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SURVEY OF FORT HALL RESERVATION.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Estimate of deficiency in appropriation made February 23, 1889, for surveying a portion of Fort Hall Reservation, together with letters from Commissioner of Indian Affairs and Acting Secretary of Interior.

MARCH 27, 1894.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *March 24, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of deficiency in the appropriation made by section 3 of the act of February 23, 1889 (25 Stat., p. 687), for surveying a portion of Fort Hall Reservation, \$700, as submitted by the Secretary of the Interior on the 21st instant.

Respectfully yours,

W. E. CURTIS,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 21, 1894.

SIR: By section 3 of the act approved February 23, 1889 (25 Stats., 687), ratifying the agreement concluded with the Shoshone and Bannock Indians May 14, 1890, there was appropriated the sum of \$12,000 to pay the expense of surveys for allotments to the Indians within the Fort Hall Reservation.

According to statements made by the surveyor-general of Idaho, the liability of contract for survey amounts to \$10,033 and the estimated cost of field inspection to \$414.80; total, \$10,447.80; amount of appropriation, \$12,000; balance, \$1,552.20.

The surveyor-general states that all of said balance, \$1,552.20, will be needed to complete the office work under said contract, and that a second examination in the field will be necessary. He states that of said balance \$870 has been used for office work, and that the remainder, \$682.20, will be applied in payment for second examination in the field,

leaving a deficiency of about \$700 for office work to be performed hereafter.

This matter was brought to the attention of this office by your letter of the 23d of January last, in which you directed that an item be prepared for insertion in the deficiency bill, requesting an appropriation of a sum not exceeding \$700 to complete the office work under the contract.

In accordance with said instructions, I herewith submit a draft of an item to be inserted in the general deficiency bill hereafter to be acted upon by Congress.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
D. M. BROWNING,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *March 21, 1894.*

Respectfully referred to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation that the within draft of an item of appropriation be inserted in the general deficiency bill for the current fiscal year.

HOKE SMITH,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 23, 1894.

SIR: In accordance with the recommendation contained in your communication of 20th instant, on the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office of 15th instant, in which request is made for the use of \$682.20 of the balance of \$1,552.80 of the appropriation of \$12,000 made by the act ratifying the agreement with the Shoshone and Bannock Indians to pay the expenses of surveys for allotments to Indians within the Fort Hall Reservation, Idaho, I have this day authorized the Commissioner of the General Land Office to use not exceeding \$682.20 for the purpose requested, and as the surveyor-general of Idaho reports that all of the \$1,552.80 is required to complete the office work under this contract, which can not be done until examination in the field is made, I have to direct that an item be prepared for insertion in the deficiency bill requesting an appropriation of a sum not exceeding \$700 to complete the office work under this contract.

The letter of the Commissioner of the General Land Office and its inclosures are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

WM. H. SIMS,
Acting Secretary.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Item for the general deficiency bill.

Surveying a portion of Fort Hall Reservation.—This amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the expense of the survey of a portion of the Fort Hall Reservation, in Idaho, as provided by section 2 of an act to accept and ratify the agreement submitted by the Shoshones, Bannocks, and Sheepeaters, of the Fort Hall and Lenih Reservation, in Idaho, May 14, 1880, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1889, \$700.