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ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES—SERVICE OF THE INTERIOR
DEPARTMENT.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMUNICATING

Additional estimates for the service of that Department.

DECEMBER 15, 1854.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
December 14, 1854.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith, supplemental estimates of funds required for the service of this department for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1856, based upon information received since the regular annual estimates, heretofore presented, were made up and laid before Congress.

These funds, it will be perceived, are needed for the Indian service, and for surveying the public lands upon the Pacific coast and in remote territories of the country, from which it was impossible to receive such intelligence as to enable the department to take any definite action respecting them at an earlier day.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
R. McCLELLAND,
Secretary.

Hon. LINN BOYD,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Supplemental estimate of appropriations required for the service of the Department of the Interior, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856.

Object of appropriation.	Amount of estimate.	Aggregate.	Am't of last appropriation
Amount of former estimates brought forward.....		\$5, 189, 128 32	
WASHINGTON TERRITORY.			
For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in Washington Territory.....	\$30, 000 00		\$15, 000 00
For the expenses of adjusting difficulties and preventing outbreaks among the Indians in Washington Territory prior to, and during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856	10, 000 00	40, 000 00	
CALIFORNIA.			
For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in California, embracing expenses of travel of the superintendent and agents....	28, 850 00		25, 000 00
For the pay of physicians, smiths, carpenters, and agricultural and mechanical laborers on the reservations.....	54, 300 00		
For defraying the expenses of continuing the removal and subsistence of Indians in California to three military reservations, in accordance with the plan submitted by the Superintendent of Indian Affairs of that State, and approved by the President.....	125, 000 00	208, 150 00	200, 000 00
OREGON.			
For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in Oregon Territory.....	10, 000 00		10, 000 00
For adjusting difficulties and preventing outbreaks among the Indians in Oregon Territory.	10, 000 00		10, 000 00
For expenses of insurance and transportation of annuities payable to Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon	3, 000 00		3, 000 00
For payment of the liabilities incurred for the Indian service in Oregon, under the supervision of the late superintendent Dart	10, 000 00	33, 000 00	15, 000 00
NEW MEXICO.			
For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the Territory of New Mexico		25, 000 00	25, 000 00
UTAH.			
For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the Territory of Utah.....		20, 000 00	20, 000 00
TEXAS.			
For compensation to three special agents and four interpreters for the Indian tribes of Texas, and for the purchase of presents		15, 000 00	15, 000 00
For running and marking the boundary line between the United States and the republic of Mexico, under the treaty concluded at the city of Mexico on the 30th December, 1853.....		71, 450 00	168, 130 00

ESTIMATE—Continued.

Object of appropriation.	Amount of estimate.	Aggregate.	Am't of last appropriation
For surveying the public lands and private land claims in California, including office expenses incident to the survey of claims, and to be disbursed at the rates prescribed by law for the different kinds of work	\$150,000 00	-----	\$300,000 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in California, purchase of instruments, records, drawing materials, furniture, fuel, pay of messengers.....	18,000 00	\$168,000 00	18,300 00
For continuing the surveys of standard parallels in Oregon, over the coast range of mountains to the Pacific, estimated at one hundred and fifty miles	3,000 00	-----	5,000 00
For surveying township and subdivision lines in Oregon Territory, at a rate not exceeding twelve dollars per mile.....	25,920 00	-----	65,490 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in Oregon, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses	3,000 00	31,920 00	3,000 00
For surveying township and subdivision lines in Washington Territory, at a rate not exceeding twelve dollars per mile.....	30,000 00	-----	65,490 00
For office rent for the surveyor general of Washington Territory, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses.....	3,000 00	33,000 00	5,000 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in New Mexico, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses.....	3,000 00	-----	3,000 00
For compensation of a translator in the office of the surveyor general of New Mexico.....	2,000 00	5,000 00	
For surveying the necessary base, meridian standard, parallels, and section lines, in Kansas and Nebraska; also, outlines of Indian reservations	54,000 00	-----	50,000 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in Kansas and Nebraska, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses.....	6,000 00	60,000 00	6,000 00
For continuing the survey of the Keys off the coast of Florida by the officers of the coast survey, per act of June 23, 1848.....	30,000 00	-----	20,000 00
For continuing the survey of the islands off the coast of California, per act of August 31, 1852	40,000 00	70,000 00	30,000 00
		5,969,648 32	

SUPPLEMENTAL.

Comparative exhibit of estimates submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Interior.

Object of appropriation.	Amount of the present estimate.	Amount of the last appropriation for a similar object.	Excess of present estimate over last appropriation.	Excess of last appropriation over the present estimate.
Aggregate amount of estimates heretofore submitted.....	\$5, 189, 128 32	\$5, 602, 831 82	\$1, 014, 129 88	\$1, 427, 833 38
WASHINGTON TERRITORY.				
* For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in Washington Territory..	30, 000 00	15, 000 00	15, 000 00	.....
* For the expenses of adjusting difficulties and preventing outbreaks among the Indians in Washington Territory prior to and during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856	10, 000 00	.....	10, 000 00	.....
CALIFORNIA.				
* For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in California, embracing expenses of travel of the superintendent and agents	28, 850 00	25, 000 00	3, 850 00	.....
* For the pay of physicians, smiths, carpenters, and agricultural and mechanical laborers in the reservations	54, 300 00	.....	54, 300 00	.....
For defraying the expenses of continuing the removal and subsistence of Indians in California to three military reservations, &c.....	125, 000 00	200, 000 00	.....	75, 000 00
OREGON.				
For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in Oregon	10, 000 00	10, 000 00	.....	.....
For adjusting difficulties and preventing outbreaks, &c.....	10, 000 00	10, 000 00	.....	.....
For expenses of insurance and transportation of annuities.....	3, 000 00	3, 000 00	.....	.....
For payment of liabilities incurred under the supervision of the late superintendent Dart	10, 000 00	15, 000 00	.....	5, 000 00

NEW MEXICO.			
For the general and incidental expenses of the Territory.....	25,000 00	25,000 00	-----
UTAH.			
For the general and incidental expenses of the Territory.....	20,000 00	20,000 00	-----
TEXAS.			
For compensation to three special agents and four interpreters.....	15,000 00	15,000 00	-----
For running and marking the boundary line between the United States and Mexico— treaty December 30, 1853	71,450 00	168,130 00	96,680 00
For surveying public lands and private land claims in California, including office ex- penses.....	150,000 00	300,000 00	150,000 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in California.....	18,000 00	18,300 00	300 00
For continuing the surveys of standard parallels in Oregon over the coast moun- tains, &c.....	3,000 00	5,000 00	2,000 00
For surveying township and subdivision lines in Oregon.....	25,920 00	65,490 00	39,570 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in Oregon.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	-----
For surveying township and subdivision lines in Washington Territory, at \$12 per mile.....	30,000 00	65,490 00	35,490 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in Washington Territory	3,000 00	5,000 00	2,000 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in New Mexico	3,000 00	3,000 00	-----
For compensation of a translator in surveyor general's office in New Mexico	2,000 00	-----	2,000 00
For surveying the necessary base, meridian standard, parallels, and section lines in Kansas and Nebraska; also out-lines of Indian reservations	54,000 00	50,000 00	4,000 00
For rent of surveyor general's office in Kansas and Nebraska	6,000 00	6,000 00	-----
For continuing the survey of the keys on the coast of Florida	30,000 00	20,000 00	10,000 00
For continuing the survey of the islands off coast of California	40,000 00	30,000 00	10,000 00
For expenses of negotiating treaties with Indians in Oregon.....	-----	68,000 00	68,000 00
For expenses of negotiating treaties with Indians in Washington.....	-----	45,000 00	45,000 00
For expenses of negotiating treaties with Indians in Utah.....	-----	45,000 00	45,000 00
For expenses of negotiating treaties with Apache, Navajoe, and Utah Indians of New Mexico	-----	30,000 00	30,000 00
For expenses of holding a council with Blackfeet, Grosventres, and other wild Indians of Washington Territory.....	-----	80,000 00	80,000 00

* See papers accompanying letter of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs herewith.

EXHIBIT—Continued.

Object of appropriation.	Amount of the present estimate.	Amount of the last appropriation for a similar object.	Excess of present estimate over last appropriation.	Excess of last appropriation over the present estimate.
For presents, &c., to Pueblo Indians in New Mexico.....		\$10,000 00		\$10,000 00
For expenses of making necessary selections and surveys of land to accommodate Indians within State of Texas		86,430 00		86,430 00
For surveying standard parallel and meridian lines in Washington Territory.....		10,000 00		10,000 00
For surveying the necessary base meridian, standard parallels, townships, and section lines in New Mexico.....		30,000 00		30,000 00
	\$5,969,648 32	7,084,671 82	\$1,123,279 88	2,238,303 38
		5,969,648 32		1,123,279 88
Making an aggregate reduction in the estimates of.....		1,115,023 50		1,115,023 50

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, November 28, 1854.

SIR: Referring to the estimates from this office transmitted to you on the 24th October last, I have now the honor to submit for your approval, and transmission to Congress, supplemental estimates, items Nos. 1 to 12 inclusive, of appropriations required for the Indian service during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856, in the States of California and Texas, and the Territories of New Mexico, Utah, Oregon, and Washington.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
GEO. W. MANYPENNY, *Commissioner*.

Hon. R. McCLELLAND, *Secretary of the Interior*.

Supplemental estimates.

No.	Estimates.	Amount.	Remarks.
WASHINGTON TERRITORY.			
1	For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in Washington Territory.	\$30,000	<i>Items 1 and 2.</i> —These estimates, as to amount, are the same as submitted by the governor of Washington Territory. In regard to the second item, Gov. Stevens remarks that since March, 1854, sundry expenditures have been incurred by him for the adjustment of difficulties, which do not seem to be properly chargeable to the general expenses of the service, and to meet these and similar expenses during this fiscal year this estimate is submitted.
2	For the expenses of adjusting difficulties and preventing outbreaks among the Indians in Washington Territory prior to and during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856.	10,000	
CALIFORNIA.			
3	For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in California, embracing expenses of travel of the superintendent and agents, &c.	28,850	<i>Items 3, 4, and 5.</i> —These items are based on detailed estimates submitted to the department by Superintendent Henley.
4	For the pay of physicians, smiths, carpenters, and agricultural and mechanical laborers on the reservations.	54,300	
5	For defraying the expenses of continuing the removal and subsistence of Indians in California to three military reservations, in accordance with the plan submitted by the superintendent of Indian affairs of that State, and approved by the President.	125,000	
OREGON.			
6	For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in Oregon Territory.	\$10,000	<i>Items 6, 7, 8, and 9.</i> —In the absence of estimates for this year by the superintendent of Indian affairs in Oregon, estimates for the same amounts as were appropriated for the same objects for the last year are submitted
7	For adjusting difficulties and preventing outbreaks among the Indians in Oregon Terr'y.	10,000	

ESTIMATES—Continued.

No.	Estimates.	Amount.	Remarks.
8	For expenses of insurance and transportation of annuities payable to the Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon.	\$3,000	
9	For payment of the liabilities incurred for the Indian service in Oregon, under the suspension of the late superintendent Dart.	10,000	On the removal of the late superintendent for Oregon, and even before that event, it was discovered that there were outstanding claims in Oregon against the Indian department to a considerable amount. The present superintendent, Palmer, has allowed accounts to the amount of \$6,524 77, up to the 30th June last, of this nature, and reports that there are others justly due. He recommends that an appropriation be made to pay such as are not yet paid, and to reimburse the general expense fund of that Territory for such as he has liquidated heretofore from that fund.
NEW MEXICO.			
10	For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the Territory of New Mexico.	25,000	<i>Item 10.</i> —In the absence of estimates from the governor of New Mexico, an estimate is submitted for the same amount as was appropriated for the same object for the last fiscal year.
UTAH.			
11	For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the Territory of Utah.	20,000	<i>Item 11.</i> —The same remark is applicable here as in regard to the foregoing estimate for the service in New Mexico.
TEXAS.			
12	For compensation to those special agents and four interpreters for the Indian tribes of Texas, and for the purchase of presents.	15,000	<p><i>Item 12.</i>—Since the preparation of my annual report I have learned that the selections and surveys of land for reservations to colonize the Indians of Texas have been completed, but the surveys and field-notes, with the surveyor's report, have not yet been received, and it is not yet known whether they will be approved and the Indians removed to the reservations.</p> <p>The department is, therefore, as yet unprepared to decide whether any amount will be required to be appropriated for the fiscal year for continuing the removal of the Indians, or for sustaining the reservations.</p> <p>It may hereafter become necessary to submit an estimate for the object indicated. At present it is deemed most proper to ask for the appropriation heretofore usually made for Indian purposes in Texas.</p>

GEO. W. MANYPENNY, *Commissioner.*

FORT CLARK, TEXAS, November 1, 1854.

SIR: The report which accompanied my estimate for running the new boundary line between the United States and Mexico, expressed the belief that it would be sufficient to complete the running of the line. For reasons not anticipated at that time, and given below, I am compelled to change this opinion :

1. The storm in Matagorda bay and on the coast of Texas, which has delayed us for upwards of a month, and thereby greatly increased our expenses; by this delay we will be thrown on the plains in the winter, and will have our stock of animals so crippled as to make it necessary to suspend operations for several months in order to refit and replace it. My expectation of reaching the mild Pacific slope, west of the Del Norte, before the season of the northers, is entirely frustrated.

2. The yellow fever which raged with so much violence on our southern coast, did not permit us to escape its malign influence; and the bills for medical services and other incidental expenses have been largely increased.

3. The worn-out condition of the animals, and the almost total decay of other property, of the old boundary commission, upon which I counted largely for transportation. This state of things exists not from neglect, but from effects of time. In truth, the rigors of the two last campaigns have so unfitted our stock of animals for any further service, that even with light loads, slow travel, and full forage, their condition remains unimproved.

In view of these circumstances, I deem it prudent to correct my former statement, and, in order to meet these unexpected demands, have the honor to request an additional sum of \$71,450, for the following purposes :

For the purchase of 150 mules, at \$60.....	\$9,000 00
For the purchase of 30 horses, at \$100.....	3,000 00
For one-half forage for the above animals, at prices of the country, inclusive of transportation.....	16,450 00
For camp and garrison equipage.....	3,000 00
For pay of officers, laborers and teamsters, for 8 months, period of time necessary for the prolongation of the work, consequent upon various delays, &c.....	24,000 00
For subsistence, transportation, commutation of rations, &c.	16,000 00
Total.....	71,450 00

And I ask for this sum at this time, because of the necessity of having that amount appropriated at the coming session; any action of the subsequent Congress will be too late: the work before then must be either closed or suspended.

Respectfully submitted by your obedient servant,

W. H. EMORY,

United States Commissioner.

Hon. ROBERT McCLELLAND,
Secretary of the Interior.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, *December 4, 1854.*

SIR: On the 19th of October last I had the honor of submitting to you an estimate of appropriations necessary for surveying the public lands, &c., during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856, with the exception of the surveying districts of California, Oregon, New Mexico, Washington, Kansas, and Nebraska.

Since that period, estimates have been received from the surveyors general of California, Oregon, and New Mexico; and although none have been received from Washington Territory, nor from Kansas and Nebraska, I deemed it requisite to estimate for those surveying districts, and to present them to you as proposed to be submitted to Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN WILSON, *Commissioner.*

Hon. R. McCLELLAND, *Secretary of the Interior.*

Estimate of appropriations required for surveying public lands for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1856.

Object of appropriation.	Amount.
1. For surveying the public lands and private land claims in California, including office expenses, incidental to the survey of claims, and to be disbursed at the rates prescribed by law for the different kinds of work, in addition to the unexpended balances of former appropriations for the same objects	\$150,000 00
2. For rent of the surveyor general's office in California, purchase of instruments, records, drawing materials, furniture, fuel, pay of messengers, &c., in addition to the unexpended balance of former appropriations...	18,000 00
3. For continuing the surveys of standard parallels over the coast range of mountains to the Pacific, in Oregon, estimated for 150 miles at the rate of \$20 per mile	3,000 00
4. For surveying township and subdivision lines in Oregon Territory, at a rate not exceeding \$12 per mile	25,920 00
5. For rent of the surveyor general's office in Oregon, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses	3,000 00
6. For surveying township and subdivision lines in Washington Territory, at a rate not exceeding \$12 per mile	30,000 00
7. For office rent of the surveyor general of Washington Territory, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses	3,000 00
8. For rent of the surveyor general's office in New Mexico, fuel, books, stationery, and other incidental expenses	3,000 00
9. For compensation of a translator in the office of the surveyor general of New Mexico	2,000 00
10. For surveying the necessary base meridian, standard parallels, township, and section lines in Kansas and Nebraska; also for surveying outlines of Indian reservations, including incidental expenses of the surveyor general's office	60,000 00
11. For continuing the survey of the Keys off the coast of Florida, under the act of June 28, 1848	30,000 00
12. For continuing the survey of the islands off the coast of California, under the act of August 31, 1852	40,000 00
Total	367,920 00