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TRAVELING EXPENSES OF INDIAN SCHOOL SUPERIN-
TENDENT, 1890.

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 estimate of a deficiency in the appropriation for the traveling expenses of Indian school superintendent, 1890.

JANUARY 30, 1891.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
January 29, 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 28th instant, submitting an estimate of deficiency in the appropriation for "traveling expenses of Indian school superintendent, 1890," \$210.03.

Respectfully yours,

O. F. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 27, 1891.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith a communication from Daniel Dorchester, superintendent of Indian schools, dated the 20th instant, in reference to a deficiency of \$210.03 in the appropriation for his traveling and per diem expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, and asking for an appropriation by Congress to meet the same.

The appropriation of \$1,500 per annum for the expenses of this office is not sufficient to cover the field work performed by him in the line of duty, and I respectfully recommend that the inclosed item proposed to be inserted in the general deficiency bill may meet with your approval and be forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury for transmittal to Congress.

Very respectfully,

T. J. MORGAN, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Indorsement.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
January 28, 1891.

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury with the recommendation that the within named items be incorporated in the general deficiency bill for the current fiscal year.

JOHN W. NOBLE,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
Office of Superintendent, Washington, D. C., January 20, 1891.

SIR: In closing up my accounts as superintendent of Indian schools and special district agent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, the provision for my per diem claim fell short \$210.03, which I respectfully ask the Government to pay.

The following is a statement of the case:

In previous years \$2,000 were allowed for the traveling and per diem expenses of the superintendent of Indian schools, but said officials spent but little time in the field, as you well know, and a considerable part of the appropriation each year lapsed into the Treasury of the United States.

Proceeding upon the supposition that a similar surplus might again occur, the amount appropriated for this purpose last year (1890) was reduced to \$1,500. This was the amount assigned to me for the last fiscal year.

When I entered upon the service, in a lengthy interview with the Secretary of the Interior, at the particular request of President Harrison, it was urged that the Department earnestly desired that I should spend as much time as possible in the field, visiting the Indian schools, not omitting those most remote.

I therefore entered the field promptly and spent nearly all the time in the work of inspection. In the last fiscal year I was in the field all the time, except about 2 months in the whole year, when employed in Washington, D. C.

In that fiscal year I visited almost all the Indian schools in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Nebraska, and some in Idaho and Montana. The expenses incident to such extended travels were necessarily large, and most of the schools visited had never before seen the Superintendent of Indian schools.

At the commencement of the fourth quarter of 1890, out of the \$1,500 aforesaid, only \$273 remained. I was then in New Mexico, and thought it wiser not to use a large part of it in returning to Washington, but to keep in the field and go across northern Arizona into California. So important was the work of visitation and so favorable were the spring months for this work that I concluded to keep in the field through the quarter, using the remaining funds for traveling expenses, and trust to the equity of the Government to make up any shortage in my per diem allowance.

This enabled me to finish the work in New Mexico, Arizona, and California, and also visit two schools in Nevada.

My traveling expenses for that quarter were \$210.07, leaving only \$62.97 for the per diem claim. But my per diem charge for the quarter, all of which was spent in the field, was (91 days, at \$3 each) \$273. Deducting the \$62.97 received leaves a balance due me of \$210.03, for which I now respectfully make request.

Respectfully submitted.

Yours, etc.,

DANIEL DORCHESTER,
Superintendent Indian Schools.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Proposed item to be inserted in the general deficiency bill for the fiscal year 1891 and for prior years.

FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES OF INDIAN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

Necessary traveling expenses of one superintendent of Indian schools, including telegraphing and incidental expenses of inspection and investigation: *Provided*, That he shall be allowed \$3 per day for traveling expenses when actually on duty in the field, exclusive of cost of transportation and sleeping-car fare, \$210.03, being a deficiency for the fiscal year 1890.