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CERTAIN CALIFORNIA INDIAN WAR BONDS.

JUNE 4, 1897.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, to accompany Mr. Stewart's amendment to H. R. 13, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. STEWART presented the following

LETTERS RELATIVE TO CERTAIN CALIFORNIA INDIAN WAR BONDS, ISSUED IN CONFORMITY WITH STATE ACT OF MAY 3, 1852.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECOND AUDITOR,
Washington, D. C., April 27, 1897.

SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of the 22d instant, relative to certain California Indian war bonds (and interest thereon), issued in conformity with State act of May 3, 1852.

In reply I have the honor to inform you that the records of this office show that the bonds mentioned, viz: Nos. 84, 183, and 194, for \$500 each, and bond No. 220, for \$1,000, were redeemed and canceled by the United States, with interest from the several dates of issue of said bonds to January 1, 1854, by Treasury settlements No. 2817 and No. 2827 of September 18, 1856. These settlements included coupons No. 1 and No. 2 on all the bonds (representing interest to January 1, 1854).

Subsequently, by settlement No. 695 of July 26, 1895, interest was allowed on coupon No. 3 of bond 220 to August 25, 1854, leaving balance of interest unpaid on this coupon of \$24.33. The appropriation for such purpose having been entirely exhausted, no further allowance for interest could be made, and coupons Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of bonds 84, 183, and 194, respectively, representing interest from January 1, 1854, and coupons Nos. 4 and 5 of bond No. 220, representing interest from January 1, 1855, were returned to Capt. John Mullan August 27, 1895, as per his request.

This office is not aware of any valid reason why interest should not be paid upon the described bonds to dates of redemption by the United States in case the necessary funds are made available by Congress.

Respectfully, yours,

T. STOBO FARROW, *Auditor.*

HON. WILLIAM M. STEWART,
United States Senate.

UNITED STATES SENATE,
Washington, D. C., April 22, 1897.

SIR: I respectfully request to be duly informed upon the matters as follows, to wit:

First. Were California Indian war bonds Nos. 84, 183, 194, for \$500

each, and No. 220, for \$1,000 (act of California, May 3, 1852), ever paid by the United States; and if so, at what dates were same so paid?

Second. Were any coupons pertaining to each of said bonds, representing interest earned thereon from the dates of the issue of each thereof, also paid by the United States; and if so, what coupons (by numbers) were so paid, and at what dates were said coupons so paid by the United States, and up to what date did said coupons (which were so paid) represent interest?

Third. Were coupons Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of said bonds Nos. 84, 183, 194, and 220 ever paid by the United States; and if not so paid, is there any valid reason why same should not be paid by the United States in case the necessary funds are made available by Congress; and provided further, that said bonds were not paid by the United States prior to September 1, 1856; and provided still further, that said coupons represent interest earned on and by said bonds from January 1, 1854, continuously to September 1, 1856, inclusive? Your very early (and, if possible, immediate) reply hereto will oblige,

Yours, very truly,

WM. M. STEWART.

The AUDITOR FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT,
United States Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

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