

TREATIES WITH MIAMIES AND POTTAWATOMIE INDIANS.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Amended estimates from the Secretary of the Interior of appropriations for fulfilling treaties with Miamies of Eel River and Pottawatomies of Huron.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
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SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, of the 6th instant, submitting amended estimates of appropriations for "Fulfilling treaties with Miamies of Eel River," and for "Fulfilling treaties with Pottawatomies of Huron," in lieu of those submitted for these objects on pages 143 and 145 of the Book of Estimates for 1889, respectively.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. FAIRCHILD,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 6, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copy of a letter of 3d instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inviting attention to certain items of appropriation in the Book of Annual Estimates required for the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, pages 143 and 145, viz, fulfilling treaty with Miamies of Eel River, \$1,100, and fulfilling treaty with Pottawatomies of Huron, \$400; and recommending in view of the reduced numbers of these Indians, the small amount of the annual appropriation, the very trifling per capita share received by each person, and the comparatively great expense required to disburse the fund yearly, that it will be more economical to the Government and more beneficial to the Indians to capitalize these small annuities and make one payment thereof; he further reports that the Indians are anxious to have such a final settlement, and he therefore submits in his letter

the necessary amended estimates to take the place of those above cited, amounting in the case of the Miamies of Eel River to \$22,000, and in the case of the Pottawatomes of Huron to \$8,000, which are respectfully forwarded herewith as required by law (23 Stats., 254) for presentation to Congress.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

WM. F. VILAS,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 3, 1888.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the Book of Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, pages 143 and 145, in which will be found the following estimates of sums required to fulfill treaty stipulations with the Miamies of Eel River and Pottawatomes of Huron, namely:

Fulfilling treaty with Miamies of Eel River:

Permanent annuity, in goods or otherwise, per fourth article, treaty of August 3, 1795 (7 Stats., 51).....	\$500
Permanent annuity, in goods or otherwise, per articles of treaty of August 21, 1805 (7 Stats., 91).....	250
Permanent annuity, in goods, or otherwise, per third and separate articles, treaty of September 30, 1809 (7 Stats., 114)	350
Total	1,100

Fulfilling treaty with Pottawatomes of Huron:

Permanent annuity, in money, or otherwise, per second article, treaty of November 17, 1807 (7 Stats., 106)	\$400
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The two tribes named are very much reduced in numbers, the first named numbering about twenty-nine and the latter about eighty souls. The annual payments are so small and the per capita share received by each person so trifling, that, in my opinion, it would be wise economy to make a final settlement with these Indians, by paying in one payment their capitalized annuities, thus saving to the Government considerable expense for making these annual payments and giving the Indians enough at one time to be of some substantial benefit to them. The Indians themselves are anxious to have such settlement, and I respectfully recommend that the estimates for these Indians, now before Congress, be amended by striking out the items above quoted, and in lieu thereof that the following be inserted, to wit:

Fulfilling treaties with Miamies of Eel River:

This amount to be paid per capita to the Miamies of Eel River, being in full of all demands, under their treaties with the United States dated August 3, 1795, August 21, 1805, and September 30, 1809	\$22,000
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Fulfilling treaties with Pottawatomes of Huron:

This amount to be paid per capita to the Pottawatomes of Huron, being in full for the permanent annuity, in money or otherwise, guarantied to them under the second article of treaty dated November 17, 1807	8,000
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The matter is submitted for the approval of the Department and for reference to the Congress through the honorable the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully,

J. D. C. ATKINS,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.