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NEZ PERCÉ INDIAN RESERVATION IN IDAHO.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A draught of a bill making appropriation for the purchase of certain improvements on the Nez Percé Indian reservation in Idaho.

FEBRUARY 10, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., January 27, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 26th instant, upon the subject of the payment of certain parties for damages sustained by loss of improvements, on account of being removed from the Nez Percé reservation in Idaho.

A draught of a bill providing for an appropriation (to the amount of \$6,500) to pay said parties is also herewith transmitted.

The subject is respectfully presented for the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO.

Secretary.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

AN ACT making appropriation for the purchase of certain improvements on the Nez Percé Indian reserve in Idaho.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That there be, and hereby is, appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to enable the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to purchase, in his official capacity, for the use and benefit of the Nez Percé tribe of Indians, with their consent, certain improvements within the limits of the Nez Percé reservation, in the Territory of Idaho, made by or belonging to D. B. Randall and W. A. Caldwell, respectively: Provided, That the sum herein appropriated shall be re-imbursed to the United States from the amount of the last of twenty installments to be appropriated in fulfillment of the provisions of the fifth article of the treaty with the Nez Percés, concluded June 11, 1855, for the employment of one superintendent of farming and two farmers, two millers, two blacksmiths, one tinner, one gunsmith, one carpenter, and one wagon and plow maker.