

Trustees

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American Baptist Home Mission Rooms,
New York Dec. 1. 1873.

Rev. Robert Atkinson, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Ottawa
University,

Dear Brother,

I address you on behalf of the Committee of the Home Mission
Board, appointed to effect a settlement in respect to the affairs
of Ottawa University.

The Committee held a meeting on Friday last, & pre-
suming that by this time Judge Emory has returned from the East, &
that the Board can therefore hold meetings for business, the Committee
would respectfully urge the importance of proceeding as rapidly as
possible with the remaining items of the settlement.

By the terms of the settlement the 1280 acres of land were
to be patented immediately to your Board, that your Board
might proceed to select & dispose of these lands, "so far as may be
necessary to pay its expenses, including such bills of expenses as
may be presented by the Home Mission Society."

Subjoined you will find these bills of expenses. Comparing
them with the claims placed upon the Commission, you will ob-
serve that the sum of \$420.47, incurred in expenses by the Society

prior to the attempts to secure remedial legislation, has not been included in the accounts now submitted.

The Committee are aware that the lands cannot now be disposed of without sacrifice, & if it would be more agreeable to your Board, would accept an equitable part of the land itself in satisfaction of their claims. The Committee are as desirous as your Board can be to have these claims arranged in such manner as shall be most economical, & promote the earliest & most successful establishment of the school.

They are anxious moreover to accomplish as early as practicable, the final disposition of the 640 acres with the school building. They would respectfully suggest therefore the early enlargement of your Board by the election of the persons nominated by the State Convention, so that that part of the negotiation may be entered upon. The Committee have no interest apart from the interest of the school, & will be most happy to cooperate in placing it on permanent foundations by a completed title to the property.

I am directed by the Committee to ask that they may hear from you at an early day.

Yours very truly,
J. S. Cutting.

The Committee of the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society respectfully submit the following as their claims for expenses in the settlement of the affairs of Ottawa University.

Expended in the travelling & other expenses of S. S. Cutting in journey to Kansas, in several journeys to Washington, & in his stay in that city on this business 494.24

Expense incurred by the Society in the services for 6 months of S. S. Cutting, Secretary of the American Baptist Educational Commission, it being his salary for that time assumed 1,500.00

Expense incurred in travelling expenses to Kansas, & for services as counsel, of A. B. Capwell 700.00

Paid for postage & telegraphs 22.70

Paid travelling expenses of Dr. Cutting 20.00

Expense incurred by the Society in services of S. S. Cutting since March 5, 1870, including negotiations for settlement under Act of Congress, preparation of case for Commission, journeys to & from Washington, Lake Champlain, Boston & Kansas, & in final settlement, it being so much of his salary assumed 1,000.00

Travelling & other expenses of S. S. Cutting including journey to Kansas 96.83

\$ 3,835.77

From Home Mission
Committee on Atlantic Union
by Dr Cutting with Bill
Rendall for Special &c.
Dec 6 1873

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