

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING STATEMENTS SHEWING

The Application and Expenditure

OF THE SUM OF

THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS,

Appropriated by an act of Congress, passed the 11th April, 1820, for the purpose of holding treaties with the Creek and Cherokee tribes of Indians.

JANUARY 22, 1822.

Read, and ordered to lie upon the table.

WASHINGTON:

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DEPARTMENT OF WAR,

January 21, 1822.

SIR: In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives, dated the 16th inst. directing the Secretary of War to report to that House whether the whole of the sum of thirty thousand dollars, specifically appropriated by an act of Congress, passed the 11th April, 1820, for the purpose of holding treaties with the Creek and Cherokee tribes of Indians has been expended, if not, what part has, and whether any part of said sum is yet subject to be appropriated according to the terms of said act, and, also, in what manner, and for what purposes, said sum has been expended," I have the honor to inclose a report of the Second Auditor, with statements marked A and B, which furnish the information required.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

J. C. CALHOUN.

Hon. PHILIP P. BARBOUR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Second Auditor's Office, January 1822.

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the United States, under date of the 16th instant, requiring the present state of the appropriation of thirty thousand dollars, under an act of Congress, passed the 11th April, 1820, for the purpose of holding treaties with the Creek and Cherokee tribes of Indians, I have the honor to transmit you, herewith enclosed, an abstract marked A, of the expenses incurred, and an account current with the commissioners engaged in carrying the same into effect, marked B, shewing the amount of expenditures, in what manner expended, and for what purposes. From this account, it appears that they have refunded to the Treasurer of the United States (and which now stands to the credit of the aforesaid appropriation) the sum of five thousand three hundred and five dollars, leaving a balance against the commissioners of three thousand dollars, being the amount advanced by them to Charles Bullock, under a contract for furnishing provisions for such Indians as were expected to have been present at the treaty. This sum remains suspended until the actual expense sustained by the United States, under said contract, shall be ascertained. I am in daily expectation of information on this subject, which, when received, shall be immediately communicated.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. LEE.

The Hon. the *Secretary of War.*

ABSTRACT of disbursements by D. Meriwether and D. M. Forney, Commissioners for treating with the Creek and Cherokee tribes of Indians, under the act of the 11th April, 1820.

| DATE OF PAYMENT. | NO. OF VOUCHERS. | PAYMENTS, TO WHOM MADE. | NATURE OF THE DISBURSEMENT. | AMOUNT. |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 9th January, 1821 | | Creek nation | Payment in hand, in part of the cession of land obtained by the treaty, in which document the receipt of the money is acknowledged - - - - - | 10,000 |
| | | Creek Chiefs | Charge made for so much cash distributed as presents to them, but of which there is no other evidence than the certificate of the Commissioners - - - - - | 10,000 |
| | 1 | Peter Donaldson | Paid him for the expenses of the chiefs during the treaty - - - - - | 480 |
| | 2 | ditto | Paid him for board, lodging, &c. of the Commissioners during the treaty, from 20th December, 1820, to 9th January, 1821 - - - - - | 384 |
| | 3 | D. M. Forney | For 19 days services as Commissioner, at 8 dollars per day; 28 days travelling out and home, at 8 dollars per day, and expenses travelling - - - - - | 440 |
| | 4 | D. Meriwether | For 21 days as Commissioner, 7 days going and returning, and travelling expenses - - - - - | 236 |
| 7th December, 1820 | 5 | Wm. Meriwether | For 21 days' services as secretary, at 5 dollars per day; 7 days travelling; expenses and stationery - - - - - | 155 |
| | 6 | Charles Bullock | So much advanced him on account of furnishing supplies for Indians, which supplies amount only to \$115 57; all the papers in relation to this transaction are on file with voucher 6, and are herewith furnished for the decision of the Secretary of War - - - - - | 3,000 |
| | | | Deduct the last item, by order of the Secretary of War, (a) - - - - - | 3,000 |
| | | | | Dollars, 24,695 |
| | | | | Dollars, 21,695 |

(a) Should this item be admitted, the Secretary will be pleased to give such directions in relation to it as he may think proper.

A true copy.

WILLIAM LEE, Auditor.

B.

Holding Treaty with the Creek and Cherokee Tribes of Indians, per act of 11th April, 1820.

DR.

D. Meriwether and D. M. Forney, Indian Commissioners, in account with the United States.

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| 1820. Dec. 23. | To Warrants on the Treasurer: For a warrant, No. 3,109, on account - - - | 30,000 | | By Warrants in favor of the Treasurer: For amount of warrant No. 324, refunded the Treasurer of the United States - - - | 5,305 |
| | | | | By appropriation for holding a treaty with the Creek and Cherokee tribes of Indians, per act of 11th April, 1820: For amount disbursed by them at Indian Spring, in De- cember, 1820, and January, 1821, for a cession of land; for presents to the Chiefs; for their own pay and expenses, as Commissioners, and of William Me- riwether, as secretary; for expenses of the Chiefs, &c. per abstract and vouchers, allowed by the Secretary of War - - - | 21,695 |
| | | | | Balance due the United States - - - | 3,000 |
| | | Dolls. 30,000 | | | Dolls. 30,000 |
| | To Balance due the United States, per contra - - | 3,000 | | | |

SECOND COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,

December 19, 1821.

Examined by

JOSEPH HINKLEY.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Second Auditor's Office, December 19, 1821.

A true copy.

JAMES EAKIN.

WILLIAM LEE, Auditor.