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### Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, in relation to an appropriation to relieve the most pressing necessities of the Chippewa Indians attached to the Red Cliff and Bad River reservations, in Wisconsin

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CHIPPEWA INDIANS ON THE RED CLIFF AND BAD RIVER  
RESERVATIONS.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RELATION TO

*An appropriation to relieve the most pressing necessities of the Chippewa  
Indians attached to the Red Cliff and Bad River reservations, in Wis-  
consin.*

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APRIL 1, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be  
printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, D. C., March 28, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith an estimate of appropri-  
ation for \$2,000, "or so much thereof as may be necessary to relieve  
the most pressing necessities of the Chippewa Indians attached to the  
Red Cliff and Bad River reservations, in the State of Wisconsin."

A copy of a report, dated the 27th instant, from the Commissioner of  
Indian Affairs, is herewith transmitted, representing the exigency of  
the case, to which the early consideration of Congress is respectfully  
requested.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
Secretary.

The SPEAKER,  
House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
Washington, D. C., March 27, 1874.

SIR: The office has information from reliable sources that a state of  
extreme destitution exists among the Chippewa Indians on the Red Cliff  
and Bad River reservations, in Wisconsin. They are able and willing to  
work, and would be glad to give their labor in exchange for necessary

articles of food, but there are no funds in the hands of the agent, or at the disposal of the Department, that can be used to alleviate their distress.

I have therefore caused to be prepared, and herewith submit, an estimate for the sum of \$2,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary to meet the exigency of the case, and respectfully ask that the same be submitted for the immediate consideration of Congress.

These moneys, if appropriated, will be applied to the purchase of provisions, to be issued to the Indians, so far as practicable, in exchange for labor to be rendered by them under the direction of the agent in charge.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW'D B. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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*Estimate of appropriation required for the Chippewa Indians attached to the Red Cliff and Bad River reservations, in Wisconsin.*

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary to relieve the most pressing necessities of the Chippewa Indians attached to the Red Cliff and Bad River reservations, in the State of Wisconsin..... \$2,000