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PONCA INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RELATION TO

An appropriation for supplies and transportation furnished the Ponca Indians.

FEBRUARY 11, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 7, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, dated the 4th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing accounts amounting in the aggregate to \$1,438 85, being for supplies and transportation furnished the Ponca Indians.

The articles for which the accounts are rendered appear to have been purchased by Mr. William Welsh, of Philadelphia, last fall, during a visit to the Poncas, whom he found in a destitute condition.

Under the circumstances as stated by the Commissioner, and agreeably to his recommendation, I invite the attention of Congress to the subject, with a view to such action by that body as may be deemed proper.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

HON. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 4, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith accounts of Henry Troemer, \$32; Underwood & Co., \$1,082 18; and Milton Tootle & Co., \$324 67, amounting in the aggregate to \$1,438 85, for supplies and transportation furnished the Ponca Indians, left at this office for payment on the 2d instant by William Welsh, esq.

Mr. Welsh, it is understood, visited these Indians last fall, and finding them in a destitute condition, purchased the articles named in said vouchers on his own responsibility, and without any authority from this office. The amount of funds on the books of this office to the credit of

the Poncas that is applicable to the payment of subsistence, &c., is \$3,396 52. There are also estimates in this office, submitted by the agent for said Indians, to the amount of \$5,504 50, for the purpose of carrying on the expenses of the Indian service at the Ponca agency up to the 1st of July next, and as the amount on hand will have to be used for this purpose, I respectfully recommend that the vouchers submitted by Mr. Welsh be submitted to Congress for such action as that body may deem proper and advisable.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

THE UNITED STATES to HENRY TROEMNER, PHILADELPHIA,	DR.
October 15, 1870.	
To 1 coffee-mill.....	\$30 00
Boxing.....	1 00
Express from New York.....	1 00
Total	<u>32 00</u>

PONCA AGENCY, D. T., January 19, 1871.

I certify that I have received the above-stated articles, viz, one coffee-mill for the benefit of the Ponca Indians, and that the account as stated above is just and true.

HENRY E. GREGORY,
United States Indian Agent.

[In triplicate.]

THE UNITED STATES to MILTON TOOTLE & Co., SIOUX CITY,	DR.
1870.	
To 1,015 pounds beef tallow, at 10 cents.....	\$101 50
2 boxes	1 00
5 barrels	4 50
freight by steamer Ida Reese, 1,185 pounds, gross, at 1½ cents.....	17 77
freight on 110 cases lard, 8,250 pounds.....	123 75
railroad freight on lard from Chicago.....	74 25
river insurance on 5 barrels tallow.....	1 20
railroad freight from Philadelphia on 1 mill for making wheat grits...	3 70
Total.....	<u>324 67</u>

PONCA AGENCY, DAKOTA TERRITORY, January 19, 1871.

I certify that I have received the articles as stated above, for the use and benefit of the Ponca Indians, and that the account for freight is just and correct.

HENRY E. GREGORY,
United States Indian Agent.

[In triplicate.]

THE UNITED STATES to UNDERWOOD & Co., CHICAGO,	DR.
1870.	
Nov. 2. To 110 cases refined lard, 6,690 pounds net, at 16 cents.....	\$1,070 40
charges, (in Chicago)	11 78
	<u>1,082 18</u>

PONCA AGENCY, January 19, 1871.

I certify that I have received the above-stated articles, viz, 110 cases refined lard, for the benefit of the Ponca Indians, and that the account as stated above is just and true.

HENRY E. GREGORY,
United States Indian Agent.

[In triplicate.]

SIoux CITY, IOWA, December 5, 1870.

DEAR SIR: Inclosed find statement of your account to date, accompanied with following vouchers:

Our invoice for 7 packages tallow	\$104 00
Receipt for freight paid on 110 cases lard from Chicago to this place.....	74 25
Four bills lading covering 110 cases lard and 2 cases tallow, on which I paid freight from here to Ponca	129 75
One bill lading covering 5 barrels tallow shipped on Ida Reese to Ponca, on which I paid freight.....	11 75
River insurance on same.....	1 20
Receipt for freight paid on 1 mill from Philadelphia to Sioux City, and sent by stage to J. W. Cook	3 70
And for freight paid on 6 cases hardware from same place to Sioux City.....	26 00
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These vouchers show for what purposes I have paid the money debited to you. I had hoped to get returns from the different agencies for the 5 cases mills left with us to be forwarded. When the teams return I will pay the freights and report to you.

Very truly,

JOHN H. CHARLES.

WILLIAM WELSH, Esq.,
Care of S. & W. Welsh, Philadelphia.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, December 1, 1870.

Mr. WILLIAM WELSH bought of MILTON TOOTLE & Co., wholesale dealers in groceries, liquors, and provisions, corner Pearl and Second Streets.

Nov. 9. 2 boxes tallow, 327 pounds, net, at 10 cents.....	\$32 70
2 boxes	1 00
Nov. 11. 5 barrels tallow, 688 pounds, net, at 10 cents.....	68 80
5 barrels	1 50
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	104 00

Charged to account.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, November 12, 1870.

[C] JOHN H. CHARLES TO W. A. ELIOT & Co., Dr.
For charges on 110 cases lard for Ponca agency

\$74 25

Received payment,

W. A. ELIOT & CO.

DR.

William Welsh in account with Milton Tootle & Co.

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1870.					
Nov. 9	To merchandise.....	\$33 70	Dec. 5.	By our draft.....	\$350 65
11	To merchandise.....	70 30			
12	To freight paid on lard from Chicago to St. Louis	74 25			
17	To freight paid on 110 cases lard and 2 cases tallow.....	129 75			
19	To freight paid on 5 barrels tallow	11 75			
	To insurance on 5 barrels tallow shipped on Ida Reese, No. 2..	1 20			
Dec. 5	To paid freight on 1 mill, delivered to Mr. Welsh for J. W. Cook, by express ..	3 70			
5	To paid freight on 6 cases hardware	26 00			
		350 65			350 65

E. & O. excepted.

JNO. H. CHARLES.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, December 5, 1870.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, November 12, 1870.

Shipped in good order and condition by Milton Tootle & Co., on board the good steamboat Ida Reese, No. 2, the following packages or articles, marked or numbered as below, which are to be delivered without delay, in like good order and condition, at Ponca agency (unavoidable dangers of the river and fire only excepted) unto Major W. H. Hugo, or to his assigns, he or they paying freight for said goods at the rate of \$1 50 per 100 pounds, payable by John H. Charles, and charges none:

Marks.	Articles.	Weight.	Advanced charges.	Rate.	Total freight and charges.
Major W. H. Hugo, Ponca agency.....	5 barrels tallow.	<i>Pounds.</i> 785	\$1 50	\$11 75

Insured for \$80, at 1½ per cent.

A. D. RODIFER, *Clerk.*

M. TOOTLE & CO.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, November 9, 1870.

Received, in apparent good order and condition, by Michael Myers, of W. A. Eliot & Co., for account and at the risk of whom it may concern, the following articles as here marked and described, to be delivered in like order and condition, as addressed on the margin, or to his or their assigns or consignees, upon paying the freight and charges as noted below, the dangers of navigation, fire, and explosion excepted.

In witness whereof, the said Michael Myers hath affirmed to two bills of lading of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished the other to stand void.

C in diamond; Ponca agency; 31 cases lard; weight, 2,230; advanced charges, none; rate, \$1 50 per 100 pounds; for Major Hugo.

Freight paid by John H. Charles, on the original bill properly received.

WM. H. HUGO,

First Lieutenant United States Army, and Indian Agent.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, November 9, 1870.

Received, in apparent good order and condition, by William Myers of W. A. Eliot & Co., for account and at the risk of whom it may concern, the following articles as here marked and described, to be delivered in like order and condition, as addressed on the margin, or to his or their assigns or consignees, upon paying the freight and charges as noted below, the dangers of navigation, fire, and explosion excepted.

In witness whereof the said Williams Myers hath affirmed to two bills of lading of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished the other to stand void. Advanced charges.

C in diamond, Ponca agency, 40 cases lard, weight, 3,000 pounds; advanced charges, none; \$1 50 per 100 pounds; for Major Hugo.

Freight paid by John H. Charles, on the original bill being properly receipted.

WM. H. HUGO,

First Lieutenant United States Army, Indian Agent.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, November 9, 1870.

Received, in apparent good order and condition, by Stephen Coleman of W. A. Eliot & Co., for account and at the risk of whom it may concern, the following articles as here marked and described, to be delivered in like order and condition, as addressed on the margin, or to his or their assigns or assignees, upon paying the freight and charges as noted below, the dangers of navigation, fire, and explosion excepted.

In witness whereof the said Stephen Coleman hath affirmed two bills of lading of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished the other to stand void.

C in diamond, Ponca agency, 39 cases lard, weight, 3,020 pounds; advanced charges, none; rate, \$1 50 per 100 pounds; for Major Hugo.

Freight paid by John H. Charles, on return of this bill properly receipted.

WM. H. HUGO,

First Lieutenant United States Army, Indian Agent.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, November 9, 1870.

Shipped in good order and condition, by Milton Tootle & Co., on board the good wagon Steve Coleman, the following packages or articles, marked or numbered as below, which are to be delivered without delay, in like good order and condition, at Ponca agency, (unavoidable dangers of the river and fire only excepted,) unto Major Hugo or to his assigns, he or they paying freight for said goods at the rate of \$1 50 per 100 pounds and charges:

Two cases tallow, weight, 400 pounds; advance charges, none; rate, \$1 50 per 100 pounds; for Major Hugo, Ponca agency.

STEPHEN COLEMAN.

Freight to be paid by John H. Charles, on return of original bill properly receipted. Received the above in good order and condition.

WM. H. HUGO,

First Lieutenant United States Army, Indian Agent.