	\$225
1355*	do.....	1886	1,000	25	225
1356*	do.....	1886	1,000	25	225
1357*	do.....	1886	1,000	25	225
1823†	do.....	1886	1,000	25	225
1824†	do.....	1886	1,000	25	225
6 bonds of \$1,000 each is.....			6,000	150	1,350

* Held in trust for Pottawatomies—"education"—"Wabash and Erie Canal Loan," 34 coupons of \$25 each for interest due from July 1, 1868; all coupons attached.

† Held in trust for Chickasaw incompetents, internal improvement loan. Nos. 1823 and 1824 have 36 coupons of \$25 each for interest due from July 1, 1868; all coupons attached.

B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 31, 1866.

SIR: Referring to the correspondence had between the Department and yourself some time since in relation to an Indiana State bond, No. 564, for one thousand dollars, belonging to the Indian trust fund of this Department, and which bond came into your possession in the year 1859, I have now the honor again to call your attention to the subject.

The Government, in the character of trustee, has the absolute and exclusive title to the bond, and therefore it is my duty to hold you responsible for its value, and much as I shall regret to take the step, will, if after the lapse of a reasonable time from this date, the bond or its original value is not made good, endeavor by legal means to recover the same.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
 O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary.

Hon. G. N. FITCH,
Logansport, Indiana.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., August 8, 1865.

SIR: I have received your letter of the 31st ultimo. I am not aware that the statutes of Indiana contain a provision which authorizes me to give, as you suggest, a notice to the authorities of the State of the time and place of taking depositions to prove the loss of the bond in question. Without such a provision, the notice and the proofs taken pursuant thereto would be without binding effect. Another difficulty occurs to me. It is not alleged that the bond is destroyed, but simply mislaid or lost. The instrument belongs to that class of public securities which are transferrable by delivery; and, although lost after you took charge of it, may now be in the hands of a lawful holder, for value. If so, he, and not the original holder, is entitled to claim the contents thereon from the State.

In reply to your remark, that you do not perceive upon what ground you can be held responsible, I beg leave respectfully to refer you to my letter of the 6th ultimo. It states, I believe, with substantial accuracy, the circumstances under which the bond came into your possession. The failure, on your part, to return it on request, would seem conclusive as to your liability. I should, however, regret to be constrained, by a sense of public duty, to resort to legal measures for the enforcement of the rights of the Government. I sincerely trust, therefore, that a renewed inquiry and search will enable you to restore the bond to its proper custodian, and thus to relieve yourself and this Department from any further trouble on the subject.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
 JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary.

Hon. GRAHAM N. FITCH,
Logansport, Indiana.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., July 22, 1865.

SIR: As the legal custodian of the bonds referred to in my letter of the 6th instant, and in your reply of the 17th, I deem it to be my duty to say, that, as the records of this Department trace the bond named to your possession, I suppose it will also be my duty to hold you responsible for its value, unless returned, and to make an effort to collect it. This I should very much regret, and hope some mode may be devised to secure the fund from loss and you from trouble and inconvenience.

As a legal question, I do not think the State can compound with its creditors without their consent; the concurrence of the majority cannot bind the minority, and the United States, as trustee for these Indians, will be bound, as I think, in good faith, to collect principal and interest for the use of their wards.

Heretofore, a part of the interest has been recovered from the State, through the Treasury, by withholding money due it from the United States. I will try to recover the residue in the same way when opportunity may occur, should the State make no provision for the payment, as I am almost certain she would if the case were properly represented to the legislature.

I wish you would suggest some practicable means of restoring to the Department legal evidence of the liability of Indiana for principal and interest of said bonds, that you may no longer be annoyed with the matter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary.

Hon. GRAHAM N. FITCH,
Logansport, Indiana.

LOGANSFORT, INDIANA, July 31, 1865.

SIR: Yours of 22d instant is received. It is difficult to perceive upon what principle of right you can make an effort to hold me pecuniarily responsible for the missing bond. I neither purchased it on credit nor borrowed it. It was simply placed in my hands, by desire, as I understood, of the officer or officers having it with others in charge, for the purpose of having me make an effort to induce the Indiana State authorities to make arrangement for its payment.

In the prosecution of the effort the bond was lost. Its loss in no manner lessens the liability of the State, or probability of payment or account, for the loss can easily be proved. Indeed the proof, lacking only perhaps legal form, is now in the Interior Department. Although search for the bond has hitherto proved fruitless, I do not despair of yet finding it, but if not found, it appears to me the proper course for the Department is to give notice to the State authorities of its loss, and of intention on a day and at a place named to take proof of its loss. If this is done in my lifetime, there can be no difficulty whatever in the case, except such as arises from the refusal of the State to pay any of its class. If any are paid that one will be. I perfectly agree with you that the repudiation of its bonds by the State is wrong, and releases it in no manner from a moral obligation to pay, and I will cheerfully lend any aid in my power to induce an arrangement for that purpose, but shall doubtless be held excusable for declining to subject myself to the

same annoyance or a similar one, which followed my heretofore well meant effort to that end.

Very respectfully yours,

G. N. FITCH.

Hon. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., July 6, 1865.

SIR: On examining the papers relating to the Indian trust fund, under the care of this Department, I noticed your letter of December 27, 1860, to the then Secretary of the Interior. It appears from it, and a letter of the date of August 8, 1859, addressed by you to G. Bailey esq., as well as from a memorandum on file, that an Indiana State bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, forming a part of that fund, came into your possession in the year 1859, "for the purpose of copying a description, with a view of writing to the governor upon the subject of some arrangement for their payment."

In your letter of December 27, above referred to, you state that circumstances had prevented a search for the bond, as promised in your first letter, but that it would "be made at the earliest opportunity."

The Government, in its character as trustee, has the absolute and exclusive title to the bond, and should be in the possession of it, and I have therefore the honor to request that you will, at your earliest convenience, return it to this Department.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. HARLAN,
Secretary.

Hon. GRAHAM N. FITCH,
Logansport, Indiana.

LOGANSPORT, INDIANA, *August 8, 1859.*

DEAR SIR: Yours of 2d instant received. I have received a previous letter from you on the same subject, and owe you an apology for not having answered it. It was laid aside for a search for the bond, and amid a multiplicity of engagements forgotten.

I received the bond of you for the purpose of copying a description (this State having issued bonds for more than one fund,) with the view of writing to the governor upon the subject of some arrangement for their payment. It has become misplaced. I have, after a search to-day, failed to find it, but intend soon moving my library and papers into a new room preparing for the purpose, and will then overhaul every package and can scarce fail to find it. If successful in my search it will be immediately forwarded to you.

Respectfully yours,

G. N. FITCH.

G. BAILEY, Esq.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 27, 1860.*

SIR: Yours of yesterday is before me. You say "It is ascertained that a certain bond of Indiana State stocks of the issue of 1835 is miss-

ing from the number now in the custody of the Department. It has been represented to me by Mr. Bailey that he inclosed said bond to you for the purpose of receiving information as to whether the unpaid interest on the class to which it belonged would eventually be paid." And you add, "I should be pleased to receive at an early day any information you may have on the subject."

I remember the bond to which you doubtless allude, and the purpose for and circumstances under which my attention was called to it are, to the best of my recollection, as follows:

Two or three years since a clerk in your Department (Mr. Bailey) handed or inclosed me an Indiana State bond, which he informed me was one of a class belonging to the Indiana trust fund in charge of your Department, upon which bond that State had neglected or refused to pay interest, and asked my advice or opinion, as one of the Senators from Indiana and a member of the "Committee on Indian Affairs," relative to an application which he states you would make or had made to Congress, to appropriate for the benefit of the Indians a sum equal to the amount of the arrears of interest on the bonds, and direct suit to be brought on them against the State. Unwilling to believe that Indiana had repudiated any just bonds, and unwilling there should be any congressional action, or any suit relative to the matter if it could be amicably arranged otherwise, I stated a wish that such application for action or suit should be delayed, and that I would correspond relative to the matter with Governor Willard. Accordingly I described or inclosed (I do not remember which) the bond to Governor Willard, asking, in effect, an explanation of the non-payment of interest, and if some arrangement could not be made for its payment. His answer was, in substance, that the bond was of a class which the State had retired by what is known in Indiana as the "Butler bill," by which the Wabash and Erie Canal was exchanged for the bonds; that due notice had been given by the State to the holders to surrender them according to the provisions of that bill, and that the State therefore acknowledged no further liability upon the bonds. Discovering from the governor that no arrangement would be made by the State for payment, and that consequently the bond was valueless, I did not use that care I otherwise should have done to see that it was returned to the Department. Some months afterward the same clerk wrote in relation to it, at a time, as I state in my answer, (which answer must be on file in the Department,) when my library and papers were soon to be moved, after which a search would be made for it. Since that time the little importance I attached to it has prevented that search I then expected to make, and which will be made at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully yours,

G. N. FITCH.

Hon. JACOB THOMPSON,
Secretary of Interior.

WASHINGTON, December 28, 1860.

SIR: During the session of 1857-'58, application was made to Congress for an appropriation for the arrears of interest due on five per cent. stocks of the State of Indiana, held in trust for the Pottawatomie and other Indians. One of the bonds was, with your consent, delivered to the Hon. G. N. Fitch, to be used as a memorandum before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, of which he was a member. Dr. Fitch

mislaid the bond, and it has never been returned to the Department. I inclose a letter from Dr. Fitch, explaining the transaction, and request that it may be filed with this communication.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. BAILEY.

Hon. J. THOMPSON,
Secretary of the Interior.

C.

*Schedule of Indiana State bonds held by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States on account of Chickasaw Indians, and transferred to the Secretary of the Interior, under act of July 27, 1868.**

Numbers 1 to 100, inclusive, each \$1,000	\$100,000
Numbers 167 to 207, inclusive, each \$1,000	41,000
Total	<u>141,000</u>

Issued under the act of the general assembly of the State of Indiana entitled "An act to provide for a general system of internal improvements in Indiana," approved January 27, 1836. These bonds bear five per cent. interest and were issued at Indianapolis, July 1, 1836. Attached to each bond was 15 coupons of \$25 each, the first due January 1, 1850, and the last January 1, 1857.

Signed by commissioners.

D.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, November 5, 1868.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, from the Secretary of the Interior, of the following described bonds, held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of various Indian tribes, viz:

No. 1 to 100, inclusive, each \$1,000	\$100,000
No. 167 to 207, inclusive, each \$1,000	41,000
	<u>\$141,000 00</u>

Issued under the act of the general assembly of the State of Indiana entitled "An act to provide for a general system of internal improvements in Indiana," approved January 27, 1836. These bonds bear 5 per cent. interest, and were issued at Indianapolis, Indiana, July 1, 1836, and matured on the 1st of January, 1857. The accrued interest upon said bonds from July 1, 1849, to the 1st of November, 1868, amounts to

Total matured bonds and interest thereon	277,300 00
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(Of the above amount of accrued interest, \$52,875 is represented by fifteen coupons attached to each bond, the last of which matured January 1, 1857. The balance of said interest, to wit, \$83,425 accrued from January 1, 1857, to October 31, 1868.)

The Secretary of the Interior also holds in trust for certain Indian tribes the following described bonds, issued by the State on account of the Wabash and Erie Canal, loans of 1834 and 1835, to wit, sixty-nine coupon bonds of \$1,000 each, sixty-three of which were issued April 13, 1835, and fall due in 1875. The remaining six were issued July 1, 1836, and fall due July 1, 1836. Interest on said bonds at 5 per cent. has accrued since July 1, 1855, there being twenty-seven over-due coupons attached to each bond. The total amount of interest due to July 1, 1868, on said bonds, is

Amount of said two coupons	50 00
Total amount over due	<u>323,925 00</u>

I hereby request that an amount equal to the above amount, due the

* For the disposition of these bonds and coupons see statement D.

Secretary of the Interior by the State of Indiana, to wit, \$323,925, be withheld from any moneys due the State of Indiana by the General Government on account of war claims, and authorize and request the honorable the Secretary of the Treasury to cause said amount to be transferred to the credit of the honorable the Secretary of the Interior, and this will be a receipt in full to the United States Treasury Department from the State of Indiana for said sum of \$323,925.

CONRAD BAKER,
Lieutenant Governor, acting as Governor.

Hon. HUGH McCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

We approve the above:

T. B. McCARTY,
Auditor of State.
NATHAN KIMBALL,
Treasurer of State.
NELSON TRUSLER,
Secretary of State.
W. H. H. TERRELL,
Adjutant General of State.

E.

Statement in relation to the 3 per centum accruing to the State of Indiana from the sale of public lands.

From the 1st of December, 1816, to the 31st of December, 1856, (the date up to which the last settlement, No. 13,457, extended,) the amount found due and credited to the State of Indiana on account of the 3 per centum arising from the net proceeds of lands within her limits was \$620,352 92.

The following payments were made to said State up to 11th July, 1855, (the date of issue of the last warrant in favor of said State,) on account as above, viz:

18th March, 1820.....	\$10,000 00	1st June, 1836.....	\$25,500 00
28th February, 1822.....	32,629 46	25th August, 1836.....	34,000 00
7th April, 1823.....	17,857 84	31st October, 1836.....	35,500 00
25th February, 1824.....	11,462 73	17th February, 1837.....	24,300 00
3d March, 1825.....	10,798 09	1st June, 1837.....	19,200 00
5th May, 1826.....	7,176 97	29th September, 1837.....	13,950 00
17th March, 1827.....	7,352 54	16th May, 1838.....	16,000 00
20th February, 1828.....	3,459 19	23d March, 1839.....	18,530 00
1st May, 1828.....	5,428 56	26th May, 1840.....	23,709 20
26th June, 1829.....	8,902 11	19th November, 1842.....	4,808 15
27th April, 1830.....	14,226 83	29th November, 1842.....	3,497 25
18th March, 1831.....	2,957 57	20th December, 1848.....	23,050 00
7th January, 1832.....	14,550 84	9th January, 1849.....	50 00
2d April, 1832.....	8,019 63	11th July, 1849.....	47,699 53
29th September, 1832.....	12,687 34	4th March, 1854.....	31,144 14
12th July, 1833.....	19,903 07	14th March, 1854.....	1,228 14
23d November, 1833.....	8,172 40	20th October, 1854.....	1,822 59
4th April, 1834.....	11,933 13	17th January, 1855.....	1,867 39
28th March, 1835.....	9,940 37	11th July, 1855.....	1,346 80
17th June, 1835.....	14,458 15		
5th April, 1836.....	13,685 79		
30th May, 1836.....	47,500 00		
			620,305 80

Of the above amount, (\$620,305 80,) the following sums were covered into the Treasury by miscellaneous warrants in favor of the Treasurer, on account of interest on funds invested for the benefit of—

	Chickasaw Indians.	Certain Indian tribes.
During the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1849.....	\$1,000 00	\$22,100 00
During the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1850.....	45,949 53	1,750 00
During the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1854.....	17,072 28	15,300 00
During the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1855.....	289 98	3,400 00
During the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1856.....	50 00	1,296 80
	<u>64,361 79</u>	<u>43,846 80</u>

The sum of \$47 12 appears now to be due to said State of Indiana, on account of the 3 per centum, upon the books of this office.

N. L. JEFFRIES, *Register.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, REGISTER'S OFFICE,
August 21, 1868.

F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, January 20, 1855.

SIR: I have been informed by the Secretary of the Interior that the sum of \$1,750 due the State of Indiana on the three per cent. fund account has been detained by the Treasury Department to meet the interest due the 1st instant, on 70 five per cent. bonds of that State of \$1,000 each, held in trust by him for Indian tribes; and at his request I transmit herewith the 70 coupons of \$25 each, \$1,750, due on said bonds on the 1st instant, that they may be surrendered to the State, and the amount of money retained may be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the trust fund accounts, as follows:

	Stock.	Interest.
Chippewas, Ottawas, and Pottawatomies, (education) .	\$68,000	\$1,700
Incompetent Chickasaws	2,000	50
		<u>1,750</u>

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. MANYPENNY,
Commissioner.

ELISHA WHITTLESEY, Esq.,
First Comptroller Treasury Department.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, October 24, 1854.

SIR: In compliance with the request of the Secretary of the Interior, I inclose herewith to you 70 coupons of \$25 each, due the 1st day of July last, on \$70,000 Indiana five per cent. stocks, in order that the amount (viz, \$1,750) may be retained in the Treasury from the three per cent. fund due that State, and the coupons surrendered in lieu thereof.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. MANYPENNY,
Commissioner.

ELISHA WHITTLESEY, Esq.,
First Comptroller Treasury Department.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, March 6, 1854.

SIR: By direction of the Secretary of the Interior, 630 coupons, of \$25 each, amounting to \$15,750, due on \$70,000 five per cent. stocks, held in trust by him for Indian tribes, are herewith transmitted to you, to the end that the amount may be paid, and deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the proper trust fund accounts, as heretofore advised.

I have to request that you will furnish your receipt for them, in the name of the Secretary of the Interior.

These coupons, nine on account of each of 70 bonds, are payable on the 1st day of January and July, in each year, from the 1st day of January, 1850, to and including the 1st day of January, 1854.

Sixty-four of the bonds are numbered from 501 to 564, inclusive, and dated April 13, 1835.

Six are severally numbered, 565, 1355, 1356, 1357, 1823, and 1824, and dated July 1, 1836.

I would remark that the coupons cut from bond No. 565 do not bear the number of the bond on their face.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. W. MANYPENNY,
Commissioner.

E. WHITTLESEY, Esq.,
First Comptroller Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, July 16, 1849.

SIR: Your communication of the 12th instant, informing this Department that under the provisions of the joint resolution of Congress approved 3d March, 1845, the sum of \$1,750, part of the three per cent. fund which has accrued to the State of Indiana from the sales of public lands within her limits, has been applied to the payment of six months' interest, due the 1st instant, on \$70,000 Indiana five per cent. stock, held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior, for the time being, on Indian account, has been received. Wherefore I transmit herewith 70 coupons, as follows:

65, numbered from 501 to 565, inclusive, at \$25 each	\$1, 625 00
3, numbered from 1355 to 1357, inclusive, at \$25 each	75 00
2, numbered from 1823 to 1824, inclusive, at \$25 each	50 00

1, 750 00

The same to be forwarded to the proper officer of the State of Indiana, as evidence that the aforesaid amount of interest has been paid. Please to acknowledge the receipt of the coupons.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. EWING,
Secretary.

ELISHA WHITTLESEY, Esq.,
First Comptroller Treasury.

WAR DEPARTMENT, January 17, 1849.

SIR: Your two letters, dated 20th December, 1848, and 10th January, 1849, were received here in due course; from which it appears that under the joint resolution of Congress approved 3d March, 1845, the sum of \$23,100, being part of the three per cent. fund which has accrued

to the State of Indiana from the sales of public lands within her limits, from 1st December, 1816, to 31st December, 1847, has been withheld by the Secretary of the Treasury, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by said resolution, and applied to the payment of interest due by said State on her five per cent. stock held in trust by the Secretary of War, for the time being, on Indian accounts, as follows:

1½ year's interest on \$3,000, from 1st January, 1841, to 1st July, 1842	\$225
6 months' interest on \$71,000, from 1st July, 1842, to 1st January, 1843	1,775
2 years' interest on \$71,000, from 1st January, 1843, to 1st January, 1845	7,100
4 years' interest on \$70,000, from 1st January, 1845, to 1st January, 1849	14,000
Total amount of interest due and thus paid by Indiana, to 1st January, 1849	23,100

Wherefore, I have the honor to transmit herewith 924 coupons, of the State of Indiana, for \$25 each, \$23,100, to be forwarded by you to the proper officer of that State, as evidence of the payment of the above amount. Please to acknowledge their receipt.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. L. MARCY,
Secretary of War.

J. W. McCULLOCH,
First Comptroller of the Treasury.

WAR DEPARTMENT, July 27, 1843.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith 136 coupons for \$25 each, amounting to \$3,400, being twelve months' interest due 1st January, 1842, and 1st July, 1842, on \$68,000 Indiana State stock, held in trust by the Secretary of War, for the time being, for the Chippewas, Ottawas and Pottawatomies, (education.) This amount formed a part of the appropriation made by act Congress approved 31st August, 1842, of \$15,600 92 "to make good the interest on investments and State stocks, and bonds for Indian tribes not yet paid by the State, to be reimbursed out of the interest when collected." The United States having been reimbursed the aforesaid sum of \$3,400, by withholding it from Indiana's proportion of her distributive share of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, these coupons are now sent to you to be forwarded to the proper officer of the State of Indiana.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. M. PORTER,
Secretary.

J. W. McCULLOCH, Esq.,
First Comptroller of the Treasury.