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LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN ANSWER TO

A Senate resolution of January 10, 1876, transmitting information in relation to captive Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Kiowa, and Comanche Indians.

JANUARY 13, 1876.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 12, 1876.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following resolution, passed by the Senate January 10, 1876:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be requested to report to the Senate what amounts have been expended under the appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars for the support, education, and civilization of three thousand captive Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Kiowa, and Comanche Indians: for what purposes the money has been spent; to whom it has been paid, and whether any Indians have received the benefit of said expenditures.

In answer to said resolution, I transmit herewith copy of communication, dated the 11th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the statement therein referred to.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
Z. CHANDLER,

Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., January 11, 1876.

SIR: In compliance with Senate resolution of the 10th instant, asking "What amounts have been expended under the appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars for the support, education, and civilization of three thousand captive Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Kiowa, and Comanche Indians; for what purpose the money has been spent; to whom it has been paid, and whether any Indians have received the benefit of said expenditures," I have the honor to forward herewith a statement, taken from the records of this Office, from which it appears that payments to the amount of seventy-seven thousand four hundred and

2 CHEYENNE, ARAPAHOE, KIOWA, AND COMANCHE INDIANS.

seventy-eight dollars and fifty seven cents (\$77,478.57) have been made from this appropriation for the purposes and to the persons shown therein, and that no other claims to the amount of twenty-one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and ninety-six cents (\$21,829.96) have been passed by this Office, and are still waiting action by the Treasury Department.

To so much of the Senate resolution as inquires whether any Indians have received the benefit of such expenditures, I have to say that this Office has no reason to suppose that these expenditures have been made without benefit to the Indians for whom the appropriations were made.

The Senate resolution is herewith respectfully returned.

I have the honor to be, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. Q. SMITH,
Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Statement showing the amounts that have been expended of the appropriation of \$300,000 for the support, education, and civilization of three thousand captive Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Kiowa, and Comanche Indians.

Date of payment.	To whom paid.	For what paid.	Amount.
1875.			
March 23	J. P. C. Shanks.....	Advances as special commissioner	\$3,500 00
April 6	Chronicle Publishing Company.....	Publishing advertisement.....	104 50
7	Republican Publishing Company.....	do.....	76 50
12	C. F. Larrabee, special agent.....	Advances for the expenses of captive agency.....	15,000 00
July 7	Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company.....	Telegrams.....	29 78
21	J. W. L. Slavons.....	Beef-cattle.....	32,380 03
Aug. 7	J. P. C. Shanks.....	Advances as special commissioner.....	1,500 00
28	Western Union Telegraph Company.....	Telegrams.....	98 52
Sept. 2	Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company.....	do.....	9 74
13	War Department.....	Subsistence at Fort Marion, Florida.....	443 88
21	do.....	Subsistence at Saint Augustine, Fla.....	20,416 46
24	Western Union Telegraph Company.....	Telegrams.....	76 86
24	War Department.....	Subsistence at Kiowa agency.....	3,139 71
29	do.....	do.....	191 64
Oct. 8	Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company.....	Telegrams.....	18 92
12	Western Union Telegraph Company.....	do.....	18 80
Nov. 23	do.....	do.....	35 89
Dec. 17	Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company.....	do.....	22 47
24	War Department.....	Subsistence at Fort Marion, Florida.....	414 79
	Total.....		77,478 57

The following accounts have been allowed by this Office but not passed by Treasury:

War Department.....	Transportation of prisoners.....	}	\$10,272 95
Do.....	Subsistence at Fort Marion, Florida.....		471 14
Do.....	Subsistence at Saint Augustine.....		419 04
Do.....	Subsistence at Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency.....		406 11
Total.....			10,569 24
			21,829 96