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INSTRUCTION TO INDIANS OF CENTRAL SUPERIN-
TENDENCY.

LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

*An appropriation to aid and instruct the Indians of the central superin-
tendency in the arts of civilization.*

JANUARY 2, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 7, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, dated to-day, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with copies of the papers therein referred to, recommending that an appropriation of \$52,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be made by Congress to aid and instruct the Indians in the central superintendency in the arts of civilization.

The subject is respectfully submitted to Congress with the recommendation that it receive the favorable action of that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., January 7, 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 communication from Superintendent Enoch Hoag, under date of December 25, 1872, and to recommend that their request for an appropriation of \$52,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to aid and instruct the Indians of the central superintendency in the arts of civilization, may receive the favorable consideration of the Department and of Congress.

An estimate for the amount referred to is herewith inclosed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. B. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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Estimate of appropriation required for 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 on 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. \$52,000 00

RICHMOND, INDIANA, *Twelfthmonth* 26, 1872.

Hon. F. A. WALKER,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs:

By direction and on behalf of the associated executive committee of Friends on Indian affairs, we propose to make application to the present Congress for an appropriation of \$52,000, or so much thereof as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Interior, to be expended, under his direction, for educational and general civilizing and beneficent purposes, among the Indians of the central superintendency. We herewith present an estimate for the same, prepared by Superintendent Hoag.

Hoping that this application may meet thy approval and recommendation, we are thy friends,

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

Schedule for the distribution, by the Secretary of the Interior, of a proposed appropriation of \$52,000, or so much thereof as he may deem necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, to carry on the work of aiding and instructing the Indians of the central superintendency in the arts of civilization, with a view to their self-support.

The object of this appropriation is to continue the work already commenced and in progress through the liberality of the last Congress. It is to be applied specifically by the various agents in establishing and maintaining efficient schools in their respective charges; in clothing the children, and furnishing them with food and lodging; in providing for orphans, in relieving 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 the roving people in favor of a settled life.

Kansas or Kaw	\$10,000
Quapaw special agency: Quapaws, Confederated Peorias, Ottawas, Senecas, Eastern Shawnees, Wyandottes, Black Bob band of Shawnees, &c.....	12,000
Sacs and Foxes and Absentee Shawnees.....	8,000
Wichitas and affiliated bands.....	8,000
Cheyennes and Arapahoes.....	8,000
Kiowas, Comanches, Apaches, and Absentee Delawares.....	3,000
Miscellaneous, books, charts, maps, globes, school-furniture, &c.....	3,000
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	\$52,000
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The above schedule is merely indicative of the needs of some of the tribes under my care. I do not, however, desire that the above amount, if appropriated, should be distributed precisely as indicated, but that it be used by the Secretary of the Interior for the civilization of the Indians of the central superintendency, in such proportion as his judgment may dictate.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, *Twelfthmonth* 17, 1872.

ENOCH HOAG.