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SUBSISTENCE FOR MODOC INDIANS.

L E T T E R

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*An estimate of appropriation to subsist the Modoc Indians during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.*

DECEMBER 18, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., December 17, 1873.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a special estimate for appropriation of funds to subsist and properly care for the Modoc Indians, that have been removed to and are now residing within the Indian Territory, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874. The amount required is \$15,000.

I also transmit a copy of a letter, dated the 16th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying copy of a communication, dated the 10th instant, from Cyrus Beede, chief clerk to the superintendent of Indian affairs, Central Superintendency, reporting the necessity for furnishing the Indians referred to with subsistence, clothing, &c., for the purchase of which an appropriation is asked; and, agreeably to the recommendation of the Commissioner, the estimate is respectfully submitted for the favorable consideration and action of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

*Estimate of appropriation required for the Modoc Indians, in the Indian Territory, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to provide, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, clothing, food, agricultural implements, seeds, &c., for the Modoc Indians, that have been removed to and are now residing within the Indian Territory.....\$15 000 00

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C., December 16, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of a communication from Cyrus Beede, chief clerk to the superintendent of Indian affairs for the Central Superintendency, dated the 12th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation required to clothe, subsist, and care for the Modoc Indians, now in the Indian Territory.

The Indians referred to number one hundred and fifty-three, and are the remnant of Captain Jack's band, that was captured by, or surrendered to, the military during the Modoc war. They were recently brought by the military to Fort McPherson, Nebraska, and there turned over to an agent of this Department, who, as by arrangement previously made by the Office, conducted them to the Quapaw special agency in the Indian Territory, and delivered them to the agent in charge at that place. They are entirely destitute, and will have to be clothed and fed until they shall have succeeded in raising a crop next year. They will also have to be supplied with agricultural implements, seeds, &c., to enable them to plant and sow in the coming spring, as well as to harvest their crops in the summer and fall. To do this, it is estimated that not less than \$15,000 will be required.

I have, therefore, caused to be prepared, and inclose herewith, an estimate of appropriation for the amount named, and respectfully recommend that the same be transmitted to Congress for the action of that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,  
*Acting Commissioner.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY,  
Lawrence, Kans., Twelfthmonth 10, 1873.

Hon. EDWARD P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.:*

Inclosed herewith I forward estimate for funds required for the public service in this superintendency for the support of Captain Jack's band of Modoc Indians, now removed by order of the Government to the Indian Territory. The necessity of this appropriation is apparent from the fact of their entire destitution of any means whatsoever of obtaining subsistence. They are in a new country, and winter is approaching.

Very respectfully,

CYRUS BEEDE,  
*Chief Clerk.*

ESTIMATE.

For funds required to clothe, subsist, and assist the Modoc Indians, now removed to the Indian Territory, within the limits of the Quapaw agency, for the last eight months of fiscal year ending June 30, 1874..... \$15,00  
CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY, Twelfthmonth 10, 1873.

CYRUS BEEDE,  
*Chief Clerk.*