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M E S S A G E

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A communication from the Secretary of War, dated the 9th instant, and accompanying copy of a telegram from the general commanding the Military Division of the Pacific and Department of California, relative to the construction of additional quarters, &c., within the limits of the Military Department of Arizona.

JUNE 26, 1882.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

I transmit herewith a communication from the Secretary of War, dated the 9th instant, and its accompanying copy of a telegram from the general commanding the Military Division of the Pacific and Department of California, relative to the construction of additional quarters, barracks, store-houses, &c., within the limits of the Military Department of Arizona.

The Secretary of War recommends that, for the purpose of constructing the additional buildings referred to, the sum of their estimated cost (\$205,000) be appropriated during the present session of Congress.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
June 26, 1882.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, June 9, 1882.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, with request for its transmission for the consideration of Congress, a copy of a telegram of the 21st ultimo from the commanding general Military Division of the Pacific and Department of California, repeating a dispatch received by him from the commanding general Department of Arizona, relative to the construction of additional quarters, barracks, store-houses, &c., within the limits of that department, the estimated cost of which is \$205,000.

Upon receipt of this telegram instructions were given, by telegraph, that plans and estimates for the proposed buildings be prepared and forwarded without delay, so that the matter might be more fully presented to Congress. In reply, the division commander reported, by telegraph, that he had been informed by the general commanding the

Department of Arizona that some three or four weeks would be required in which to complete the detailed plans and estimates, and requested that meanwhile an appropriation be asked of Congress on the basis of his dispatch of the 21st ultimo.

In view of these facts, and of the further fact that the additional buildings referred to are urgently needed in consequence of the number of troops ordered into that department for protection against Indian outbreaks, I respectfully recommend that an appropriation for their construction, in the sum of their estimated cost (\$205,000), as set forth in the inclosed telegram, be made during the present session of Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT T. LINCOLN,
Secretary of War.

The PRESIDENT.

[Telegram.]

PRESIDIO, via SAN FRANCISCO, May 21, 1882.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL UNITED STATES ARMY,
Washington, D. C. :

The following dispatch, addressed to you for the consideration of the General of the Army, is just received from the commanding general Department of Arizona. He telegraphs:

"We can build at Huachuea one field-staff and four-company quarters, barracks, guard-house, offices store-houses, and stables for \$52,000, susceptible of enlargement to an eight-company post at an increased cost of \$30,000, making an eight-company post, four of cavalry and four of infantry, at a total cost of \$82,000.

"For Grant we require four barracks, quarters, stables, and grain-house for four additional companies of cavalry and one of infantry, and one field office, \$62,000. At Fort Apache, \$61,000 for barracks, quarters, and stables for one field officer and four companies of cavalry.

"If decided to build only a four-company post at Huachuea this year, I recommend that \$30,000 be appropriated for building two additional cavalry-company barracks and quarters at Fort Thomas; the total recommended being \$205,000.

"Detailed plans and specifications in conformity with foregoing outlined estimates will be prepared and forwarded without delay if contemplated expenditures will be approved and authorized estimates for contemplated post south of Chiricahua Mountains deferred till location is fixed, which, according to instructions of the General of the Army, must be on line of Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fé and Sonora Railway, not yet definitely located. Estimates for enlarging Fort Whipple or new post near Atlantic and Pacific Road deferred till question of Prescott Branch Railroad is determined."

MCDOWELL,
Commanding Military Division of the Pacific.

[First indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
Washington, May 22, 1882.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL :

Notify General McDowell to have the plans and estimates for Huachuea, Grant, and Apache hastened, that an appropriation may be obtained if possible at this session.

The others can wait. The permanent force for Arizona will probably be two regiments of infantry and one of cavalry.

W. T. SHERMAN,
General.