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JOHN E. TAPPAN.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

TRANSMITTING

Accounts of John E. Tappan for goods given to Kiowa Indians, for delivery of white captives held by them in 1868.

FEBRUARY 18, 1870.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs 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 letter, dated the 12th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the accompanying accounts, in favor of John E. Tappan, for supplies given by him to the Kiowa Indians in consideration of the delivery of certain white captives held by them in 1868.

The subject is respectfully submitted for the consideration of Congress, with the view to an appropriation to pay said accounts.

Very respectfully,

J. D. COX,
Secretary.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., February 12, 1870.

SIR: Referring to department letter of September 8, 1868, relative to two accounts in favor of John E. Tappan, for supplies given by him to the Kiowa Indians as presents, in consideration of the delivery of certain white captives held by them in 1868, I would respectfully state that as there is no appropriation at the disposal of the department applicable to the payment of said accounts, Mr. Tappan's attorneys, Messrs. Sanborn and King, are desirous of having the matter submitted to Congress for an appropriation of the necessary funds for that purpose.

JOHN E. TAPPAN.

The articles named in said accounts were not furnished to the Indians under the direction or authority of your department, this office, or any officer thereof; but, on the contrary, they appear to have been delivered by direction of General Sully, at that time, June 13, 1868, commanding at Fort Larned, Kansas. I have no doubt that the goods were given to the Indians as claimed and as stated in the accounts; and in order that the matter may be disposed of, I herewith inclose the accounts and respectfully recommend, if you deem it advisable, to submit the same to Congress, with the view of having the necessary funds appropriated to pay them.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. S. PARKER.
Commissioner.

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

No. 22.

FORT LARNED, KANSAS.

The United States,

To John E. Tappan, Dr.

July 13, 1868.	To 1 army revolver.....	\$15 00
	1 navy revolver.....	15 00
	1 sack flour.....	10 00
	1 pair black blankets.....	15 00
	25 yards calico, at 25 cents.....	6 25
	50 pounds sugar, at 25 cents.....	12 50
	50 pounds coffee, at 50 cents.....	25 00
	10 packages cartridges, at 20 cents.....	2 00
	25 quart cups, at 20 cents.....	5 00
	1 silver-mounted saddle.....	28 00
	2 bed spreads, fine, at \$9.....	18 00
	1 pair red blankets.....	15 00
	1 knife.....	1 00
	2 ponies, at \$65.....	130 00
	caps and lead.....	3 00
	crackers.....	10 00
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The above articles were presented to the Kiowa Indians for the delivery of a white captive, a boy, aged 8.

I certify the above account is correct and just. These goods were given to the Indians delivering up the white captive, not in the light of purchasing, but as a reward and a mark of friendship on the part of the United States. I considered it necessary to make the presents to prevent hostilities, as the Indians at the time had every appearance of being disposed to be mischievous.

ALF. SULLY,
Brevet Brigadier General, Commanding.

Received three hundred and ten dollars and seventy-five cents in full of the above account

JNO. E. TAPPAN,
Post Sutler.

No. 22.

FORT LARNED, KANSAS.

The United States,

To Jno. E. Tappan, Dr.

July 21, 1868.	To 48 blue shirts, woolen, at \$1 30.....	\$62 40
	5 dozen military hats, at \$8 50.....	42 50
	100 yards hickory, at 50 cents.....	50 00
	100 yards denims, at 40 cents.....	40 00
	100 yards heavy sheeting, at 30 cents.....	30 00
	80 yards check, at 75 cents.....	60 00
	85 yards gray flannel, at 80 cents.....	68 00
	70 yards satinnet, at \$1 75.....	122 50
	4 table spreads, at \$3 50.....	14 00
	6 pairs blankets, red, at \$15.....	90 00
	50 pounds sugar, at 25 cents.....	12 50
	115 pounds flour, at 10 cents.....	11 50
	2 horses, at \$50.....	100 00
	1 army revolver.....	15 00
	1 black blanket.....	15 00
	3 revolvers, at \$15.....	45 00
	3 canisters powder, at \$1 50.....	4 50
	3 knives, at \$1.....	3 00
	caps and lead.....	5 00
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The above articles were presented to the Kiowa Indians for the delivery of a white captive, a girl, aged 15.

I certify the above account is correct and just. These goods were given to the Indians delivering up the white captive, not in the light of purchasing, but as a reward and a mark of friendship on the part of the United States. I considered it necessary to make the presents to prevent hostilities, as the Indians at the time had every appearance of being disposed to be mischievous.

ALF. SULLY,

Brevet Brigadier General, Commanding.

Received seven hundred and ninety dollars and ninety cents in full of the above account.

JNO. E. TAPPAN,

Post Sutler.