

Washington April 1st 1856

Mr. Lewis

Secretary of War

After the President having expressed his  
views respecting the propriety of further limitations upon some of the  
provisions of the treaty of the 28th of March, I have caused the  
draft to be made, and concluded a supplemental article, which  
I have the honor to submit for his approval.

The effect of the article, upon the payment of the Indian  
debt will be to outlaw all the claims of the Indians, com-  
prehending a period of 16 years. No claims are due beyond  
the period, it is not intended, by the Indians, to admit new  
debt subsequent to it, without specific & determined  
authorization to the Commissioner. It is thus with, as  
individually & collectively expressed to me, that every just  
debt should be paid, and the tribes released from  
those claims. But they are desirous, at the same  
time, that a most searching should be applied  
to the Commissioner, in carrying into effect the

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provision contained in the first article "for preventing  
the allowance of unjust claims." On this subject  
they have fully expressed their sentiments, appreciating  
the kind feelings of the President (which it has been  
to be fully interpreted to them) and adding, as it is ex-  
pressed in the supplemental article, that, if there be  
any excess of the fund, it may be used for the  
benefit of the children.

I am sir,

With much respect,

Yr. Obedt. Servant

Henry R. Schoolcraft

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Washington April 1, 1836

Hon Lewis Cass

Secretary of War

Sir:

The President having expressed his wishes respecting the propriety of further limitations upon some of the provisions of the treaty of the 28th of March, have called the Chiefs together, and concluded a supplemental article, which I have the honor to submit for his approval.

The effect of this article, upon the payment of the Indian debts, will be to outlaw all the oldest class of claims, comprehending a period of 16 years. By excluding all debts beyond this period, it is not intended, by the Indians, to admit all debts subsequent to it, without careful and discriminate examination to the commissioner. It is their wish as individually and collectively expressed to me, that every just debt should be paid, and the tribes relieved from these claims. But they are desirous, at the same time, that a rigid scrutiny should be applied by the commissioner in carrying into effect the provision contained in the fifth article "for preventing the allowance of unjust claims". On this subject they have fully expressed their sentiments, appreciating the kind feelings of the President (which I have caused to be fully interpreted to them) and asking, as it is expressed in the supplemental article, that, if there be any excess of the fund, it may be (looks like) vested for the benefit of their children.

I am Sir,

With much respect,

Your Obt Servant

Henry R. Schoolcraft

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