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LETTER
FROM
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
SUBMITTING
Additional estimates for the Indian service in the northern district of California.

FEBRUARY 5, 1863.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FEBRUARY 4, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication of the 27th ultimo, and accompanying copy of a letter of George M. Hanson, superintending agent northern district of California, submitting additional estimates of appropriation necessary to be made for the Indian service in said district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864.

The estimate is submitted for the favorable consideration of Congress.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, Secretary.

Hon. GALUSHA A. GROW,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, January 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter of the 27th instant from Geo. M. Hanson, superintending agent, submitting an estimate of additional appropriation necessary to be made for the Indian service in the northern district of California, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864.

In submitting the regular annual estimate for that year I was governed by the appropriation made by Congress for that service for the current year, which had been largely reduced from the estimate, but which the late Secretary of the Interior declined to increase, preferring to leave to the agent the demonstration of the actual necessity for whatever increase of service they should require.

I fully indorse the estimate of Agent Hanson for an additional appropriation of $23,050, and should you concur therein, I respectfully recommend its transmission to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Repre-
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Senates, with a view to such action thereupon as Congress may deem expedient.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. P. DOLE,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. P. USHER, Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, January 27, 1863.

Sir: I have carefully noted your estimates for the Indian service in the northern district of California for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, and knowing, as I do, that the service will suffer irreparable loss except the amount be somewhat increased, and also an additional amount allowed for necessary employees on the several reservations, which has been entirely omitted for the last two years, I beg leave to submit to your consideration the following several estimates in addition to those you have already made, which, I think, you will at once see is indispensable to the service, even in view of the "strictest economy," which you very properly enjoin, viz:

For the removal of Indians, transportation of goods, purchase of clothing and blankets, farming tools, teams, hogs, milk and beef cattle. $10,000
One additional supervisor .................................................. 1,500
Three head farmers, $750 each ............................................ 2,250
One additional laborer ...................................................... 600
Six female teachers, $200 each ........................................... 1,200
Three blacksmiths, $750 each ............................................ 2,250
Three carpenters, $750 each ............................................ 2,250
Three physicians, $1,000 each ........................................... 3,000

In addition to your estimates ............................................ 23,050

Should the reservations, as I have recommended, be reduced to two, viz: Round valley and Smith River valley for the northern district, and Mendocina and Nome Lackee sold; the services of at least one-third of the employees can be dispensed with, but until that is done they are all, as at present, necessary to the service.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

GEO. M. HANSON,
Superintending agent of Indian affairs,
northern district of California.

Hon. WM. P. DOLE,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.