

Com. Ind. Affairs,
April 14, 1856.

Can make no remittance to pay counsel
employed to defend Beam's rights. will
ask Congress to appropriate the amount,
failing which will include with Contingencies
for 1856-7.

Received May 5, 1856.

Gave a copy to Gov. Drew to send to
Mr. Dolson, May 5, 1856.

Department of the Interior.
Office Indian Affairs
April 14th 1856.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th February last, requesting a remittance, to pay the Counsel employed in the case of "Beau's Negroes," is received.

In reply I have to state, that the balance of the "Contingent fund" remaining in the Treasury, will all be required to pay ordinary liabilities for the present fiscal year, and therefore cannot for the present respond to your request.

I would further remark however, that it is in contemplation to request of Congress a special Appropriation to defray the expenses of Counsel employed in this case; and if that course is not successful, these expenses

so far as they may be deemed reasonable
by the Department, will be a charge on the
appropriation for "Contingencies" that may be
made for the service of the fiscal year 1856-7.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant,

Wm. May
Commissioner

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