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INDIAN SCHOOL AT CHEROKEE, N. C.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

TRANSMITTING

Estimate of appropriation submitted by the Secretary of the Interior for support of the Indian school at Cherokee, N. C., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

APRIL 5, 1894.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *March 31, 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 of the 29th instant, for support of the Indian school at Cherokee, N. C., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, \$26,745.

This estimate is intended to take the place of the one submitted for this object on March 10, 1894, and printed as House Ex. Doc. No. 142, present session.

Respectfully, yours,

W. E. CURTIS,
Acting Secretary.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 22, 1894.

SIR: Referring to office letter dated January 6, 1894, recommending that Congress be requested to appropriate the aggregate sum of \$37,600 for the support of 200 pupils at \$167 per annum each, pay of superintendent is \$1,200, and for erection of buildings \$3,000, at the Cherokee, N. C., Indian training school during the ensuing fiscal year (in lieu of the estimate of \$14,560 to be found on page 151 of the Book of Estimates for 1895), which recommendation was referred by the

Department, under date of March 8, 1894, to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, "with favorable recommendation to Congress for an appropriation of \$3,000 for the erection of school building," I have the honor to invite your attention to the following additional facts regarding the Cherokee school and to the recommendation appended.

On January 1, 1894, the average attendance of pupils at the school was 135, with an enrollment of 138, and at this date no decrease has been noted. The appropriation provides for the support of but 80 pupils, and, until a short time since, the buildings barely afforded accommodations for that number. Now, however, as the buildings have undergone some alterations and repairs, they will fairly accommodate the present attendance of 135.

The impossibility of supporting 135 pupils with an appropriation for 80 will be readily apparent, and, consequently, unless a corresponding increase of appropriation is made to provide for the increased attendance, quite a number of pupils must of necessity be refused admission to the school, and that in the light of a commendable desire on their part to receive the benefits of education.

I deem it my duty, in view of the facts presented, to respectfully submit the following revised estimate of appropriation for the Cherokee school for the ensuing fiscal year, with the recommendation that Congress be requested to appropriate in accordance therewith, viz:

Support of Indian school, Cherokee, N. C.:	
Support of 135 pupils at the Indian training school at Cherokee, N. C., at \$167 per annum each.....	\$22,545
Pay of superintendent of said school.....	1,200
Erection of buildings.....	3,000
	26,745

Very respectfully,

D. M. BROWNING,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, *March 29, 1894.*

Respectfully forwarded through the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation that it receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

HOKE SMITH,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, March 28, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter dated the 24th instant, wherein it is stated:

I herewith return your letter of the 22d instant, recommending an increase in the appropriation for the Cherokee Indian Training School of North Carolina, with the request that you will put it with all other recommendations of like character which are to be made so that they may all be considered at the same time.

With all such recommendations you will please submit a full report showing the reasons for a change. Too much care can not be used to prevent the request for amounts not absolutely necessary.

In reply I respectfully return herewith office letter above referred to, with the information that the recommendation embraced therein is the last of that character that will be submitted by this office for the

consideration of the Department and of Congress during the present session.

In further reply I would add that the facts set forth in office letters of January 6 and March 22, 1894, concerning the Cherokee Training School will, it is believed, furnish adequate information regarding the condition and needs of the school, and are all that the office has to present.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BROWNING,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

