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INDIANS IN THE CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

The draught of a bill for the civilization of Indians of the Central Superintendency.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., December 18, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith a draught of a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to use, for the civilization of Indians in the Central Superintendency, the unexpended balance of an appropriation made by the act approved March 3, 1871, for said purpose; also, an estimate of appropriation for \$50,000 to carry on the work of aiding and instructing said Indians in the arts of civilization, in providing clothing, food, and lodging for the children attending school; in caring for the orphans, the sick and the helpless, and in assisting the Indians to locate in permanent homes, and to sustain themselves by engaging in pursuits pertaining to civilized life.

A copy of a report, dated the 17th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the papers therein referred to, are herewith inclosed, in relation to the subject, which is respectfully commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to use for the civilization of Indians in the Central Superintendency the unexpended balance of an appropriation made by the act approved March 3, 1871, (Stat., vol. 16, p. 568,) for said purpose.

Estimate of appropriation required for the aiding and instructing the Indians of the Central Superintendency in the arts of civilization.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the work of aiding and instructing the Indians of the Central Superintendency in the arts of civilization, in providing clothing, food, and lodging for the children attending school; in caring for the orphans, the sick and the helpless, and in assisting the Indians generally to locate themselves in permanent homes, and sustain themselves by the pursuits of civilized life, \$50,000 00

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 17, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to the inclosed copy of a letter from William Nicholson, general agent of the associated committee of Friends on Indian affairs, accompanied with a copy of a communication from Superintendent Enoch Hoag, under the date of the 7th ultimo, and to recommend that their request for an appropriation of \$50,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to aid and instruct the Indians of the Central Superintendency in the acts of civilization, may receive the favorable consideration of the Department and of Congress.

I also recommend, in accordance with the superintendent's request, that he be authorized to use for the civilization of said Indians the unexpended balance in his hands of an appropriation made for that purpose by the act of March 3, 1871, (Stat., vol. 16, p. 568.)

In accordance with the above, I respectfully submit herewith an estimate for \$50,000, together with a draught for a bill to legalize the use of the unexpended balance referred to, for the objects for which it is required.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Copy.]

RICHMOND, IND.,
Eleventhmonth 13th, 1873.

We are instructed by the associated executive committee of Friends on Indian affairs to represent to thyself, to the Secretary of the Interior, and to Congress, the great importance of an appropriation for the further prosecution of the work of civilization among the Indians of the Central Superintendency, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, for education and general civilizing and beneficent purposes.

Hoping an application for this purpose may meet thy approval and recommendation, we are thy friends,

CHARLES F. COFFIN,
Clerk of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.
WM. NICHOLSON,
General Agent of said Committee.

Hon. E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, CENTRAL SUPERINTENDENCY,
Lawrence, Kans., Eleventhmonth 7th, 1873.

Allow me to represent that the successful prosecution of the work of civilization in the Central Superintendency imperatively requires further aid from Congress. For this purpose I earnestly recommend an appropriation of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

A similar appropriation was made in the act of March 3, 1871. I have used this with all possible economy, and it has not all been expended; but a recent decision of the Treasurer renders the balance inapplicable to the expenses of the present fiscal year. It is very important, therefore, that Congress should legalize the use of said balance as originally designed. The purposes of this civilization fund are to establish and maintain efficient schools in various agencies; to clothe the children and furnish them with food and lodging; to provide for orphans; to relieve the sick and those who are otherwise physically infirm, and to co-operate with and assist such leading men in the different tribes as incline to settle themselves in permanent homes, and to open and improve small farms; thus securing their influence upon their people in favor of settled life.

Very respectfully,

ENOCH HOAG,
Superintendent Indian Affairs.

Hon. E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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