

that this long delayed payment will be made within the next twelve months.

Hon. G. W. Stidham also visited Washington in behalf of certain Reservees of land under the same treaty, and which they were forced to abandon in 1836, by the Government of the United States, on account of the Hostilities of a portion of the people. Provision however was made by an Act of Congress of March 3d, 1837, for the sale of these lands and the proceeds paid to the Claimants. Others have been sold and I understand the proceeds are in the Treasury of the United States, while others are yet unsold. And though Mr Stidham presented these claims to the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, called his attention to the Treaty under which these reservations were made, the law of 1837, providing for their sale and the proceeds to be paid to the claimants, the Hon. Commissioner plead a press of business, and want of time to examine, and present them to congress, consequently no action was had, but the Hon. Comr. indicated a willingness to examine them during the recess of congress preparatory to future action.

I would call your attention to the necessity of some legislation to prevent the postponement of suits in our courts without reasonable grounds. As it is, Attorneys or parties at suit urge a plea of want of readiness and have cases postponed from time to time as often as they desire. While jurors and