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APPROPRIATIONS FOR INDIAN SERVICE IN MONTANA.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

RECOMMENDING

An appropriation to pay an outstanding indebtedness on account of the Indian service in Montana Territory.

FEBRUARY 18, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 15, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, a copy of a communication, dated the 9th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, reporting "an outstanding indebtedness on account of the Indian service in Montana Territory amounting to \$10,845 54."

There are no funds within the control of this department, applicable to the payment of said indebtedness, and the subject is respectfully submitted for the consideration of Congress, with the recommendation that an appropriation of \$10,845 54 be made for that purpose.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 9, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to state that there is an outstanding indebtedness on account of the Indian service, in Montana Territory, amounting in the aggregate to \$10,845 54. This indebtedness is represented by duly certified vouchers now in this office, issued by different superintendents and agents during a period of about four years, commencing in 1865. Most of the vouchers are for services rendered by employes at the Flathead and Blackfeet agencies, and the others are for supplies furnished, and for traveling and incidental expenses of agents. These

vouchers have been examined in this office, and I am fully satisfied that the services were actually rendered, and the supplies were furnished in good faith, but, owing to the fact that there are no funds on hand applicable, no steps can be taken to pay them.

In order that this old indebtedness may be liquidated, and that the persons to whom the money is owing may receive their just dues, I respectfully request that the matter be submitted to Congress, with the recommendation that the sum of \$10,845 54 be appropriated for the purpose of paying such indebtedness.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

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