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ESTIMATES OF DEFICIENCIES FOR THE INDIAN SERVICE

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Estimates of deficiencies for the Indian service for the year 1881 and for prior years.

JANUARY 21, 1881.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, January 21, 1881.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, with my approval, deficiency estimates for the Indian service for the fiscal year 1881 and prior years, together with copy of explanatory letter of the Indian Office relating to said estimates.

Very respectfully,

C. SCHURZ, Secretary.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, Washington, January 21, 1881.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, in duplicate, an estimate of appropriations required to meet deficiencies in the appropriations for the Indian service for the fiscal year 1881 and prior years. In submitting this estimate, it has been sought to itemize so far as practicable, the expenditures made, and that idea has been carried out so far as relates to deficiencies therein named which occurred prior to the present fiscal year.

The largest deficiencies previous to the current year are in the appropriations for the "transportation of Indian supplies." The subject of insufficient appropriations for this purpose has repeatedly been brought to the attention of Congress and its committees. An estimate for the purpose, for deficiencies for the fiscal years 1879 and 1880, was presented to Congress at its last session, and the assurance of the Committee on Appropriations of the House was given that the same should be duly considered, but no action seems to have been taken thereon.

A large proportion of the indebtedness for transportation is due to contractors who have faithfully and promptly performed the service, under the orders of the department, and I deem it not only unjust to the claimants to delay payments, but unwise, inasmuch as such a course undoubtedly tends to increase the rates which the department is obliged

to pay for this service.

The item of \$25,000 for the support of the Utes in Colorado is necessary for the reason that heretofore the accumulated interest arising on their principal of \$500,000 to their credit in the Treasury has been used for their support; but under the provisions of the act approved June 15, 1880, ratifying the Ute agreement the sum of \$60,000 was drawn out of the Treasury and paid to them per capita. Increased expenditures for subsistence have also been made for said Indians upon the recommendation of the Ute Commission, which, together with the increased number of Indians which it was and now is necessary to feed, pending the negotiation of the recent treaty with them, and their removal to their new lands, has exhausted the fund appropriated for their support

during the current year.

An additional appropriation of \$50,000 for the support of the Arapahoes, Cheyennes, Apaches, Kiowas, Comanches, and Wichitas is required, for the reason that the amount appropriated for their support for the current fiscal year, \$305,000 (being \$45,000 less than the sum estimated for), is inadequate to supply them with the necessary articles required for their care and subsistence. There are 10,022 Indians at the two agencies to be subsisted under this appropriation, viz, Cheyenne and Arapahoe 5,899, and Kiowa 4,123, and even with the sum asked for, partial rations only can be supplied. If a full ration for each person for an entire year was supplied, estimating the cost at 15 cents, it would involve an expenditure of over a half million dollars. The regular appropriation of \$290,000 made for said Indians for the fiscal year 1880 proved to be insufficient, and a deficiency appropriation was made by Congress for that year of the sum of \$80,000, making a total of \$370,000.

The amount recommended (\$5,000) for the support of Nez Percés of Joseph's band, is based upon the fact that the appropriation of \$15,000 for the current year has proved to be deficient; \$25,000 was appropriated for the fiscal year 1880, \$10,000 of which was a deficiency. They

number 344 souls.

Under the title of "Contingencies Indian Department," the sum of \$7,500 is recommended for the balance of the fiscal year. This amount is absolutely necessary, owing to exigencies of the service requiring extraordinary expenditures, rendered necessary by reason of the number of Indian delegations who have visited this city since July last, on business for their respective tribes.

The item of \$1,000 for "traveling expenses of Indian inspectors" for the balance of the fiscal year, is actually necessary, owing to the large number of agencies necessary to be visited and inspected during the year. The sum provided for the current year, is \$5,000 for five inspectors, which amount, it is calculated, will be exhausted by April 1, next.

The other items in the estimate not particularly referred to, are sufficiently explained in detail therein, to enable Congress to understand the object of the appropriations, and I respectfully recommend that these estimates meet with your approval, and be transmitted to Congress for the action of that body.

Very respectfully,

E. M. MARBLE, Acting Commissioner. Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1881, and prior years, by the Indian Office.

Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Estimated amount which will be required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.
Contingencies Indian Department, 1874.		
Amount due T. I. Mesick, balance on account for board of George Bushy- head and wife, North Carolina Cherokee Indians, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1874.	.,	\$145 37
Incidental expenses Indian service in Dakota, 1876.		
Amount due Frederic Driscol, manager "Pioneer Press Company," Saint Paul, Minn., for advertising for sealed proposals for furnishing supplies for the Sisseton Agency under date of July 24, 1875, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1876. Amount due A. G. Wilcox, treasurer Tribune Publishing Company, Minneapolis, Minn., for advertising for sealed proposals for furnishing supplies for the Sisseton Agency under date of July 24, 1875, being a deficiency for	\$66 00	
the fiscal year 1876	44 60	110 60
Holding a general council of Indians in the Indian Territory, 1875-'76.		
Amount due E. J. Brown for services and mileage in attending a council of Indians in the Indian Territory, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1876 Amount due Stephen Foreman for services and mileage in attending a council of Indians in the Indian Territory, being a deficiency for the fiscal year	40 00	
1876	36 00	
1876	38 00	114 00
Traveling expenses of Indian inspectors, 1878.		114 00
Amount due Southern Pacific Railroad Company for transporting Indian inspectors over their line, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1878		45 00
Telegraphing and purchase of Indian supplies, 1879.		
To effect a transfer on the books of the Treasury from appropriation "Contingencies Indian Department, 1879," to appropriation "Telegraphing and purchase of Indian supplies, 1879," to close the account of Ewal Seward, special Indian agent, involving no expenditure of money from the Treasury, being for the fiscal year 1879, \$1,633.01. Amount due the Union Pacific Railroad Company for transporting passengers over its road, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due the Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting passengers over its road, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due the Western Union Telegraph Company for messages transmitted during May and June, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879.	235 28 186 07 361 56	782 91
Traveling expenses of Indian inspectors, 1879.		102 01
This amount to pay indebtedness incurred for traveling of Indian inspectors, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting Indian inspectors, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due Southern Pacific Railroad Company for transporting Indian inspectors, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879.	1 16 43 00 104 90	149 06
Transportation of Indian supplies, 1879.		110 00
Amount due Isaac G. Baker for transporting 3,364 pounds supplies from Saint Louis to Crow Agency under contract of June 21, 1878, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due Chicago, Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company for transporting 216 pounds supplies from Hudson to Chandler, Wis., for La Pointe Agency during third and fourth quarters, 1878, open market transaction, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due Louis F. Booth for transporting 5,104 pounds supplies from New York and 98 pounds from Chicago to Crow Creek Agency under contract of June 25, 1878, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879.	171 56 67 52 32	

Estimates of deficiencies required for the Indian service, &c .- Continued.

Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Estimated amount which will be required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.
Transportation of Indian supplies—Continued.		
Amount due John C. Barr for transporting supplies as follows, viz: 22,160 pounds from Chicago to Blackfeet Agency; 5,545 pounds from Sioux City to Blackfeet Agency; 20,122 pounds from Sioux City to Crow Agency; 7,035 pounds from Chicago to Crow Agency; 3,359 pounds from Chicago to Fort Belknap Agency; 14,959 pounds from Duluth to Fort Berthold Agency; 95,118 pounds from Sioux City to Fort Porthold Agency; 27,677 pounds from Sioux City to Fort Peck Agency—under contracts of June 25 and 28, 1878, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due Levi Spiegelberg for transporting 14,721 pounds supplies from New York and 655 pounds from Kansas City to Navajo Agency, under contract of June 27, 1878, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due James McGarry for transporting 14,344 pounds supplies from New York, Chicago, Sioux City, and Saint Louis to Lemhi Agency, under contract of June 25, 1878, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due Southern Pacific Raifroad Company for transporting supplies over their line, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due Levi Spiegelberg for transporting 25,590 pounds supplies from Chicago to San Carlos Agency, Arizona, under contract dated June 27, 1878, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879. Amount due Louis F. Booth for transporting 123,773 pounds of supplies from New York, Chicago, and Saint Louis to Lower Brulé, Cheyenne River, and Standing Rock Agencies, and to Sioux City, under contract dated June 25, 1878, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1879.	\$3,602 78 1,133 56 938 17 310 52 2,239 12 1,100 93	
Transportation of Indian supplies, 1880.	1,100 00	\$9, 556 68
Amount due Benton Line for transporting 2,003 pounds supplies from Bismarck to Fort Peck Agency, during the fourth quarter, 1879, under open market arrangement, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880 Amount due Isase G. Baker for transporting 852 pounds supplies from New York to Jamestown, Dak., \$12.35; and 18,428 pounds from Chicago to Brainerd, Minn., \$138.21, under contract of April 25, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880.	20 03	
Amount due John Chrisman for transporting 51,297 pounds supplies from Bryan to Shoshone Agency, during the second and third quarters, 1880, under onen market arrangement, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880.	897 69	
Amount due J. J. Cozart for transporting 3,403 pounds supplies from The Dalles to Malheur Agency, during the third quarter, 1880, under open market arrangement, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880	153 13 167 12	
being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880 Amount due B. F. Hartley for transporting 15,437 pounds supplies from Brainerd to Leech Lake, Minn., in March and April, 1880, under open market arrangement, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880 Amount due Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting supplies	192 96	
over their lines, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880, viz: \$664.70 and \$1,032	1, 696 70	
Amount due Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting supplies over their lines, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due Levi Wilson, as certified to by the accounting officers of the Tressury. for transporting supplies to sundry places, in June, 1880, under	142 32	
contracts of April 25 and May 5, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due Zadoc Staab for transporting 325 pounds supplies from New York to Mescalero Agency, and 360 pounds from Chicago to San Carlos Agency, under contract of May 2, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year	1,400 35	
1880	45 28	
deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting supplies during the third and fourth quarters, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal	3, 579 54	
year 1880. Amount due Levi Wilson for transporting 198,360 pounds supplies from New York, Kansas City, Saint Louis, and Chicago to Muskogee, Caddo, Coffeyville, Wichita, and to Navajo, Los Pinos, and Southern Ute Agencies, under contracts dated April 25 and May 5, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal	2, 129 14	
year 1880	9, 292 16	

Estimates of appropriations required for the Indian service—Continued.

Detailed objects of expenditures, and explanations.	Estimated amount which will be required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head a of appropriation.
Transportation of Indian supplies, 1880—Continued.		
Amount due sundry Indians at the Osage Agency for transporting supplies from Coffeyville to Osage Agency during the second quarter, 1880, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due G. H. Kimberland for transporting 12,883 pounds supplies from	\$178 21	
The Dalles to Malheur Agency during second quarter, 1880, open market arrangement, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due James C. McVay for transporting 12,300 pounds supplies from Sioux City to Rosebud Landing, and 7,700 pounds from Sioux City to Yankton, \$26.82; and 319,806 from Sioux City and Yankton to Santee, Crow Creek,	579 73	
Pine Ridge, Lower Brulé, and Rosebud Agencies, \$503.24; under contract of April 26, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due W. N. Bonham for transporting 8,837 pecudas supplies from The Dalles to Malheur Agency during second quarter 1880, under open market	530 06	
arrangement, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. A general state of transporting supplies from New York to Abionin A general 8, 731 pounds, under contract of May 5, 1879, being a deficiency	397 66	
Amount due C. K. Peck for transporting 3,018 pounds supplies from Yankton to Red Cloud Agency, under contract of June 22, 1879, being a deficiency	513 33	
for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due James McGarry, deceased, for transporting 5,505 pounds supplies from Sious City to Fort Berthold Agency under contract of April 25	11 72	
1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due Sanford B. Coulson for transporting 117,243 pounds supplies from Yankton to Fort Peck Agency, 25,500 pounds to Yankton Agency, and 14,700 pounds to Fort Berthold Agency, under contract of May 5, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880, \$703.46 and \$71.55.	32 75	
a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880, \$703.46 and \$71.55. Amount due James McGarry for transporting supplies as follows, viz: From Sioux City to Crow Creek Agency. 1,207 pounds: to Rosebud Landing. 1,202	775 01	
Amount due James McGarry for transporting supplies as follows, viz: From Sioux City to Crow Creek Agency, 1,207 pounds; to Rosebud Landing, 1,202 pounds; to Losebud Landing, 1,202 pounds; to Cheyenne River Agency, 185 pounds; to Santee Agency, 105 pounds; to Cheyenne River Agency, 16,364 pounds; to Crow Agency, 67,100 pounds; to Crow Creek Agency, 4,372 pounds; to Rosebud Landing, 388,062 pounds; to Santee Agency, 3,992 pounds; to Rosebud Landing, 388,062 pounds; and to Rosebud Landing, 411,146 pounds; from Saint Paul to Crow Creek Agency, 421,022 pounds; and to Lower Brulé Agency, 16,874 pounds; from Sioux City to Fort Betthold Agency, 14,226 pounds; to Crow Agency, 40,000 pounds; from Sioux City to Fort Betthold Agency, 14,226 pounds; to Crow Agency, 40,000 pounds; 40		
646 pounds; to Blackfeet Agency, 1,095 pounds; to Fort Berthold Agency, 7,450 pounds; to Fort Belknap Agency, 10,720 pounds; to Blackfeet Agency, 14,016 pounds; to Rosebud Agency, 1,722 pounds; to Yankton Agency, 19,608 pounds; to Blackfeet Agency, 668 pounds; and from Bismarck to Blackfeet Agency, 16,765 pounds, under contract of April 25, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880, \$43.48, \$392.45, \$337.63, \$389.18, \$113.63, \$7,377.32	8, 653 69	
Amount due Louis F. Booth for transporting 17,058 pounds supplies from Chicago to Sioux City under contract of April 25, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880.	22 12	
Amount due Louis F. Booth for trensporting supplies to Sioux City, vtz: 689,179 pounds from New York, 199,171 pounds from Chicago, and 11 pounds from Saint Louis, under contract of April 25, 1879, being a deficiency for	-	
the fiscal year 1880. Amount due John C. Barr for transporting supplies to Fort Berthold Agency, viz: 3,151 pounds from Bismarck and 540 pounds from Saint Paul, and from Bismarck to Standing Rock Agency, 72,000 pounds, during the third and and fourth quarters, 1879, under open market arrangement, being a defi-	3, 212 09	
ciency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due Chicago, Saint Paul, Milwaukee and Omaha Railway Company for transporting 37,526 pounds supplies from Hudson to Chandler, Wis., for	. 448 72	
the La Pointe Agency, during the first quarter, 1880, under open market arrang ement, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due James C. McVay for transporting supplies from Sioux City as follows: 14,160 pounds to Cheyenne River Agency, 13,725 pounds to Crow Creek Agency, 12,834 pounds to Flathead Agency, and 680 pounds to Rosebud Landing; and from Yankton 8,000 pounds to Lower Brulé Agency, and 94 pounds to Rosebud Landing, under contract of April 26, 1879, being a	125 37	
Amount due James C. McVay for transporting supplies@fromSioux City as follows: 14,160 pounds to Cheyenne Kiver Agency, 18,725 pounds to Crow Creek Agency, 12,834 pounds to Flathead Agency, and 680 pounds to Rosebud Landing; and from Yankton 8,000 pounds to Lower Brulé Agency, and 94 pounds to Rosebud Landing, under contract of April 26, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due Nathan W. Wells for transporting supplies as follows: from New York to Rose Fork 684 pounds, and to Bryan 105 pounds, to Rawlins from Saint Louis 751 pounds, from Omaha 3,084 pounds, from Chicago 3,897 pounds, and from New York 5,379 pounds; from Chicago to Rose Fork 3,980 pounds, and storage on goods at Rawlins (for White River) from October 1, 1879, to June 16, 1880, under contract of April 23, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880.	426 13	
deficiency for the fiscal year 1880	1, 475 46	

Estimates of deficiencies required for the Indian service—Continued.

Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Estimated amount which will be re- quired for each detailed object of expenditure.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.
Transportation of Indian supplies, 1880—Continued.		
Amount due Fred J. Keisel for transporting supplies to Uintah Agency, viz: from Chicago 878 pounds, and from Salt Lake 957 pounds, under contract of May 9, 1879, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. This amount due sundry claimants for transporting supplies, viz: George S. Smith, \$2.75; Levi Wilson, \$448.84, \$271.11, \$47.53, \$20.16, \$127.20, \$217.20, \$34.12, \$56.81, \$4.85, \$137.97, \$23.36; F. J. Keisel, \$202.41; Charles Babcock, \$5.50; Moline Wagon Company, \$18.50; Central Pacific Railroad Company, \$90.33, \$65.64; Milburn Wagon Company, \$220; S. B. Coulson, \$0.20; James McGarry, \$411.27, \$105.78; L. M. Buford, \$6; being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880.	\$132 58 \$132 58	
This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of out- standing liabilities for transporting supplies, accounts for which have not been presented to this office, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880	5, 000 00	*** 000 ***
. Contingencies Indian Department, 1880.		\$44, 882 1
Amount due Allen & Ackerly for feeding government team during January, March, and April, 1880, for the White Earth Agency, Minnesota, being a de- ficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting passengers over their lines during the third quarter 1879 and first and second quarters	2 65	
1880, \$126.50 and \$15, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due M. E. Milford for services rendered as clerk at the Sac and Fox Agency, Indian Territory, during the second quarter 1880, being a deficiency	141 50	
Amount due Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting passengers	275 00	
over their lines, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880	115 00	
Fox Agency, Indian Territory, from October 31, 1879, to June 30, 1880, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880. Amount due Union Pacific Railroad Company for transporting passengers	695 05	
overtheirlines, \$196.45, \$2.95, \$27, \$92.80, \$77.50, \$69.70, \$165.20, \$125.15, \$130.50, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880 Amount due Central Pacific Railroad Company for transporting passengers over their lines, \$97, \$188.05, \$182.50, \$134, being a deficiency for the fiscal	890 25	
year 1880	601 55	
over their lines, \$9.70, \$20.30, \$5.90, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880 Amount due Chicago and Saint Paul Railroad Company for transporting pas-	35 90	
sengers over their line, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880	6 00	
\$29, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880	538 18	3, 317 6
Transportation of Indian supplies, 1881.		
This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for expenses of trans- portation of goods, provisions, and other articles for the various tribes of Indians, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1881		30,000 0
Support of Arapahoes, Cheyennes, Apaches, Kiowas, Comanches, and Wichitas, 1881.		1
This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the support and civilization of the Arapahoes, Cheyennes, Apaches, Kiowas, Comanches, and Wichitas for the balance of the fiscal year, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1881		50,000 00
Contingencies Indian Department, 1881.		
This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for traveling and incidental expenses of Indian agents and of their offices, and for pay of employés, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1881.		7, 500 00
Support of Nez Percés of Joseph's band, 1881.		
This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the support and civilization of Joseph's band of Nez Percé Indians, in the Indian Territory, for the balance of the fiscal year, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1881.		5, 000 00

ESTIMATES OF DEFICIENCIES FOR INDIAN SERVICE.

Estimates of deficiencies required for the Indian service, &c.—Continued.

Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Estimated amount which will be required for each detailed object of expenditure.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.
Fulfilling treaty with Yakamas.		
This amount to reimburse the Yakama Nation of Indians for the value of subsistence supplies purchased with funds belonging to said nation, and issued to Piute and Bannock Indians, held as prisoners of war at the Yakama Agenoy, Washington Territory, from February 10, 1879, to September 30, 1880, as per statement of James H. Wilbur, Indian agent, on file in the Indian Office.		\$12, 914 21
Defending suits pending in the courts of North Carolina against the Eastern band of Cherokee Indians.		
This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expenses heretofore or to be hereafter incurred in defending suits pending in the courts of North Carolina against the Eastern bands of Cherokee Indians		2,500 00
Support of Tabequache, Muache, Capote, Weeminuche, Yampa, Grand River, and Uintah bands of Utes, 1881.		
This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the support of Ute Indians in Colorado for the balance of the fiscal year, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1881.		25, 000 00
Traveling expenses of Indian inspectors, 1881.		
This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for necessary traveling expenses of five Indian inspectors for the balance of the fiscal year, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1881.		1,000 00
Contingencies, Indian Department, 1880.		
Amount due Wisconsin Central Railroad Company for transporting passengers over their line during May, 1880, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1880.		126 75
Total		193, 144 35

Approved:

C. SCHURZ, Secretary.