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FLOUR MILL, AT PIMA AGENCY, ARIZ.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING,

A copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior recommending that the appropriation in the Indian bill for "Operating and repairing the flour mill at Pima Agency, Ariz.," be increased.

MAY 28, 1894.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *May 26, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Interior of the 22d instant, recommending that the appropriation on page 44 of the Indian bill for the fiscal year 1895 (H. R. 6913), for "Operating and repairing the flour mill at Pima Agency, Ariz., \$1,200," be increased to \$2,420.

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKES,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, May 17, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of a communication dated the 8th instant, from the U. S. Indian agent at Pima Agency, Ariz., urging that the estimate of appropriation for the operation and repair of the flour mill at said agency be increased from \$1,200, the amount contained in the Indian appropriation bill for the ensuing fiscal year, to \$2,420.

The appropriation for the flour mill for the current fiscal year was \$1,500, and it is true, as the agent states, "that while the strictest economy was practiced in its management, the fund was exhausted in the third quarter."

I respectfully further quote from the agent's letter, in which he says:

If the absolute requirements of the Indians are met, the mill should be operated at its full capacity during the whole of the year. The salary paid the miller is \$840, and that of the engineer is \$480. The wood required for twelve months will cost \$800, the oil and repairs \$300, aggregating, \$2,420. The salaries paid the miller and engineer are about one-half of what is paid for such services in the Territory by private institutions, and it will be impossible for the Department to secure competent employes for less than is now paid.

In view of the apparent necessities of the case I respectfully recommend that the item in the Indian appropriation bill, above referred to, for operating and repairing the flour mill at Pima Agency, Ariz., be increased from \$1,200 to \$2,420.

Very respectfully,

FRANK C. ARMSTRONG,
Acting Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Indorsement.]

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, *May 22, 1894.*

Respectfully forwarded to the honorable Secretary of the Treasury, with the recommendation that the within request of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

HOKE SMITH,
Secretary.

U. S. INDIAN SERVICE, PIMA AGENCY,
Sacaton, Ariz., May 8, 1894.

SIR: In the appropriation bill proposed for current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department for the fiscal year 1895, there is set apart for operating and repairing the flour mill at this agency only \$1,200. As you are advised this appropriation for the fiscal year 1894 was \$1,500, but, while the strictest economy was practiced in its management, the fund was exhausted in the third quarter.

If the absolute requirements of the Indians are met, the mill should be operated at its full capacity during the whole of the year. The salary paid the miller is \$840, that of the engineer is \$480; the wood required for twelve months will cost \$800; the oil and repairs, \$300. Aggregating \$2,420. The salaries paid the miller and engineer are about one-half of what is paid for such services in the Territory by private institutions, and it will be impossible for the Department to secure competent employes for less than is now paid.

If these facts should be communicated to the Appropriation Committee, the appropriation referred to might be increased.

With the hope that an increase may be recommended, if I am properly informed in the matter, I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, etc.,

J. ROE YOUNG,
U. S. Indian Agent.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington; D. C.

