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SALARIES OF INDIAN AGENTS.

L E T T E R

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RECOMMENDING

An increase in the salaries of certain Indian agents in Nevada and Utah Territories.

FEBRUARY 21, 1863.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
February 20, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter of the 17th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, recommending that the attention of Congress be invited to the subject of increasing the salaries of two of the Indian agents in Nevada and Utah Territories to fifteen hundred dollars per annum, that being the rate of compensation usually paid to officers of that grade.

Concurring with the Commissioner in the views he expresses in relation to the subject, I recommend that the necessary appropriation be made to effect the object contemplated.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, *Secretary.*

Hon. GALUSHA A. GROW,

Speaker House of Representatives, Washington.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office Indian Affairs, February 17, 1863.

SIR: It has been represented to this office that the present rate of salary (\$1,000 per annum) paid to two of the United States Indian agents in Nevada and in Utah is, in consequence of the unusual exorbitant prices prevailing in those Territories for even the ordinary necessities of life, entirely inadequate to the support of such agents.

It is, in my judgment, doubtful if men competent to discharge the duties of these offices can longer be procured at the present rate of compensation. I therefore respectfully recommend that the attention of Congress may be directed

to this subject, and that the salaries of the agents named may be increased to the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, that being the rate of compensation usually paid to agents of like grade in other portions of the country, and being the sum paid to one of the agents in Utah.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. P. DOLE, *Commissioner.*

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