

Acting Superintendent Indian Affairs
 Detroit March 30th 1841

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I have included in this estimate the unexpended balance of the debt fund of the same tribes. Its subject appears to have dwelt more constantly on their minds, for a year or two past. They have introduced it, at several of the general councils held with them, at the time of their being assembled to receive their annuities, & notwithstanding an extraneous influence which has been brought to bear upon them, & produce excitement in reference to this point, they appear, even since the close of the first payments under this fund in 1836, to have labored under a fear that they should lose the money. It is, perhaps, owing to this fear, that they have been more willing to listen to demands of other claimants upon it, if not more ready in admitting them, to a participation in it. The principal part of these supplementary claims were reported from this office on the 18th Oct. 1837, & this occasion is one, which justifies me, in adding, that they have expressed dissatisfaction at the course adopted by your predecessor in the late office respecting these claims, which were referred to a gentleman of N. Y. City, quite ignorant of these claims, & subject to great influences, & allowances & disallowances introduced by him, without consulting the Indians on the subject, & contrary to the judgment of the Agent, whose aid to the Indians in the examination of the claims, is alone contemplated & expressed by the 5th Article of the treaty.

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I have the honor to be Sir, &c. &c.
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Statement of Annuities & loans required to fulfil treaty obligations in the Dept. of Michigan.

Date of treaty	Period of annuity	Amount	In what required to be paid, or how expended.	Amount of annuity	Amount of loan	Amount of special payment	Remarks
March 27th 1826	20 years.	\$ 30,000.00	— Grain	1,000.00	\$ 29,000.00		
"	"	5,000.00	— Education, teachers and books.				
"	"	3,000.00	— Medicine	1,000.00			
"	5 years, or more.	300.00	— Medicine, water, medicine & physicians		300.00		
"	20 years	2,000.00	— Medicine		2,000.00		
"	"	975.00	— Flour		975.00		
"	"	350.00	— Salt		350.00		
"	"	750.00	— Fish barrels		750.00		
"	20 years, or more.	13,660.00	— Medicine; Gunsmith & tools.		13,660.00		
"	10 years, or more.	12,800.00	— Flour and medicine		12,800.00		
"	"	1,050.00	— Ammunition and fuel.		1,050.00		
"	10 years.	500.00	— For fuel.		500.00		
"	5 years.	12,800.00	— Interest on annuities.		12,800.00		
"	"	"	— Compensation awarded by treaty provisions				
"	"	"	— Balance due from the 15th Oct. 1816, 5th Oct.				
"	"	"	— Great party of 1841, balance owing to the Indians				
"	"	\$ 82,365.00	— Balance of Supplement to 1841 article.				
August 5, 1818, Treaty of Congress.		\$ 1,000.00	— Education of Chippewa youth.	\$ 1,000.00			
August 3, 1795, Permanent		\$ 1,000.00	— Grain				
From 1795	Or.	800.00	— Do				
System 23, 1817	Or.	1,000.00	— Do				
"	Limited	2,000.00	— Agriculture, seeds & cattle.				
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