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SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES FOR THE INDIAN SERVICE.

L E T T E R

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, submitting amended and supplemental estimates for the Indian service for the ensuing fiscal year.

JANUARY 2, 1891.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
January 2, 1891.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior of the 22d ultimo, submitting amended and supplemental estimates for the Indian service for the ensuing fiscal year.

Respectfully yours,

A. B. NETTLETON,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 22, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith supplemental and amended estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, submitted by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, deemed necessary to meet the requirements of Article V of the Sioux agreement of February 28, 1877 (19 Stat., 254), and for other purposes.

The estimates are submitted with my approval, and the favorable action of Congress solicited thereon.

Very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, December 20, 1890.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, in which you direct that the estimate of amount required for subsistence and civilization of the Sioux Indians for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, be amended so as to enable the Department to furnish said Indians with the rations prescribed by article 5 of the Sioux agreement of February 28, 1877 (19 Stats., 254).

In reply I have to state that the estimate for subsistence of the Sioux now before Congress for consideration amounts to \$900,000. This sum should be increased to \$1,100,000, in order to enable this office to comply with the directions of the President, and to supply the full ration stipulated to be furnished under said agreement. On page 131 of the book of estimates for the fiscal year 1892 will be found an item for subsistence and civilization of the Northern Cheyennes and Arapahoes, as per agreement with the Sioux Indians approved February 28, 1877, \$35,000. This item should be increased to \$50,000, so as to provide them with the same subsistence estimated for the several tribes of Sioux. In addition to these items for the Sioux, I have included in supplemental and amended estimates herewith several other items of appropriations required for the Indian service for the next fiscal year, for the following reasons:

The item under "Support of Indians in Arizona and New Mexico" has been increased from \$170,000 to \$200,000 to enable the Department to construct a sawmill and other necessary improvements at the San Carlos Agency, and for additional support for the White Mountain Apaches at Fort Apache, Ariz.

The item of \$10,000 submitted for the support of the Moquis Indians is required to build them houses, supply seeds and agricultural implements, and otherwise to advance them in civilization. They number 2,200 souls.

The item under "Pay of Indian Police" is changed from \$165,000 to \$310,000 in order to enlarge the number of officers and privates authorized by law to 100 officers and 1,000 privates, at increased salaries, being an increase of 25 officers and 250 privates.

This branch of the service should be enlarged and encouraged by the payment of salaries commensurate with the duties to be performed. The position of policeman is one requiring more than ordinary courage, discretion, and intelligence, and as his entire time is taken up by his official duties, he can not support a family on a meager compensation. Competent men can not be employed without adequate compensation.

Application has been made from time to time for aid for pupils returned from Indian schools. As this office has no fund at its disposal applicable to the help of such pupils, an item of \$10,000 has been submitted for this purpose.

An item of \$150,000 has been submitted for irrigating ditches on Indian reservations.

In 1885 Congress appropriated \$50,000 for this purpose, which is now exhausted, and as calls are made upon this office repeatedly by agents for funds to be expended for irrigating purposes on the various reservations, I hope provision will be made by Congress for the amount estimated under this head.

Irrigation is very necessary on the Fort Hall Reservation, Idaho, in order to enable the Indians at that agency to cultivate successfully their

farming lands. An item of \$50,000 has been submitted for this purpose, to be reimbursed to the United States from sale of their lands.

The Pima Indians, of Arizona, for the last two years have raised large crops of wheat, and of excellent quality, but they have no grist-mill on the reservation for the manufacture of flour, hence they are compelled to market their grain and sell it at a very low price.

A mill should be erected on the reservation, and an item of \$9,000 has been included in said estimates for a flour mill at the Pima Agency, Arizona.

Slaughterhouses and issue stations are needed on many of the Indian reservations, but this office has no fund at its disposal that can be applied to the construction of this class of buildings. An item of \$60,000 has been submitted for the purposes mentioned.

An additional sawmill is very much needed on the Navajo Reservation, New Mexico. The Indians are constantly demanding lumber for building material, the demand being greater than the supply, and an item of \$5,000 has been submitted for the erection of said sawmill on the reservation.

The Yankton Indians require seed for planting, an artesian well, and some other improvements, on their reservation. An item of \$15,000 has been submitted for the purposes named.

Under instructions from this office, upon the representation of citizens, made through Hon. John F. Caine, Delegate from Utah, an investigation has been made of the condition of the Shebits Indians, in Santa Clare County, southwestern Utah. These Indians, numbering 194 souls, are remnants of several tribes having a similar language, dress in citizen clothes, and are partly self-supporting. They stand in mortal dread of the Utes, the nearest reservation Indians. Land should be purchased for this band, and some assistance granted to enable them to start in farming. In order to help these Indians and to provide them with homes, an item of \$10,000 has been submitted for their care and support and for the purchase of land.

The estimates herewith are respectfully submitted for the favorable consideration of the Department and transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury for the action of Congress.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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Supplemental and amended estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, by the Indian Office.

Detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.	Amount appropriated for the current fiscal year, ending June 30, 1891.
Support of Northern Cheyennes and Arapahoes: Subsistence and civilization, as per agreement with the Sioux Indians, approved February 28, 1877, vol. 19, p. 256, sec. 5.....	\$50,000.00	\$35,000.00
Support of Sioux of different tribes, subsistence and civilization: Subsistence of the Sioux, and for purposes of their civilization, as per agreement ratified by act of Congress, approved February 28, 1877, vol. 19, p. 256, sec. 5.....	1,100,000.00	950,000.00
Support of Indians in Arizona and New Mexico: This amount to subsist and properly care for the Apaches and other Indians in Arizona and New Mexico who have been or may be collected on reservations in New Mexico or Arizona. (Appropriated, vol. 26, p. 351, sec. 1).....	200,000.00	170,000.00
Support of Moquis Indians: Support and civilization of the Moquis Indians in Arizona, including pay of employes, to be immediately available. (Submitted).....	10,000.00
Pay of Indian police: Services of not exceeding one hundred officers at \$25 per month each, and one thousand privates at \$20 per month each, to be employed in maintaining order and prohibiting illegal traffic in liquor on the several Indian reservations, and within the Territory of Alaska, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, and for the purchase of equipments and rations for policemen at nonration agencies (appropriated, vol. 26, p. 355, sec. 1).....	310,000.00	123,000.00
Aiding pupils returned from Indian schools: This amount to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior in assisting pupils returned from Indian schools (submitted).....	10,000.00
Irrigating ditches, Indian reservations: For the purpose of surveying and constructing irrigating ditches on Indian reservations, and instructing Indians in farming in connection therewith (appropriated, vol. 23, p. 94, sec. 1; submitted)....	150,000.00
Irrigating ditches, Fort Hall Reservation, Idaho: For the purpose of constructing irrigating ditches on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, Idaho, to be reimbursed to the United States from proceeds of sale of Pocatello town site and other land (submitted).....	50,000.00
Flour mill, Pima Agency, Ariz.: Purchase of machinery and erection of buildings for flour mill at the Pima Agency, Ariz. (submitted).....	9,000.00
Slaughterhouses and issue stations on Indian reservations: Erection of slaughterhouses and issue stations on Indian reservations (submitted).....	60,000.00
Sawmill, Navajoe Reservation, New Mexico: Purchase of machinery and erection of building for an additional sawmill on the Navajo Reservation, New Mexico (submitted).....	5,000.00
Seeds and artesian well, Yankton Agency, South Dakota: Purchase of seeds for planting, sinking an artesian well, and for other necessary improvements on the Yankton Reservation, South Dakota (submitted).....	15,000.00
Support of Shebits Indians in southwestern Utah: Support and civilization of the Shebits tribe of Indians in Santa Clara County, southwestern Utah, including the pay of a superintendent and purchase of land for said Indians (submitted).....	10,000.00