

their annuity would increase yearly  
 according to the amount realized from  
 the sales of land and timber on  
 the Island, I beg to state that  
 the revenues derivable from the  
 sale of land and timber have been  
 invested and the interest thereon  
 paid to the Indians. The cost, however,  
 of the surveys made of the lands  
 and some of that incurred in making  
 roads constructed with a view to  
 facilitate the sale of the lands,  
 were chargeable and charged against  
 the fund, and consequently their  
 interest has been proportionately  
 reduced. Another cause of the re-  
 duction in the amount received by  
 the Indians arises from the rate  
 of interest allowed by the Govern-  
 ment having been reduced from  
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