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Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, asking for an  
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DIAN BOUNTY FRAUDS.

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L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

ASKING FOR

*An appropriation to meet expenses incurred in the investigation of Indian  
bounty frauds.*

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APRIL 30, 1872.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be  
printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., April 25, 1872.*

SIR: During the last fall and winter a commission, authorized by this Department, was engaged in the investigation of certain charges made by the authorities of the Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole Nations against a former agent of this Department, in the matter of the payment of bounties and back pay due the members of the First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards. In order to meet the expenses of this commission, I have the honor to submit the accompanying estimate of appropriation, amounting to \$2,000, and respectfully request the favorable action of Congress upon the same.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
B. R. COWEN,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives, United States.*

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Estimate of appropriation required for the payment of expenses incurred, by  
order of the Secretary of the Interior, in the investigation of certain charges  
of fraud in the payment of bounties and back pay to the members of the  
First, Second, and Third Regiments of Indian Home Guards..... \$2,000