

RESERVATION TO RED BEAR, CHIEF OF CHIPPEWAS.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

A reservation made to Red Bear, chief of the Chippewas, by provisions of ninth article of the treaty of October 2, 1863.

MARCH 8, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., March 7, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 5th instant, together with the accompanying letter of United States Indian Agent E. P. Smith, in charge of the Chippewa agency, in Minnesota, relative to a reservation made to Red Bear, chief of Chippewas, by provisions of the ninth article of the treaty of October 2, 1863.

By the said article the reservation referred to was to have been located on the north side of the Pembina River.

For the reasons stated by the Commissioner, and in view of his recommendation, the inclosed draught of a bill, authorizing Red Bear to make selection for his reservation on both sides of the said river, as indicated by the plat accompanying the papers, is respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., March 5, 1872.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copy of a letter bearing date the 19th ultimo, received from United States Indian Agent E. P. Smith, in charge of the Chippewa agency, Minnesota, giving a state-

ment of the case of Red Bear, a Chippewa chief, to whom a reservation of six hundred and forty acres of land was made by the ninth article of the treaty of October 2, 1863, with the Red Lake and Pembina bands of Chippewa Indians, such land to be located on the north side of the Pembina River.

Agent Smith states that Red Bear desired to locate his land near the mouth of the Pembina River, but that before he could secure his reservation by making application in proper form, portions of the land selected by him had been taken by settlers, until now there is no section in a body remaining unentered, on the north side of the Pembina River, for a long distance from its mouth.

Red Bear has therefore made selection of a section, well adapted to his wants, lying on both sides of the Pembina River, but as the provision in the treaty limits the location of his selection to the north side of the river, the agent recommends, in view of the good character and friendly disposition always manifested toward the whites by Red Bear, that legislation be asked of Congress authorizing him to make selection of his reservation on both sides of the river, as indicated on the plat accompanying the letter of Agent Smith.

I concur in the recommendation of the agent, and herewith inclose a draught of a proposed bill for the relief of Red Bear, which I respectfully suggest be laid before Congress with a recommendation for its passage.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner.

The Honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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