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ALLOTING OF LANDS TO WICHITA INDIANS.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

STATING,

IN RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION OF JUNE 1, 1897, THAT  
BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT THE WORK OF ALLOTTING  
LANDS TO THE WICHITA INDIANS WAS, ON THE 5TH INSTANT,  
SUSPENDED.

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JUNE 7, 1897.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be  
printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, June 7, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from  
the President, of a resolution of the Senate, dated 1st instant, in the  
following words:

That the right to compensation on the part of the Wichita and affiliated bands of  
Indians for their possessory right in and to the lands ceded to the United States by  
said Indians, under the agreement made and entered into between said Indians and  
the United States at Anadarko, in the Indian Territory, on the 4th day of June, A.  
D. 1891, should be considered and adjusted at the same time and by the same tribunal  
which shall determine the alleged claim of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in  
and to said lands, and that the President is hereby requested to suspend the allot-  
ments to said Indians now in progress until the compensation to be allowed and paid  
to said Indians for the lands in excess of allotments shall be finally determined.

In response, you are advised that by the direction of the President  
the work of allotting lands to the Wichita Indians was, on the 5th  
instant, suspended.

Very respectfully,

O. N. BLISS,  
*Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.