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SENATE.

#### ALLOTTING OF LANDS TO WICHITA INDIANS.

### LETTER

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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOE, 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 afiiliated bands of Indians for their possessory right in and to the lands coded 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 allotments 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,

C. N. BLISS, Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.