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FROM
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

In response to a resolution of May 14, 1890, information in regard to the alleged non-fulfillment of the treaty with the Chippewa Indians.

MAY 29, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, May 27, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following resolution of the Senate:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to investigate and report to the Senate, as soon as practicable, into the alleged facts of the non-fulfillment of the fourth article of the treaty with the Chippewas at La Pointe, Wis., September 30, 1854, wherein it was stipulated that the reservation for the Fond du Lac band should embrace the following boundaries: "Beginning at an island in the St. Louis River, above Knife Portage, called by the Indians Paw-paw-sco-me-me-tig, running thence west to the boundary line heretofore described, thence north along said boundary line to the mouth of Savannah River, thence down the St. Louis River to the place of beginning." And if said tract shall contain less than 100,000 acres, a strip of land shall be added on the south side thereof large enough to equal such deficiency; and

Whereas when the survey was made it was grossly inaccurate, diminishing the stipulated reservation many thousands of acres; the amount taken from the Indians was sold by the Government as public lands, thus depriving, as is alleged, the Indians of a large and valuable part of their reservation. (See Ex. Doc. 247, page 24, Fifty-first Congress, first session, House of Representatives.)

In response thereto I transmit herewith copy of a communication of 24th instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and accompanying papers, to whom the matter was referred.

These papers give a full history of the matter, and show that the present area of the reservation is more than 100,000 acres.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, May 24, 1890.

SIR: I have honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, transmitting for investigation and report a resolution of the Senate of the United States of the 14th instant, as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to investigate and report to the Senate, as soon as practicable, into the alleged facts of the non-fulfill-