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EXPENDITURES FOR INDIAN SERVICE.

LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

A statement of open-market expenditures for the Indian service, authorized by the Interior Department, up to and including January 31, 1884, together with a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

FEBRUARY 18, 1884.—Referred to the Committee on Expenditures in the Interior Department and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 15, 1884.

SIR: Section 3 of the act of March 1, 1883 (22 Stat., 450), "making provision for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department," provides—

That no purchase of supplies for which appropriations are herein made exceeding in the aggregate five hundred dollars in value at any one time shall be made without first giving at least three weeks' notice by advertisement, except in cases of exigency, when, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, who shall make official record constituting the contingency, and shall report the same to Congress at its next session, he may direct that purchases may be made in open market in amount not exceeding three thousand dollars.

In accordance with the foregoing provision of the act noted, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of open-market expenditures for the Indian service authorized by this Department during the current fiscal year up to and including January 31, 1884, together with copy of letter of 9th instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, transmitting said statement to this Department.

Very respectfully,

M. L. JOSLYN,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

EXPENDITURES FOR INDIAN SERVICE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 9, 1884.

SIR: In compliance with the request of your letter of the 16th ultimo, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of open-market purchases authorized by you during the current fiscal year to the 31st ultimo, in excess of \$500, with a brief statement of the facts constituting the exigency. I have further to report that it has been found necessary to make all of said purchases as authorized by you.

Very respectfully,

H. PRICE,
Commissioner.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Statement of authorities granted by the Secretary of the Interior for open-market purchases in excess of \$500, for Indian goods and supplies, for the fiscal year 1884, including January 31, 1884.

Date of authority.	Amount authorized.	Agency or school.	Object of authority.	Exigency under which authority was granted.
Oct. 1, 1883	\$3,000 00	Chilocco School.....	Purchase of furniture and supplies.	Required at once. No existing contract.
Oct. 15, 1883	1,435 00	.....do.....	Purchase of range and iron bedsteads.	Do.
Nov. 20, 1883	1,450 00	.....do.....	Purchase of sundry articles.....	Do.
Dec. 14, 1883	668 75	.....do.....	Purchase of mules, corn, hay, and coal.	Do.
Sept. 28, 1883	3,000 00	Crow Agency.....	Purchase of flour in excess of quantity of contract.	Indians reported to be in a starving condition and immediate action required.
Jan. 9, 1884	3,000 00	.....do.....	Purchase of beef in excess of quantity of contract.	Do.
Jan. 23, 1884	2,000 00	.....do.....	.....do.....	Do.
Sept. 4, 1883	3,000 00	Forest Grove School.....	Purchase of sundry articles.....	Required pending the approval of contract.
Oct. 10, 1883	2,000 00	Ft. Peck Agency School.....	Purchase of half rations for pupils.	To induce children to attend school and insure continuance of school; subsistence for agency and Indians not sufficient for the purpose.
Dec. 4, 1883	1,600 00	Genoa (Nebr.) School.....	Purchase of sundry articles.....	Required as early as possible for establishment of school.
Dec. 3, 1883	1,000 00	.....do.....	.....do.....	Do.
Nov. 13, 1883	2,302 00	.....do.....	.....do.....	Do.
Oct. 20, 1883	750 00	Grand Ronde Agency.....	Purchase of 600 bushels seed-wheat.	Required immediately for fall planting.
Sept. 1, 1883	1,500 00	Klamath Agency.....	Purchase of beef.....	No contract for same, and can be purchased now cheaper of Indians than later in the season.
Dec. 31, 1883	643 50	Lawrence (Kans.) School.....	Purchase of heating-stoves.....	No contract for same; required immediately for heating purposes.
June 28, 1883	2,000 00	Mescalero and Jicarilla Agency.....	Purchase of beef for Jicarilla until removed to Mescalero.	No contract applicable before removal, and supply required immediately.
Aug. 10, 1883	805 00	.....do.....	Purchase of ambulance, sets of harness for use in removal.	Immediately required for Jicarillas in making removal to Mescalero Agency.
Sept. 12, 1883	2,020 00	.....do.....	Purchase of 50,500 pounds beef, at 4 cents per pound, for Jicarillas.	Immediately required for Jicarillas, and no contract applicable before removal.
Nov. 2, 1883	3,000 00	.....do.....	Purchase of beef for Jicarillas.....	Do.
Nov. 5, 1883	2,011 88	.....do.....	.....do.....	Do.
Jan. 18, 1884	750 00	Mission Agency.....	Purchase of sundry articles.....	Required immediately, and no contract for same.
June 14, 1883	3,000 00	New York warehouse.....	Purchase of scarfs for Indian service.	Bids at New York letting rejected as too high and sample furnished considered inferior.
Oct. 3, 1883	1,800 00	Navajo Agency.....	Material, &c., to complete dam and irrigating ditches.	No contract; work on same should be completed soon as possible.
Nov. 13, 1883	1,000 00	.....do.....	Purchase of supplies, revolvers, and accoutrements for 8 scouts.	No contract; immediately required to fit out 15 scouts.
Dec. 15, 1883	3,000 00	.....do.....	Purchase of bucks (sheep).....	No contract; immediately required for improvement of stock.

Statement of authorities granted by the Secretary of the Interior for open-market purchases in excess of \$500, for Indian goods and supplies, for the fiscal year 1884, including January 31, 1884—Continued.

Date of authority.	Amount authorized.	Agency or school.	Object of authority.	Exigency under which authority was granted.
Nov. 17, 1883	\$1,924 00	Osage Agency	Purchase of fencing-wire and staples (for Kawas).	No funds applicable for advertising.
Jan. 31, 1884	2,500 00	.....do	Purchase of fencing-wire and staples (for Osages).	Do.
Nov. 19, 1883	1,200 00	Ouray Agency	Building ferry-boat for agency use.	Old boat sunk, and new one in immediate need to transport Indian supplies across Green River.
July 11, 1883	2,000 00	Pine Ridge Agency....	Building four log school-houses ..	For different villages, to meet increasing demand for education. Required as early as possible.
Dec. 5, 1883	1,000 00	Puyallup Agency	Purchase of material, and labor on school-building.	Repairs on school-building now occupied, and required at once on account of bad condition of building.
July 18, 1883	3,000 00	Quapaw Agency.....	Purchase of horses, cattle, lumber, &c.	Immediately required in connection with harvesting.
Aug. 3, 1883	827 83	Rosebud Agency.....	Purchase of materials and labor on agency physician's house.	Immediate action required to complete same before cold weather.
Aug. 9, 1883	1,000 00	.....do	Purchase of hay-press	Required immediately to press hay for hauling for agency stock.
Sept. 8, 1883	700 00	.....do	Purchase of pork, and lumber for fencing.	Required immediately. Fencing to inclose beef-cattle delivered as a seven-month's supply in one delivery as per contract.
Nov. 2, 1883	3,000 00	.....do	Purchase of 37,500 pounds bacon, at 8 4 cents per pound.	In excess of contract quantity, and wanted at once. Contract rate for the year was 12.75 per pound.
Jan. 14, 1884	1,300 00	.....do	Purchase of lumber for Indian houses.	Required for repairs to Indian houses and agency buildings, and to be attended to immediately.
Nov. 21, 1883	700 00	San Carlos Agency	Purchase of barley and wheat	Required at once for planting purposes during the present season.
Jan. 17, 1884	3,000 00	.....do	Purchase of plows, shovels, &c., for Chiricahuas.	Indians just at agency. Articles required for farming purposes. Recommended by War Department.
Oct. 11, 1883	1,000 00	Santee Agency	Purchase of materials, &c., and labor for employé buildings.	Prompt action required to complete building to meet necessity.
Jan. 12, 1884	2,500 00	.....do	Purchase of seed-wheat, oats, &c.	Required for planting purposes; no existing contract; \$1,000 for Santees, \$1,000 for Flandreaus, and \$500 for Poncas.
Oct. 18, 1883	549 00	Sisseton Agency.....	Purchase of materials to build laundry and bakery.	Required for manual labor school; immediate need.
Oct. 20, 1883	1,894 00	.....do	Purchase of heating apparatus (Le Bosquet patent).	Required for boarding-school; immediate need.
Sept. 18, 1883	2,400 00	Southern Ute Agency....	Purchase of 200 bucks (stock)....	Ewes were purchased under contract, but bucks offered at letting were rejected. Required for improvement of stock.
Jan. 16, 1884	2,000 00	.....do	Purchase of beef.....	Contract quantity insufficient; supply required for immediate issue to prevent Indians from further killing sheep.
Aug. 29, 1883	2,000 00	Stauding Rock Agency.	Building two log school-houses ..	Required by treaty stipulations before close of year. Not time for advertising and contract.
Nov. 20, 1883	539 00do	Purchase of range, storm-wind-ows, and tarpaulins.	Required immediately on account of inclemency of season.

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Oct. 6, 1883	2,900 00	Tongue River Agency ..	Purchase of wagons, horses, flour, bacon, and furnishing office.	No contract for same. Immediately required.
Oct. 25, 1883	3,000 00	.....do	Purchase of beef for Cheyenne Indians.	Do.
Jan. 30, 1884	2,000 00	Uintah Agency	Purchase of 50,000 pounds beef, gross, at 4 cents per pound.	No funds applicable for advertising.
July 28, 1883	1,038 00	White Earth Agency...	Repairs to mill, broken dam, &c..	Instant action required, as water was undermining the building.
July 25, 1883	918 48	Yakama Agency.....	Repair of school building and purchase of materials.	Required at once to accommodate pupils arriving.
June 23, 1883	1,033 00	Yankton Agency	Purchase of corn-grinding machinery.	Much machinery on hand, which can be used by additional purchase.