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APPROPRIATION FOR INDIAN SERVICE IN MONTANA.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

An appropriation for expenses incurred and supplies furnished for the Indian service in Montana, from June, 1868, to July, 1869.

FEBRUARY 17, 1871.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report dated the 10th instant, addressed to this Department by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, presenting an account of Hon. James Tufts for expenses incurred and supplies furnished by him for the Indian service in Montana, while he was acting governor and ex-officio superintendent of Montana Territory, from the 10th of June, 1868, to the 1st July, 1869, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,343 50.

There are no funds at the disposal of this Department applicable to the payment of the account, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Commissioner, the papers in relation thereto are herewith submitted to Congress, with a view to an appropriation to pay the same.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO, *Secretary.*

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 10, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the inclosed copy of a letter from Hon. James Tufts, of the 9th instant, accompanied with his account of expenses incurred and supplies furnished for the Indian service in Montano, while acting governor and ex-officio superintendent of Indian affairs, from June 10, 1868, to July 1, 1869, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,343 50.

Mr. Tufts held the position of secretary of the Territory during the

official term of Hon. Green Clay Smith as governor, and, in the absence of the latter officer, the executive duties of governor, as well as those of superintendent of Indian affairs, devolved on the secretary.

By reference to the records of this office it appears that Mr. Tufts not being a bonded officer, his estimates for funds to meet the expenses of his superintendency could not be filled, and that he was left, during the whole year of his administration, without any pecuniary support from your Department, at a time when our Indian affairs in Montana required the most unremitting vigilance on the part of the superintendent.

I have no reason to doubt the correctness of the account now presented by Mr. Tufts, but as there are no funds at the disposal of the Department applicable to the payment of the same, I respectfully suggest that the papers herewith inclosed be referred to Congress, with a request for an appropriation to meet the exigency.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANG,
Secretary of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, February 9, 1871.

SIR: I herewith submit a statement of expenses incurred by me while ex-officio superintendent of Indian affairs for Montana, from June 10, 1868, to July 1, 1869. I forwarded the accounts by Special Agent W. J. Cullen in the autumn of 1869, but their reception was never acknowledged.

Circumstances of a private nature prevented me from coming to Washington until the present winter, and therefore I have waited to present the matter to your Department in person.

While superintendent for more than a year, there were no funds at my disposal, and there was a constant draft upon me for the supply of destitute and deserving Indians.

Your favorable consideration is asked.

Respectfully,

JAMES TUFTS,
Late Acting Governor, &c.

Hon. E. S. PARKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

THE UNITED STATES

To JAMES TUFTS,

DR.

To supplies furnished for the Indian service in Montana, and expenses incurred while acting governor and ex-officio superintendent of Indian affairs for that Territory from June 10, 1868, to July 1, 1869, viz:

1868.

July 18. To stage fare from Virginia City to Fort Benton, to receive annuity goods and investigate certain charges of fraud against Agent Wright	\$50 00
25. To stage fare returning to Virginia City	50 00
25. To seven days' board while <i>en route</i> and at Fort Benton, at \$4 per diem	28 00

1869.

March 1. To stage fare from Virginia City to Helena, to take measures for suppressing the whisky trade.....	25 00
18. To stage fare returning to Virginia City.....	25 00
18. To board at Helena, fifteen days, as per sub-voucher herewith.....	60 00
18. To four days' board <i>en route</i> , at \$4.....	16 00
April 24. To stage fare on second trip to Helena, on same business.....	25 00
30. To stage fare returning to Virginia City.....	25 00
30. To six days' board <i>en route</i> and at Helena, at \$4.....	24 00

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June	28. To carriage hire from Virginia City to Bozeman, to investigate deprecations committed by Blackfeet Indians and return to Virginia City, eight days, at \$8 per day.....	\$64 00
	To eight days' board at Bozeman and <i>en route</i> going and returning, at \$4.....	32 00
February	2. To goods and provisions provided from my own resources and issued from time to time to starving and destitute Indians visiting the superintendency at Virginia City, as per sub-vouchers herewith.....	1,919 80
	Total.....	<u>2,343 80</u>

I certify on honor that the above account is correct and just; that the sum of \$2,343 80, as above, is due me from the Government, and that it was impracticable to procure sub-vouchers for the items of traveling expenses.

JAMES TUFTS,

Late Acting Governor and ex-officio Superintendent Indian Affairs for Montana.

THE UNITED STATES

To J. T. CONNOR,

Dr.

1869.	Feb. 2. To 60 pair 3-point California blankets, at \$13 per pair.....	\$780 00
	To 25 sacks flour, at \$10 per sack.....	250 00
	To 800 pounds bacon, at 30 cents per pound.....	240 00
	To 200 pounds sugar, at 40 cents per pound.....	80 00
	To 1 sack Rio coffee, 100 pounds, at 60 cents per pound.....	60 00
	To 50 pounds salt, at 25 cents per pound.....	12 50
	To 6 bolts Osnaburg, 240 yards, at 42 cents per yard.....	100 80
	To 100 pounds tobacco, at \$1 30 per pound.....	130 00
	To 1 keg powder, 25 pounds, at \$1 40 per pound.....	35 00
	To 50 pounds lead, at 40 cents per pound.....	20 00
	To 3,000 water-proof caps, at \$3 per M.....	9 00
	To 25 camp kettles, at \$2 each.....	50 00
	To 2 dozen frying pans, at \$15 per dozen.....	30 00
	To 70 yards Indian cloth, at \$1 75 per yard.....	122 50
		<u>1,919 80</u>

Received at Virginia City, Montana, March 3, 1869, of James Tufts, acting governor, &c., &c., nineteen hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty cents, in full of the above account.

J. T. CONNOR.

I certify on honor that the above account is correct and just, and that I have actually, this 3d day of March, 1869, paid the amount thereof.

JAMES TUFTS,

Acting Governor and ex-officio Superintendent Indian Affairs for Montana.

THE UNITED STATES

To G. JULES GERMAIN,

Dr.

1869.	March 18. To 15 days' board at International Hotel, Helena, for James Tufts, acting governor and ex-officio superintendent Indian affairs, from March 3 to March 18, 1869, fifteen days, at \$4 per day....	\$60 00
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Received at Helena, Montana, March 18, 1869, of James Tufts, acting governor and ex-officio superintendent Indian affairs, sixty dollars, in full of the above account.

G. JULES GERMAIN.

I certify on honor that the above account is correct and just, and that I have actually, this 18th day of March, 1869, paid the amount thereof.

JAMES TUFTS,

Acting Governor and ex-officio Superintendent Indian Affairs for Montana.