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INTEREST DUE SENECA INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Estimate of appropriations to pay interest due Seneca Indians.

JANUARY 23, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 23, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 22d instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the estimate accompanying the same of appropriation required to pay the Seneca tribe of Indians the interest due on the sum of \$40,000, as provided in the treaty of February 23, 1867, with said tribe and other bands of Indians, from June 18, 1868, to November 1, 1871.

The sum required to pay said interest is \$6,733 33.

The subject is fully explained in the Commissioner's letter, to which I respectfully invite the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWAN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. JAS. G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 22, 1872.

SIR: By the first article of the treaty of February 23, 1867, (Stat. at Large, vol. 15, p. 513, &c.,) made with the Senecas and other tribes of Indians, the Senecas ceded twenty thousand acres of land to the United States, for which the Government agreed to pay \$20,000 upon the ratification of the treaty; and, by the second article, they made a further cession of about thirty thousand acres, for which they were to receive the sum of \$24,000. The sixth article of the treaty provided that of the last-named sum \$4,000 should be paid to the Senecas immediately after the ratification of the treaty, and that the balance thereof, \$20,000,

should be consolidated with the \$20,000 provided to be paid by the first article, the whole to be invested at 5 per cent. interest, payable to the tribe, *per capita*, semi-annually.

The two items of \$20,000 and \$24,000 were appropriated in 1869, (Stat. at Large, vol. 16, p. 34,) and the sum of \$4,000 was duly taken from the last-named item and used as provided in said sixth article, leaving the sum of \$40,000, on which, by the terms of the treaty, interest at the rate of 5 per centum was to be paid to the tribe, *per capita*, semi-annually. This sum of \$40,000, however, remained in the Treasury, no interest thereon having been paid to the Indians, until the 7th day of December, 1871, when it was drawn from the Treasury and invested in United States stocks, the interest on which, at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, commenced to accrue on the 1st day of November, 1871.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Senecas are entitled to interest on the sum of \$40,000, from June 18, 1868, the date of the ratification of said treaty, to November 1, 1871, the date from which interest on said stocks commenced to accrue, amounting, in the aggregate, to \$6,733 33.

I inclose herewith an estimate of an appropriation required to be made to pay the amount due the Senecas, as aforesaid, and respectfully recommend that the same be submitted to Congress for its action.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriation required to pay the Seneca tribe of Indians the interest due on the sum of \$40,000, as provided in the treaty of February 23, 1867, with said tribe and other bands of Indians, from June 18, 1868, to November 1, 1871.

For this amount to pay the Seneca Indians the interest due on the sum of \$40,000, held in trust for them, as per treaty of February 23, 1867, from June 18, 1868, the date of the ratification of said treaty, to November 1, 1871, the date when interest on stocks purchased with said sum of \$40,000 commenced to accrue..... \$6,733 33