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ENROLLMENT OF CHEROKEE FREEDMEN, DELAWARES,  
AND SHAWNEES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*The estimates of the Secretary of the Interior for an additional sum of \$10,000, to carry into effect the provisions of the act of March 2, 1889, for the "enrollment of the Cherokee Freedmen, Delawares, and Shawnees."*

AUGUST 9, 1890.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, August 7, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate by the Secretary of the Interior, under date of the 5th instant, for an additional sum of \$10,000, to carry into effect the provisions of the act of March 2, 1889 (25 Stat., p. 994), for the "enrollment of Cherokee Freedmen, Delawares, and Shawnees."

Respectfully yours,

P. L. SPAULDING,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Washington, August 5, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication of the 2d instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and accompanying estimate of the additional appropriation deemed necessary to enable John W. Wallace, special commissioner, to complete the work contemplated by the provision of the act of Congress, approved March 2, 1889 (25 Stat., 994).

The estimate as submitted by Mr. Wallace is as follows:

Shortage to July 24, 1890.....	\$847. 50
To meet increased enumeration.....	5, 000. 00
Expenses of disbursement.....	1, 500. 00
To cover incidental and emergency expenses.....	2, 652. 50
Total.....	\$10, 000. 00

The Commissioner, in reporting upon this estimate, says he knows no objection to the item of \$5,000 to cover the increased enumeration and to the item of \$847.50 to cover the shortage of the present appropriation, but that he is not sufficiently informed as to express an intelligent opinion upon the other items.

In regard to this estimate, I desire to say that \$4,000 of the \$5,000 appropriated by the act of March 2, 1889, to enable the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain who are entitled to share in the appropriation of \$75,000 made by act of Congress approved October 19, 1888, have been placed to the credit of Mr. Wallace; that the unsettled claims due Mr. Wallace amount to \$1,847.50, as shown by the accompanying statement, leaving a shortage of \$847.50.

Mr. Wallace in his work was antagonized by the Cherokees and was obliged to examine a large number of people and their witnesses, in order to ascertain who were entitled to share in the appropriation. This consumed much time and money, and therefore additional funds are required as stated.

The item of \$5,000, or so much thereof as is necessary, is required to pay those enrolled of all classes in excess of the number on which the estimate of \$75,000, in act of 1888, was based, making the sum to be disbursed per capita \$80,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, instead of \$75,000 as appropriated by act of 1888.

To disburse the sum of \$80,000 the item of \$1,500 is required.

The item of \$2,652.50 is required for the purpose of paying any additional persons found entitled to enrollment their per capita shares, and for such other incidental and necessary expenses that may arise in completing the work.

This appropriation being necessary to complete the work required by the act of March 2, 1889, I respectfully request that it receive early and favorable action of your committee.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,  
*Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, August 2, 1880.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, requesting this office to prepare and submit to the Department an estimate of the additional appropriation deemed necessary to enable Mr. John W. Wallace to complete the work contemplated in the provision of the act of Congress, approved March 2, 1889, (25 Stat., 994), in which the sum of \$5,000 was appropriated to enable the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain who are entitled to share in the appropriation of \$75,000, made by the act of Congress, approved October 19, 1888, and also to cover the amount of the expense already incurred in excess of former appropriation.

With regard to the work performed by Mr. Wallace, I would respectfully state that, in accordance with the direction of the Department, this office detailed a clerk who was engaged for about three weeks in revising the report of Mr. Wallace, and another clerk was detailed for about the same period to assist in the preparation and examination of his statement of account. It is understood that Mr. Wallace is now on duty in this city under his appointment, at a compensation of \$10 per

day, but I am not advised with regard to the details of the particular work upon which he is engaged at present.

Mr. Wallace has prepared and submitted to this office an estimate of the additional appropriation deemed by him to be necessary for the adjustment of present indebtedness, and the completion of the work.

It will be seen that he itemizes the amounts as follows:

Shortage to July 24, 1890.....	\$847.50
To meet increased enumeration.....	5,000.00
Expenses of disbursement.....	1,500.00
To cover incidental and emergency expenses.....	2,652.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

I know of no objection to the item of \$5,000 to cover the increased enumeration, and the item of \$847.50 to cover the shortage in the present appropriation, but, with regard to the other items presented by Mr. Wallace, I have the honor to state that this office is not sufficiently informed to express an intelligent opinion.

I therefore respectfully submit the matter to the Department, with the recommendation that the additional appropriation be made in such terms that the amount appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, can be used, and the remainder covered back into the Treasury.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. J. MORGAN,  
*Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, July 31, 1890.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith, in response to a verbal request from your Department, an estimate of the additional appropriation, which I deem necessary to complete my work in connection with the Cherokee Freedmen, Delaware, and Shawnee Indian rolls, and to make the final payment thereon.

Shortage to July 24, 1890.....	\$847.50
To meet increased enumeration.....	5,000.00
Expenses of disbursement.....	1,500.00
Estimated to cover incidental and emergency expenses.....	2,652.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>

Whatever of the amount that is not required to be returnable to the Treasury. The appropriation made to effect the payment to the beneficiaries alluded to, was based upon an estimate made by Commissioner Atkins, my rolls show that an increased appropriation is necessary, owing to the omission made in the roll from which he based his conclusion. This also applies to the amount appropriated to ascertain who of the various classes were properly entitled.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. WALLACE,  
*Commissioner, etc.*

Hon. T. J. MORGAN,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

## ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN INDIANS.

*Statement of unsettled amounts due on account of enrollment of Cherokee Freedmen,  
Delaware and Shawnee Indians.*

Due on account services:	
C. S. Shelton, clerk.....	\$81.00
S. S. Clover, clerk.....	50.00
T. Dougherty, interpreter.....	82.50
W. Breedlove, clerk.....	152.00
L. Foreman, messenger.....	11.00
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Per diem of Commissioner, balance March 31.....	376.50
Per diem of Commissioner, April to June 30, 91 days.....	260.40
Per diem of Commissioner, July 1 to July 24.....	910.00
Traveling expenses, Fort Smith to Washington.....	240.00
Traveling expenses, Fort Smith to Washington.....	37.00
Incidental expenses paid by Commissioner:	
March 6, omitted from account J. W. Stapler, 1 trunk.....	\$7.00
March 6, omitted from account Brown & Co., stationery.....	5.00
April 10, expressage on report.....	.25
May 1, Samuel Edmonds on replevin, Cherokee rolls.....	2.50
May 3, expressage trunk of evidence.....	6.50
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	21.25
To amount due W. C. Patton & Co., unsettled bill.....	2.35
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Total.....	1,847.50

NOTE.—One thousand dollars of the original appropriation act of March 2, 1889, is still in the Treasury, leaving a deficiency of \$847.50 to be appropriated by Congress.