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Assistant to Superintendent of Indian Schools.
Letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury,
transmitting an estimate of appropriation,
submitted by the Secretary of the Interior to
provide the Superintendent of Indian Schools with
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ASSISTANT TO SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN SCHOOLS.

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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior to provide the superintendent of Indian schools with an expert assistant.

FEBRUARY 8, 1894.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *February 7, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of appropriation, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior on the 1st instant, to provide at the earliest possible date the superintendent of Indian schools with an expert assistant at a salary of not less than \$1,000 per annum.

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKE,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, January 27, 1894.

SIR: In the organization of the Indian school service in which, in accordance with your directions, the superintendent of Indian schools is at present engaged, I find that he is much hampered by lack of confidential expert assistance. This is much needed in order to enable him, first, to collect testimony not readily accessible through public routine; second, to conduct his search for good teachers and to encourage these to seek employment in the Indian service; third, to extract from periodicals, school reports, and books, information and data for his work; fourth, to work out the details of courses of study and circulars of information; fifth, to examine into the value of text-books, professional publications, and school appliances, and to perform other duties of a confidential character requiring the skill of an expert.

I find it impossible to furnish him the needed help under the laws and statutes at present in force concerning Indian affairs, and that special appropriation will be needed for the purpose indicated. I would, therefore, recommend that you request Congress to make, with the least possible delay, supplementary appropriation to furnish the superintendent of Indian schools the needed confidential expert help, at a salary of not less than \$1,000 per annum.

Very respectfully,

D. I. H. BROWNING,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Indorsement.]

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *February 1, 1894.*

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation that the within-named office be provided for at the earliest possible date.

HOKE SMITH,
Secretary.

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