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SURVEY OF BOUNDARIES OF INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

L E T T E R

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RELATIVE TO

An appropriation for the survey of exterior boundaries of Indian reservations and subdividing portions of the same.

JANUARY 7, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., January 6, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, of the 3d instant, inclosing an estimate for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the survey of exterior boundaries of Indian reservations and subdividing portions of the same. This estimate also includes the amounts required for the survey of reservations in Oregon and the Territory of Washington.

The subject is submitted with the recommendation that it receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

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 3, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the survey of exterior boundaries of Indian reservations and subdividing portions of the same; which estimate I respectfully recommend be submitted to Congress for favorable action by that body. It is estimated that this amount will be required during the next fiscal year for the payment of surveys to be made west of the

ninety-sixth meridian in Indian Territory, and to provide, also, for the execution of such surveys as will probably be required east of that meridian in said Territory of the Choctaw, Creek and other reservations. Included in this estimate are also the amounts required for surveys of Indian reservations in the State of Oregon and Washington Territory, estimates of which have been submitted by the respective superintendents of Indian affairs for this State and Territory; the estimate for Oregon being \$17,000, and the estimate for Washington Territory being \$20,450.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

The Honorable SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

*Estimate of appropriation required for the surveys of Indian reservations
for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.*

For the surveys of the exterior boundaries of Indian reservations and subdividing portions of the same \$500,000