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transmitting estimate of appropriation for collecting
and subsisting the Apache Indians in Arizona and
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APACHE INDIANS IN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

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

JANUARY 7, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 19, 1873.

SIR: I have the honor to present herewith to Congress an estimate for an appropriation, in the sum of \$200,000, 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.

I also transmit a copy of a letter, dated the 18th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, addressed to this Department, explaining the objects for which the appropriation is asked. The subject is respectfully submitted for the favorable consideration and action of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives.

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, 1874, 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 on and remain upon said reservations, and refrain from hostilities..... \$200,000

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., December 18, 1873.

SIR: By the Indian appropriation act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, (Stat. at L., vol. 17, p. 440,) the sum of \$250,000 was appropriated to subsist and properly care for the Apache Indians in Arizona and New Mexico who have been or may be collected on reservations, the amount to be expended for each person not to exceed \$100 per annum.

Of the amount thus appropriated there remains now on hand only \$10,603.26, all of which will be needed for pay of employés at the respective agencies.

To meet absolute necessities for the subsistence and support of the Apaches up to the 30th June next, including incidental expenses and transportation, will require at least \$200,000, which, added to the amount heretofore appropriated, will make the total expenditure for the fiscal year in this branch of the service equal to \$450,000, or \$64.28 per capita, estimating the number of Indians subsisted and to be subsisted at 7,000, which is as near the correct average as can be ascertained from present information on the subject.

I have the honor to present herewith an estimate for that amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes referred to, and to recommend the same for your approval, and for submission to, and favorable action by, Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.