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APACHES IN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.

LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

An appropriation to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for collecting and subsisting Apaches in Arizona and New Mexico for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., January 13, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of a communication from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 11th instant, inclosing an estimate of appropriation, amounting to \$150,000, required to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for "collecting and subsisting Apaches in Arizona and New Mexico" for the year ending June 30, 1873, (Stat., vol. 17, p. 166.)

The necessity for this appropriation is fully explained by the Acting Commissioner, and I recommend that the subject receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., January 11, 1873.

SIR: To subsist and properly care for the Apache Indians in Arizona and New Mexico, who have been or may be gathered on reservations, the sum of \$250,000 was appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, (Stat., vol. 17, p. 166,) in accordance with the general estimate for Indian service for that year.

At the time said estimate was made there had been, according to official reports, about 7,500 Apaches collected within the agencies of the Indian Department, and the estimate was based upon the belief that with economy and careful management the sum of \$33.33 $\frac{1}{4}$ for the subsistence of each person would prove sufficient for the year. That this calculation was too close, the result of six months' experience has fully demonstrated. The appropriation of \$250,000 is now nearly exhausted, and to meet the requirements which have not already been provided for up to the 30th June next, will require an additional sum of, at least, \$150,000, making the total expenditure for the year in this branch of the service equal to \$400,000, or \$53.33 $\frac{1}{4}$ for each of the 7,500 persons above referred to.

For the Sioux Indians, numbering 27,000, the annual appropriation for subsistence alone is \$1,314,000, equal to \$48.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ for each individual. The excess of \$4.66 $\frac{2}{3}$ against the Apaches is readily accounted for by the greater cost of provisions in Arizona than in Dakota, and by the fact that special provision is made in the case of the Sioux for expense of transportation, purchase of clothing, pay of employes, &c., while the appropriation for the Apaches must necessarily be applied not only in providing necessary articles of subsistence, but also to meet all incidental expenses connected with the care and support of said Indians.

It is not claimed that the number of Apaches reported as brought under the control of our agencies in Arizona and New Mexico is strictly correct. The Indians occasionally come upon the reservations in large numbers, remain a while apparently contented, and leave again, without permission, to resume their predatory habits of life; but it is believed that the number referred to is a fair average of those subsisted and likely to be subsisted during the present fiscal year.

In accordance with the above, I have the honor, herewith, to submit an estimate for the sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to meet the deficiency in the appropriation for "collecting and subsisting Apaches of Arizona and New Mexico" for the year ending June 30, 1873, and to request that the same may receive the favorable consideration of the Department and of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimate of appropriation required for collecting and subsisting the Apache Indians in Arizona and New Mexico.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to meet the deficiency in the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873, to subsist and properly care for the Apache Indians in Arizona and New Mexico, who have been or may be collected on reservations in New Mexico and Arizona, provided that this appropriation shall be expended only in behalf of those Indians who go and remain upon said reservations, and refrain from hostilities..... \$150,000 00