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Letter from the Secretary of the Interior,
transmitting an amendment to the Indian
appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1894 submitted
by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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AMENDMENT TO INDIAN APPROPRIATION BILL.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*An amendment to the Indian appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1894
submitted by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

JANUARY 25, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

Washington, January 23, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication of the 21st inst., from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing a form of amendment to the Indian appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1894, to be inserted after the clause providing funds for the support of the Genoa Indian school, Nebraska, authorizing the use of miscellaneous receipts of said school during the fiscal year 1893 to settle indebtedness of the school incurred during the fiscal years 1892 and 1893.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

JOHN W. NOBLE,

Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, January 21, 1893.

SIR: On November 17, 1892, I had the honor to address a communication to you inviting attention to the financial condition of the Genoa Indian school, Nebraska, and recommending that an Indian inspector be sent there to investigate the financial methods used by the present superintendent in conducting that school.

Inspector Miller, who was designated to make this investigation, reported under date of December 21, 1892, that there was an outstanding indebtedness at the school incurred during the fiscal year 1892 in

excess of the amount appropriated for the support of the school amounting to \$6,662.36, composed of the following items:

Jas. Pearsall, balance due on contract for large school building.....	\$5, 553. 29
N. J. Skoog, balance due for beef.....	494. 04
G. A. Mollin, balance due for flour	307. 50
D. C. Perrigo, balance due for coal	307. 53

Total \$6, 662. 36

The inspector states that the superintendent of the school has on hand sufficient quantities of harness and brooms manufactured at the school and materials for the manufacture of more of these articles, so that the proceeds of the sale thereof will be more than sufficient to settle the indebtedness of the last fiscal year.

As most of the materials on hand and used in the manufacture of the harness and brooms now at this school have been paid for from funds appropriated for the support of the school during the current fiscal year, it is believed that legislation by Congress is necessary before the proceeds of the sale of these articles can be used to liquidate a debt incurred during the last fiscal year.

With this end in view I have the honor to transmit herewith a form of amendment to the Indian appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1894, to be inserted after the clause providing funds for the support of the Genoa school, authorizing the use of these miscellaneous receipts of the school during the fiscal year 1893, to settle indebtedness of the school incurred during the fiscal years 1892 and 1893, and recommend that the same be transmitted to Congress for its consideration and action.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. V. BELT,
Acting Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Form of amendment to the Indian appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1894.

Provided, That authority is hereby granted to use miscellaneous receipts received from sale of articles raised or manufactured at the Genoa school during the fiscal year 1893 in payment of indebtedness incurred during the fiscal years 1892 and 1893.