

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON, February 7, 1882. }

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by your reference of the 14th inst., of a communication dated the 11th ult., from the Cherokee delegates, wherein they ask that an estimate be submitted to Congress for principal and interest due the Cherokee Nation, under the sixteenth article of the treaty of 1866 (14 Stat. 804), for lands lying west of the Arkansas river, \$500,000 of the amount to be invested under the act of April 1, 1881, as a perpetual school fund, and the remainder to be placed to the credit of the Cherokee Nation, subject to the action of the National Council.

In your reference indorsement upon this communication, you request to be furnished with all information in this office showing what payments have been made in any way to the Cherokee Indians, or for their benefit, for the lands, or any of them, mentioned in the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, which accompanies the communication of the delegates above referred to.

In reply I have to state, that of the lands west of the Arkansas river mentioned in the sixteenth article of the treaty of 1866, there has actually been "sold and occupied" the following quantities, viz.:

	ACRES.
To the Pawnees	230,014.04
To the Poncas	101,894.31
To the Nez Perces	90,710.89
To the Otoes and Missouries	129,113.20
Total	551,732.44

By the deficiency act of June 16, 1880, (21 Stat. 248), an appropriation of \$300,000 was made, "to be paid into the treasury of the Cherokee Nation, out of the funds due said nation, for its lands in the Indian Territory west of the Arkansas river." . . .