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ESTIMATES FOR CHIPPEWA TREATY, 1863.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Estimates of amount to carry out the stipulations of the Chippewa treaty of March, 1863.

APRIL 27, 1864.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., April 26, 1864.

SIR: I transmit herewith a copy of a letter dated the 22d instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to a treaty made with the Chippewas of the Mississippi on the 11th day of March, 1863, and the amendments thereto as made by the Senate.

It must be evident to Congress that, because of the inadequacy of the sums specified in the amendments, this department cannot execute the various stipulations of the treaty; hence, additional estimates have been submitted by the Indian Office, which, in the opinion of the Acting Commissioner, will be necessary to effect the objects contemplated by the treaty, and understood by the Indians; and I have the honor to present the subject to Congress, and recommend that it receive the favorable consideration of that body.

A copy of a communication from the superintendent of Indian affairs (enclosures and estimates) accompany this letter.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, *Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, April 26, 1864.

SIR: Having carefully examined the treaty made with the Chippewas of the Mississippi of March 11, 1863, in connexion with the amendments thereto, it is found that the amounts specified in the amendments are wholly inadequate to

enable this department to execute the various stipulations of the treaty in relation to purchase of property, building houses, clearing and ploughing land, and hire of employes.

I cannot believe that in adopting the amendments to the treaty it was intended that its beneficial provisions should thereby be defeated, and conclude that some misapprehension as to their effect must have existed.

Herewith I submit an estimate for the additional amounts that, in my opinion, will be necessary to carry into effect the treaty as understood by the Indians, and as, I think, justice to them requires, and respectfully request that in case the same meets with your approval it may be laid before Congress, with a recommendation that the amounts thereof be appropriated in addition to the amounts heretofore estimated for.

A copy of a communication from Superintendent Thompson, and of its enclosure, showing the necessity for the appropriation now sought, is enclosed, to be considered in connexion herewith.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CHARLES E. MIX,
Acting Commissioner.

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

WASHINGTON, *April 19, 1864.*

SIR: I herewith transmit letter and estimate of Agent Morrill for carrying out the treaty with the Chippewas of the Mississippi, and the Pillager and Lake Winnebagoshish bands of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota, concluded March 11, 1863. By referring to article 12 of said treaty, you will observe that "it shall not be obligatory upon the Indians, parties to this treaty, to remove from their present reservation until the United States shall have first complied with the stipulations of articles 4 and 6 of this treaty, when the United States shall furnish them with all necessary transportation and subsistence to their new homes, and subsistence for six months thereafter;" and by referring to H. R. 240, a bill making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, &c., you will see that the amount proposed to be appropriated by that bill will not carry out the design of the treaty, neither in complying with the stipulations of articles 4 and 6 of said treaty, nor furnishing the Indians "with all necessary transportation and subsistence to their new homes, and subsistence for six months thereafter." Therefore, in order to carry out the design of this treaty and remove the Indians, I deem it absolutely necessary to ask for further appropriations.

I have examined Agent Morrill's estimates, and believe them to be as low as will accomplish the object. The estimate for agency buildings would be sufficient to erect suitable agency buildings for the Red Lake and Pembina Indians, as well as the Indians parties to the above treaty, provided said buildings are properly located and built together.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CLARK W. THOMPSON,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Hon. WM. P. DOLE,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith estimates for carrying out the treaty of the 11th March, 1863, with the Mississippi and Pillager bands of Chippewa Indians. These estimates are in addition to those based upon the amendments to said treaty, but they are considered necessary to carry the treaty into effect, as originally framed and finally understood by the Indians. The treaty stipulates that these Indians will not be removed until the United States shall have first fulfilled articles 4 and 6 of said treaty, which, together with the other stipulations, can never be performed, fettered, as they now are, with the limitations of the amendments.

ESTIMATE.

For breaking, and clearing, and grubbing 300 acres of land for Mississippi Indians, per 4th article treaty 1863, \$50 per acre	\$15,000 00
For building 25 houses for chiefs, per 4th article treaty, at \$250	6,250 00
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	21,250 00
Deduct amount already estimated for, as per H. R. 240.....	3,600 00
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	17,650 00
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FIFTH ARTICLE.

Ten yoke oxen, at \$100 each.....	\$1,000 00
Twenty log chains, at \$10 each.....	200 00
Two hundred grub-hoes, at \$1 each.....	200 00
Ten ploughs, at \$15 each.....	150 00
Ten grindstones, at \$5 each.....	50 00
One hundred axes, handled, at \$2 each.....	200 00
Twenty spades, at \$2 each.....	40 00
Two carpenters, at \$600 each.....	1,200 00
Two blacksmiths, at \$600 each.....	1,200 00
Four farm laborers, at \$500 each.....	2,000 00
One physician, and medicine.....	1,500 00
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Deduct amount already estimated for, as per H. R. 240.....	1,000 00
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	6,740 00
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	24,390 00
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SIXTH ARTICLE.

For building saw-mill.....	\$6,000 00
For sawyer.....	600 00
For railroad from Gull lake to Leach lake.....	15,000 00
For removing agency to new location.....	25,000 00
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	46,600 00
Deduct amount estimated for, as per H. R. 240.....	3,000 00
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	43,600 00
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TWELFTH ARTICLE.

Transportation and subsistence to their new homes, 2,000 Indians, at \$10 per head.....	\$20,000 00
Subsistence for 2,000 Indians for six months, at fifteen cents per head, each day.....	54,000 00
	<u>74,000 00</u>

I remain your obedient servant,

A. C. MORRILL,
Indian Agent.

Hon. C. W. THOMPSON,
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Special estimate of additional appropriation required for fulfilling treaty stipulations with the Chippewas of the Mississippi, Pillagers, &c., in Minnesota, under treaty of March 11, 1863, for the current fiscal year and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1865.

Chippewas of the Mississippi, and the Pillager and Lake Winnebagoishish bands of Chippewa Indians in Minnesota:

For additional sum to be expended in clearing and breaking in reservation, and building for each of the chiefs of said bands one house each, per 4th article treaty March 11, 1863, (Statutes at Large, volume 12, page 1250,) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864.....	\$17,650 00
For first of ten instalments, being an additional sum required for the purchase of ten yoke of oxen, twenty log chains, two hundred grubbing-hoes, ten ploughs, ten grindstones, one hundred axes, handled, and twenty spades; also, for pay of two carpenters, two blacksmiths, four farm laborers, and one physician, per 5th article treaty March 11, 1863, (Statutes at Large, volume 12, page 1250,) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864.....	6,740 00
Same, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1865.....	7,740 00
For an additional sum required for the employment of a sawyer, at the discretion of the President; and to remove the said mill from Gull Lake reservation to the new reservation set apart; and to extend the road between Gull lake and Leach lake to the junction of the Mississippi and Leach Lake rivers; and to remove the agency to said junction, or as near as practicable, per 6th article treaty March 11, 1863, (Statutes at Large, volume 12, page 1250,) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864.....	43,600 00
For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1865.....	600 00
For this amount to defray the expenses of their removal and necessary transportation and subsistence to their new homes, and subsistence for six months thereafter, per 12th article treaty March 11, 1863, (Statutes at Large, volume 12, page 1251,) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1865.....	74,000 00
	<u>150,330 00</u>

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, April 21, 1864.