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APPROPRIATIONS FOR INDIAN TREATIES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

Appropriations to carry out certain Indian treaties.

JANUARY 27, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., January 27, 1868.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 25th instant, representing the necessity of immediate consideration by Congress of the items embraced in the accompanying statement, with a view to an appropriation of the amounts thereof, in advance of the general appropriation bill, to carry out treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes.

I respectfully invite the immediate attention of Congress to the favorable consideration of the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING,

Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, January 25, 1868.

SIR: The time is near at hand when it will be necessary to make the purchases of agricultural implements, goods, provisions, &c., required for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, so as to ship them to their respective destinations early in the coming spring.

The goods to go up the Missouri river should be shipped from St. Louis not later than the 1st of April, and those to go over the plains should leave the frontier by the 1st of May, at least. To enable the department to do this it is necessary that funds be immediately appropriated for the purpose, in cases where sufficient amounts are not on hand, and I enclose herewith a list showing the amounts needed, which are embodied in the regular estimate for the fiscal

year ending June 30, 1869, and in view of the great importance and necessity of a faithful conformity to treaty stipulations, I have the honor to suggest that the attention of Congress be called to the matter, with the request that the items mentioned in the enclosed statement be at once taken up and appropriated in advance of the general appropriation bill.

The Indians cannot be made to understand the cause of failure, when money is not early appropriated by Congress to carry out treaty stipulations, and if these appropriations are not made at once the implements and goods will not reach them in time to be of service this year, which will occasion a total failure to raise the crops necessary for their subsistence, deprive them of provisions and clothing necessary while raising their crops, and either lead to depredations by them or to great additional expense to the government for their support.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. G. TAYLOR, *Commissioner.*

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior.

List of items of Indian appropriation bill requiring immediate action.

Comanches and Kiowas	\$40,000
Chippewas of Lake Superior	8,000
of Bois Fort	6,500
of Mississippi	3,500
Pillager and Winnebagoish	8,000
of Pembina	4,000
Pawnees	30,000
Poncas	10,000
New Mexico	50,000
Shoshones, Goship band	1,000
eastern band	10,000
northwestern band	5,000
western band	5,000
Sioux, Blackfoot band	7,000
O'Gallalla band	10,000
Minneconjou band	10,000
Sans Arc band	8,400
Upper Yanctonais band	10,000
Oncpapa band	9,000
Lower Brulé band	6,000
Two Kettle's band	6,000
Lower Yanctonais band	10,500
Winnebagoes	50,000
Yancton Sioux	65,000
Ottoaes and Missourias	9,000
Assinaboines	30,000
Arickarees, Gros Ventres, and Mandans	40,000
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