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APPROPRIATION FOR INDIAN SERVICE.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

RECOMMENDING

An appropriation to pay certain claims that have been allowed and partly settled to extent of funds on hand.

FEBRUARY 18, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., February 15, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 11th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, reporting balances due on certain claims that have been allowed on account of the Indian service, and respectfully invite the attention of Congress to the subject, with the recommendation that an appropriation be made to pay the several amounts due.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. COX, *Secretary.*

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 11, 1870.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith a statement of amounts due on certain claims that have been paid in part, either by direction of your department, or by settlements made through the Treasury Department.

In the case of the claim of James B. Hubbell, the account presented for the construction of the buildings at the Blackfeet agency was settled through the accounting officers of the treasury in the usual way. Payment thereof was made to the extent of the funds then on hand applicable, and the balance, \$11,792 51, was suspended until funds were appropriated to pay it.

The amount due on the claim of Mr. Adams is the balance remaining of the sum allowed on such claim by your department, after paying the

same to the extent of the funds on hand belonging to the Kiowas and Comanches for annuities or for beneficial objects.

The amount due W. C. Wright is also a balance remaining after paying his claim, as allowed by your department, to the extent of the funds on hand applicable thereto.

No payment has been made on the claim of R. H. Taylor, for the reason that there are no funds at the disposal of the department that can be used for that purpose.

The correctness and justness of these claims have been acknowledged by your department, or by this office and the accounting officers of the treasury, and payments have been made on them with one exception. There is no money now on hand that can be used to pay the amounts due on any of said claims; and I therefore respectfully recommend that the matter be submitted to Congress with the view of having the necessary funds appropriated.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER, *Commissioner.*

Hon. J. D. COX,
Secretary of the Interior.

Statement of amounts due on claims in the office of Indian Affairs, that have been ordered to be paid by the Secretary of the Interior, and that have been allowed and settled by the accounting officers of the treasury, and a portion thereof suspended until appropriations were made applicable.

Claim of James B. Hubbell, for the construction of Fort W. T. Sherman, and other buildings attached thereto, for the Blackfeet, Blood, and Regan tribes of the Blackfeet nation of Indians in Montana Territory, as per contract with W. J. Cullen, United States special agent, dated October 7, 1868. Balance on settlement.....	\$11,792 51
Claim of A. M. Adams, for depredations committed by Kiowas and Comanches during the year 1866. Balance admitted to be due on the adjustment of his claim, and on allowance of the honorable Secretary of the Interior, April 28 and July 10, 1869.....	29,492 62
Claim of William C. Wright, for expenses incurred by him while acting Indian agent in Montana Territory, by appointment of Governor Green Clay Smith, dated July 22, 1867. Balance admitted to be due on the settlement of his claim by direction of the Secretary of the Interior, under date November 27, 1869.....	812 53
Claim of R. H. Taylor, for cattle taken by the Kiowas and Comanches, and for herding certain other cattle, admitted and allowed by the Secretary of the Interior June 9, 1869.....	2,409 47