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COLVILLE RESERVATION.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of deficiency in the appropriation for opening a part of the Colville Reservation in Washington, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior.

JUNE 15, 1894.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., June 14, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of deficiency in the appropriation made by the act of July 1, 1892 (27 Stats., p. 62), entitled "An act to provide for the opening of a part of the Colville Reservation, in the State of Washington, and for other purposes," \$34,500, as submitted by the Secretary of the Interior under date of the 12th instant.

Respectfully, yours,

S. WIKE,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, June 12, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a deficiency estimate of \$34,500, submitted by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and concurred in by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, as being necessary to complete the "survey and allotment of the northern portion of the Colville Indian Reservation, reimbursable," in the State of Washington.

The estimate is approved, and early and favorable action of Congress therein is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

HOKE SMITH,
Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., June 9, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Department letter dated June 7, 1894, acknowledging the receipt of office letter E dated May 18, 1894, relative to surveys within the Colville Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington. Copy of a communication dated June 6, 1894, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is inclosed, in which he states that his office knows of no objection to the plan proposed by this office with regard to the subdivisional surveys, so far as the state of the appropriation available therefor will permit.

The proposition of this office in the matter of awarding contracts for subdivisional surveys is concurred in by the Department, and as it is shown by said letter E of May 18, 1894, that additional funds are needed to complete these surveys for allotment and selections, etc., as provided by the act of July 1, 1892 (27 Stats., 62), this office is requested to prepare an estimate showing the amount necessary to complete this work with a view to obtaining an appropriation from Congress for the purpose required.

In reply, I have to state that according to my letter of May 18, 1894, it appears that the sum of \$27,000 will be required (in addition to the balance, \$20,500, of the appropriation of \$35,000, per act of July 1, 1892) for the completion of the subdivision of the surveyable portion of the Colville ceded lands.

The application of the balance of the appropriation per act of July 1, 1892, to subdivisional surveys will leave the cost of the allotments and selections wholly unprovided for, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in his letter of June 6, 1894, refers to the necessity of having from \$5,000 to \$7,500 available for making the allotments.

Assuming that the latter sum will be required for such purpose, the additional appropriation required will be \$34,500.

I would therefore respectfully recommend that Congress be asked to appropriate as follows:

For the purpose of making allotments and selections under the act of July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two (27 Stats., 62), providing for the opening of a part of the Colville Indian Reservation in the State of Washington, and for other purposes, including the continuance of the survey of the lands to be vacated and restored to the public domain, thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, which said sum shall be reimbursable from the proceeds of the lands when sold, as provided by the act above mentioned.

Very respectfully,

S. W. LAMOREUX,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, June 6, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by Department reference for report, of a communication from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated May 18, 1894, relative to the matter of surveys on the northern portion of the Colville Indian Reservation in the State of Washington. The Commissioner reports that under the act of

July 1, 1892 (27 Stats., 62), providing for the opening of a part of the Colville Indian Reservation, and for other purposes, by which the sum of \$35,000 was appropriated for the purpose of making allotments and selections in said act provided, including surveys of the lands provided to be vacated and restored to the public domain by departmental authorization, three contracts were awarded for the survey of the necessary standard, reservation, exterior, and township lines in the ceded portion, the total liability being \$11,000. These contracts were approved by the General Land Office May 17, 1893, the returns of the surveys being required to be filed with the Surveyor-General June 30, 1893. The Commissioner further states that the status of these contracts is shown in the following telegram from the Surveyor-General, dated May 15, 1894:

Returns under contract number four hundred and four will be transmitted on seventh. Four hundred and five in five weeks. Four hundred and six, field notes not in.

The Commissioner also states that the cost of executing the subdivisional surveys within the ceded portions of the reservation is estimated at \$38,500, which, with the total cost of the preparation of all of the plats and field notes in quadruplicate and examination of all the work in the field (\$4,000 and \$5,000, respectively), will make an aggregate cost of \$47,500. Deducting the estimated cost of the execution of the surveys provided for in the contracts named, \$11,000, from the appropriation of \$35,000, an apparent balance remains of \$24,000, from which must be deducted the expense of making the necessary examination in the field under the said three contracts, estimated at \$2,500, and the cost of the preparation of field notes and plats of survey of the standard reservation and exterior lines, estimated at \$1,000, total \$3,500, thus leaving an available balance of \$20,500 for subdivisional surveys.

From the estimate of the General Land Office for subdivisional surveys and the expenses incident thereto it appears that the appropriation of \$35,000 made by the act above referred to is nearly \$30,000 less than will be required for that purpose alone, besides leaving the cost of the allotments and selections wholly unprovided for. The Commissioner requests authority to instruct the surveyor-general to award contracts to competent and reliable deputy surveyors for subdivisional surveys of such townships within the ceded portions of the reservation as may be found on examination by his office and the surveyor-general of the original transcripts of the field notes of the survey of the exterior and township lines to be suitable for subdivision, and also to allow for the execution of said work the special maximum rates of mileage where the lines of said subdivision surveys pass over the lands that are mountainous, heavily timbered or covered with dense growth, as allowed by the act of March 3, 1893, for the survey of lands of said character in the State of Washington.

This office has no objection to the plan proposed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office with regard to the subdivisional surveys so far as the state of the appropriation available therefor will permit. It is suggested, however, that it would be desirable to have all these subdivisional surveys executed without unnecessary delay and that a sufficient amount for making the allotments should be provided. It is submitted whether or not, in view of the deficiency of \$27,000 reported by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and of the necessity of having from \$5,000 to \$7,500 available for making the allotments, Congress should not be asked to appropriate say

\$34,500 in a general of deficiency bill "for the purpose of making allotments and selections under the act of July 1, 1892 (27 Stats., 62), providing for the opening of a part of the Colville Indian Reservation in the State of Washington, and for other purposes, including surveys of the lands provided to be vacated and restored to the public domain."

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

FRANK C. ARMSTRONG,
Acting Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, by the Indian Office.

General object (title of appropriation), detailed objects of expenditure, and explanations.	Total amount to be appropriated under each head of appropriation.	Amount appropriated for the fiscal year for which the appropriation is required.
Surveying and allotting Colville Reservation, reimbursable: For the purpose of making allotments and selections under the act of July 1, 1892 (27 Stats. 62), providing for the opening of a part of the Colville Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington, and for other purposes, including the continuance of the survey of the lands to be vacated and restored to the public domain, \$34,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, which said sum shall be reimbursable from the proceeds of the lands when sold, as provided by the act above mentioned. (July 1, 1892, vol. 27, p. 62, sec. 7).....	\$34,500	\$35,000