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MONTANA INDIAN WAR CLAIMS OF 1867.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

RELATIVE TO

The payment of the Montana Indian war claims of 1867.

DECEMBER 9, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on War-Claims and ordered to be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 7, 1874.*

The Secretary of War has the honor to transmit to the House of Representatives, report of Maj. George Bell, commissary of subsistence, the officer charged with the disbursement of the appropriation of March 3, 1873, for payment of the Montana Indian war claims of 1867.

WM. W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War.

OFFICE POST AND DEPOT COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE,
Washington, D. C., October 28, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report:

By Special Orders, No. 60, War Department, Adjutant-General's Office, Washington, March 22, 1873, in addition to my present duties, I was "charged with the disbursement of the fund for the payment of the Montana Indian war claims of 1867, appropriated by act of Congress, approved March 3, 1873," and reported upon by Colonel and Inspector-General James A. Hardie, United States Army; to be paid to the persons "severally entitled thereto by a disbursing officer under the direction of the Secretary of War," and by your instructions, "under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Second Comptroller."

Payments were made on Treasury certificates, properly authenticated by the Third Auditor and Second Comptroller. For the convenience of claimants, funds were placed in the subtreasury, New York City, and checks to the order of the proper parties, designated by the Second

Comptroller, drawn when necessary. In all cases an obedience to the law and orders was rigidly complied with.

The desired accountability for all the disbursements was forwarded to your office for the final action of the accounting officers of the Treasury.

Total amount of appropriation, \$513,343; amount disbursed, \$512,223.13; balance in subtreasury awaiting unpaid certificates issued, \$1,119.87.

List of payments.

Date of payment.	To whom paid.	No. of Treasury certificate.	For what purpose.	Amount.
1873.				
pr. 3	W. C. Griswold	2	Forage and quartermaster stores	\$5,032 00
3	Cudlipp & McMann	11	Supplies	18,515 46
3	Charles Kahn	13	Supplies and quartermaster stores	6,564 60
3	J. J. Hull	12	Rent of buildings and supplies	7,402 03
3	L. M. Black	5	Quartermaster stores, &c	4,505 50
3	M. H. Inaley	3	Service of teams and supplies	46,750 37
3	A. H. Strouse	6	Ordnance, ordnance stores, and saddles	1,040 75
3	George Higgins	9	Services rendered and horses furnished	5,737 00
3	E. Robinson	14	Forage furnished	233 40
3	Thomas C. Power	8	Cavalry equipments	3,646 00
4	Hazard Powder Co., R. L. Wheeler, attorney.	1	Supplies	8,039 00
5	J. J. Hull	17	Forage	2,000 00
5	Julius Sands	20	Supplies	1,835 00
5	C. Adolph Low & Co.	16	Clothing	4,789 60
5	Wilkinson & Ronan	22	Stationery	121 13
7	James G. Blunt	21	Printing and services	683 00
10	do	26	Services, clothing, and quartermaster stores	756 65
10	Hughes & Bissell	29	Services and clothing	4,101 90
10	Orlan O. Cullen	32	Services	526 70
10	Susan M. Cullen and Orlan O. Cullen.	31	Horses and clothing	1,430 00
12	M. M. Claggett	7	Horses	5,520 00
12	Deitsch Brothers	28	Services and horses	3,054 00
12	Hughes & Bissell	33	Forage	8,173 40
14	Tootle, Leach & Co.	10	Quartermaster stores, clothing, &c	4,865 74
15	Eugene Cumiskey	18	Horses, forage, &c	4,940 17
15	Weber & Wolf	19	Supplies	3,870 63
16	Joseph Knight	43	do	3,438 40
17	W. C. Lobenstein	38	Cavalry equipments	509 67
18	E. Thibodo	45	Use of quartermaster stores	1,800 00
19	Sparks & McPherson	36	Subsistence, clothing, and horses	688 86
21	J. T. Sullivan	15	Horses, mules, &c	1,572 00
23	James Seligman	47	Forage	6,833 40
23	John F. Grant	44	Supplies	4,340 00
23	Hoopes & Brother	24	Services and clothing	3,066 00
25	Samuel B. Cawley	30	Horses &c	2,934 00
25	William Erskine	68	Services and supplies	444 75
25	Francis Harper	4	do	2,254 06
25	Martin O. Coddling	60	Services, clothing, and cavalry equipments	3,549 42
25	E. S. Higgins	49	clothing and supplies	674 00
26	Charles A. Morris	69	Clothing, ordnance stores, and hospital supplies.	1,262 65
26	W. P. Armstrong	70	Services in Quartermaster's Department	125 00
26	do	63	Clerical services and books	1,970 00
26	M. H. Lott	65	Ordnance furnished	30 00
26	Julius Kramer	64	Services and supplies	2,168 00
26	H. D. Booge	67	Clothing, supplies, and ordnance stores	772 88
28	Robert T. Barnett	66	Hauling ordnance stores	337 50
30	T. G. Hatlev	76	Ordnance and ordnance stores	4,019 86
30	Henry Blahd	37	Supplies	3,140 00
30	Tutt & Donnell	73	Clothing and supplies	1,774 38
30	Willson & Rich	71	Services, supplies, and camp and garrison equipage.	1,182 00
30	J. R. Waller	77	Horses	4,880 00
May 3	H. C. Swain, cashier	82	do	3,200 00
5	H. Siegel, assignor to D. J. McCann.	46	Services and forage	342 00
5	Erfort & Petring	84	Clothing	6,766 10
5	D. J. McCann & Co.	85	Teams and supplies	6,378 20
5	D. J. McCann	86	do	8,642 58
6	Isadore Strasberger	80	Services	215 50
6	Rindskopf Bro. & Co.	81	Lariats	324 00
9	Phillips & Freeland	55	Services and supplies	33,670 50

MONTANA INDIAN WAR CLAIMS OF 1867.

List of payments—Continued.

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1873.				
May 9	William Freeland	56	Ordnance stores	\$25 00
14	Insley, Shire & Co	72	Services, supplies, and forage	2,364 40
15	.....do	87	Forage	429 40
14	E. N. O. Clough	41	Quartermaster stores	550 00
15	Isaiah Hasler	48	Services	972 50
15	J. Ingersoll	25	Quartermaster and subsistence stores	347 95
16	Couch & Drew	95	Supplies	2,487 48
17	S. H. Bohn	90	.....do	4,835 00
19	Phillips & Freeland	96	Services of teams	8,052 00
20	M. C. Farwell	97	Labor and materials	2,372 25
24	L. M. Black	101	Forage	1,747 10
24	Louis Ganz	79	Ordnance furnished	939 76
24	W. L. Conklin	92	Stationery, horse and equipments, services, wood, clothing, and rent.	2,104 69
26	J. Tagert	100	Horses and forage	632 00
27	E. Creighton & Co	102	Services	1,349 66
27	James Seligman	104	Forage	5,737 56
27	C. L. Dahler	89	Supplies	158 65
31	Simpson & Warner	34	Subsistence	198 00
31	S. B. Cawley	105	Supplies	637 13
June 4	Robert Watson	110	Fuel	675 00
4	John M. Wallace	112	Services as wagon-master	301 75
4	E. S. Mansfield	111	Saddle-blankets and saddle-bags	755 34
5	Insley, Shire & Co	93	Services	42 00
5	David R. Lincoln	23	Services and quartermaster stores	425 69
5	Charles Kalm	98	Rent of stable, &c	135 00
5	E. E. Fisk	50	Stationery	344 50
5	D. C. Corbin	52	Ordnance, camp, and garrison stores	200 87
5	M. Moore	53	Horses, camp and garrison stores	8,468 00
5	W. T. Sanders	58	Services and supplies	358 25
6	David R. Leeper	78	.....do	562 00
6	F. Scharwitz	106	Services as blacksmith	180 00
6	E. B. Moore	103	Subsistence and service of teams	1,676 64
9	Alfred M. Hoyt, attorney	107	Ordnance	1,275 00
11	Philip Thorpe	59	Services	800 00
11	Patrick A. Largey, assignee of T. B. Gray.	118	Supplies	559 00
11	Theophile St. Amour	117	Services as blacksmith	1,469 17
11	Blum & Engesser	61	Supplies	196 91
13	M. H. Insley	119	Forage	5,140 90
14	Solomon Hatherell	62	Supplies	144 00
14	M. H. Insley	120	Hire of teams	8,190 00
14	L. M. Black	121	Forage	6,891 70
16	Couch & Drew	115	Ordnance stores	741 40
21	John Condon	54	Supplies	221 00
23	L. Goldberg	124	Material furnished	554 00
23	George L. Thayer	123	.....do	350 11
23	.....do	125	Forage	734 99
23	Joseph R. Tagert	126	.....do	734 99
24	Jacob F. Kappes	39	Services, &c	3,415 44
24	La Croix & Owings	99	Clothing and supplies	924 00
25	Joseph R. Tagert	130	Horses and forage	1,852 40
27	George Booker	74	Services	480 00
27	Thomas Ford	63	Saddles	120 00
27	James M. Ryan	94	Horse and saddles	220 00
27	James M. Ryan	88	Supplies, horses, and stores	4,619 12
27	O. B. Barber	108	Stationery, &c	942 16
28	E. Creighton & Co	128	Horses and forage	3,764 80
28	.....do	129	Forage	54 00
30	Thos. Rankin, jr., adm'r estate R. H. Lemon.	127	Ordnance and stores	610 56
July 1	C. B. Donaldson	136	Clothing	2,462 00
2	John Jay Knox	122	Transportation, clothing, services, forage, rent, horses, mules, &c.	22,220 52
2	Joseph R. Tagert	137	Supplies and forage	1,011 55
3	A. G. Lowry	131	Horses and equipments	1,982 00
7	George W. Rockfellow	116	Supplies	8,277 82
7	Joseph R. Tagert	133	Horses, forage, &c	1,259 08
8	Harvey Morrow	132	Horses and horse equipments	185 00
8	F. R. Merk & Co	109	Camp and garrison equipage, and ordnance stores.	5,484 68
9	T. B. Gray	91	Services and horse	253 00
9	L. Daems	113	Medical stores	786 75
9	Isaac Poitras	114	Services as blacksmith	1,284 00

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1873.				
July	11 H. C. Swain, cashier	141	Use of four horses	\$320 00
	11 John Linder	35	Subsistence stores	127 52
	11 Eugene Cummiskey	142	Forage	629 54
	15 R. S. Hale	57	Services and medical supplies	935 12
	15 Charles Townsend	134	Horses and forage and miscellaneous stores	1,473 45
	17 A. Scheffler	133	Rent, service, and material	141 10
	21 E. C. Ripley, cashier	144	Services and supplies	592 00
Aug.	6 John James	143	Ordnance and ordnance stores	67 50
	6 John S. Bartruff	145	Ordnance	25 00
	8 Ambrose B. Seaton	150	Forage	12 00
	15 Plant, Stickney & Ellis	40	Supplies and clothing	860 66
	15 Richard Lockey	75	Ordnance, clothing, and supplies	1,440 00
	15 George W. Tubbs	152	Canteens	47 50
	18 Ross Deegan	146	Commissary stores	295 00
	20 James G. Blunt	140	Service of teams	1,216 00
	20 John Thorburn	147	Mules and quartermaster's stores	786 00
	21 James Dunlevy	27	Surgical instruments	259 00
Sept.	23 R. D. Leggett	149	Quartermaster's stores	342 00
	23 C. W. Cannon	151	Subsistence stores	22 13
	30 John P. Bruce, assignee of James B. Campbell	135	Ammunition	150 00
Oct.	7 John Brunette	158	Subsistence, camp and garrison equipage	149 16
	13 F. A. Shields	161	Services and cavalry supplies	1,227 50
	13 Deitsch Brothers	51	Supplies	135 00
	13 James G. Coberly	154	Use of teams	936 00
	14 E. B. Ebert	165	Supplies	255 97
	14 H. S. Willis	157	Fuel	600 00
	14 Trustees Methodist Episcopal Church, Council Bluff, Iowa	162	Forage	172 40
	22 Couch & Drew	166	Hauling ordnance stores	7,824 02
	23 J. R. Waller	159	Ordnance and ordnance stores	35 00
	24 A. G. Clark and Thomas Conrad	148	Supplies	2,931 44
Nov.	6 Thomas C. Stevens	167	Ordnance and ordnance stores	2,433 28
	22 Cover & McAdow	169	Forage	2,427 48
	26 N. D. Johnson	155	Saddles and horses	296 00
Dec.	6 A. H. Beattie	153	Services	600 00
	6 L. M. Black	170	Forage	3,524 32
	10 do	171	do	229 90
	10 James Seligman	172	do	4,046 60
	10 Hughes & Bissell	173	do	4,271 47
	13 Edward Chase	180	do	873 50
	13 Eugene Cummiskey	174	do	1,356 37
	13 James Seligman	175	do	3,416 60
	13 J. J. Hull	176	do	1,000 00
	13 Deitsch Brothers	177	do	1,666 70
	13 M. H. Inasley	178	do	2,845 23
	13 McMann & Cudlip	179	do	1,149 40
1874.				
Jan.	2 A. C. Durgin	181	One horse	80 00
	7 Gilbert & Richter	157	Fuel	90 00
	7 W. H. Rogers	160	Blankets	108 00
	7 L. F. Martin	183	Forage	80 00
	9 Taylor & Rumsey	168	Cavalry equipments and subsistence stores	132 90
	10 Carroll & Steel	163	Supplies	310 19
	10 William Herman	182	Rent, &c	212 00
	17 Edward Robinson	184	Forage	116 60
	17 Charles Townsend	186	do	463 60
Feb.	5 Joseph W. Hartwell	187	Rent of magazine	2,900 12
	14 D. J. McCann	188	Forage	92 00
	14 J. H. Keatley, attorney for trus. Methodist Episcopal Church, Council Bluff	185	do	86 20
Mar.	4 L. M. Black	190	do	5,667 82
	6 J. M. Palmer	189	Services	400 00
	7 L. M. Black	193	Forage	12,505 28
	7 W. W. Watkins	194	do	344 80
	11 Joseph R. Tagert	195	Cavalry equipments	1,829 50
	14 M. H. Inasley	191	Forage	214 60
	20 L. M. Black	197	do	690 00
	20 W. W. Watkins	198	do	1,222 20
	23 Peter O'Donnell	192	do	234 00
	23 F. R. Merk & Co	200	Supplies	1,897 64

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1874.				
Mar. 25	Joseph R. Tagert.....	199	Forage.....	\$1,387 70
27	F. R. Merk.....	203	Rent of buildings.....	109 60
28	Joseph R. Tagert.....	201	Forage.....	888 15
Apr. 4	John Stuart, administrator, &c.	204	Subsistence.....	4,244 15
20	J. Jay Knox, Comptroller Currency, Treasury Department, in trust.	207	Subsistence, quartermaster and ordnance stores.	3,195 68
20	Joseph R. Tagert.....	208	Forage.....	453 03
20	Kline & Co.....	196	Horses.....	1,040 00
20	R. S. Hale.....	206	Medical stores.....	269 52
20	L. M. Black.....	210	Mules.....	400 00
20	Anthony Welch.....	209	Services.....	137 25
25	Orr & Lindsley.....	211	Boots.....	702 00
28	L. H. Warren.....	212	Services and ordnance.....	662 75
May 23	Mrs. H. G. Caryl.....	164	Services of Geo. C. Howard as wagonmaster.	226 00
June 11	J. M. Gallagher, assignor to Clark, Conrad & Miller.	213	Rent of ferry.....	412 00
19	Murray A. Carter, administrator.	215	Services in Quartermaster's Department....	375 00
July 16	Joseph R. Tagert.....	217	Horses and saddles.....	840 00
22	James M. Ryan.....	216	Forage.....	1,128 00
Aug. 28	Edward Owen.....	214	Services, ordnance, ordnance stores, and teams.	1,948 00
Oct. 8	John Jay Knox, Comptroller Treasury Department.	218	Transportation.....	2,793 29
Total disbursed.....				512,223 13
Balance in subtreasury, New York.....				1,119 87
Total amount of appropriation, act of March 3, 1873.....				513,343 00

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. BELL,

Major and Commissary Subsistence, U. S. A., D. O. M. W. C.

Hon. W. W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

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