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APPROPRIATIONS FOR INDIAN INTERPRETERS.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

TRANSMITTING

Copy of report from Commissioner of Indian Affairs, relative to deficiencies in appropriations for the pay of Indian interpreters.

FEBRUARY 7, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 7, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication of the 5th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, reporting a deficiency of \$9,525 64, in the appropriation "for the pay of interpreters" for the current fiscal year.

The cause of the deficiency is explained by the Commissioner in his letter herewith transmitted, and the subject is respectfully referred for the consideration of Congress, with the recommendation that the sum of \$9,525 64 be appropriated to meet the deficiency in the appropriation for the pay of interpreters during the remainder of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 5, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to state that on the 1st instant there was only the sum of \$24 36 on the books of this office of the appropriation for pay of interpreters, for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June next, and that it will require the further sum of \$9,525 64 to pay the interpreters now employed, and who cannot be discharged without detriment to the service.

This deficiency is owing, principally, to the fact that Congress, at its last session, failed to appropriate the amount for which this office estimated for the pay of interpreters for the present fiscal year. The estimate made by this office for such purpose was \$29,200, and the amount appropriated \$20,400, making a difference of 8,800.

It is impossible to dispense with any of the interpreters now employed without injury to the service for the reason that no communication could be had with the Indians, and consequently the business at the different agencies could not be carried on; and I therefore respectfully request that the matter be laid before Congress, with the view of having the sum of \$9,525 64 appropriated at an early day for the pay of necessary interpreters during the balance of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. D. COX,
Secretary of the Interior.