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PAY OF INDIAN AGENTS.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

TRANSMITTING

An amended estimate of appropriation submitted by the Secretary of the Interior for pay of Indian agents for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896.

JANUARY 16, 1895.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *January 15, 1895.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an amended estimate for pay of Indian agents for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, as submitted by the Secretary of the Interior under date of the 8th instant.

Respectfully, yours,

C. S. HAMLIN, *Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Washington, January 8, 1895.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following recommendations, which, if adopted, it is believed will materially increase the efficiency of the Indian service.

Twenty-two of the Indian agencies are in charge of Army officers, under the act of July 13, 1892 (27 Stat., 120), which provides that after the passage of that act the President shall detail officers of the United States Army to act as Indian agents at all agencies where vacancies from any cause may occur, who, while acting as such agents, shall be under the orders and direction of the Secretary of the Interior, except at agencies where, in the opinion of the President, the public service would be better promoted by the appointment of a civilian.

The officers so detailed get no other compensation than their emoluments as Army officers, as the act making appropriation for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department (28 Stat., 286) provides that the appropriations made therein for the pay of agents shall

not take effect nor become available in any case for or during the time in which any officer of the Army of the United States shall be engaged in the performance of the duties of Indian agent at any of the agencies appropriated for.

Heretofore it has been difficult to get officers of proper capacity and experience to act as agents, those possessing the requisite qualifications, and whom the Department would like to have, being reluctant to accept the position, there being no inducement to leave their army posts and discharge the arduous duties of an Indian agent. Of course it is in the power of the President to order an officer to act as Indian agent, and it is the duty of the officer to obey, but in times of peace it is doubtful if such a course is expedient, as more efficient service is likely to be obtained if some consideration is given to an officer's wishes in the matter.

I therefore recommend that Congress be requested to amend the clause in the Indian appropriation bill already referred to so as to allow an officer detailed to act as Indian agent to receive, in addition to his army pay, one-half of the salary which a civilian would receive if appointed to fill the same place.

So far as the corps of civilian agents is concerned, when the varied and arduous nature of their duties, and the amount of money responsibility they are compelled to assume are considered, the present salaries paid seem totally inadequate. Under the present arrangement these salaries range from \$1,000 to \$1,800. These, in my judgment, should be materially increased. To do so would tend to insure more stability in the service.

I therefore recommend that the salaries of all agents be increased as indicated in the accompanying amendment, which has been framed to carry the foregoing recommendations into effect.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BROWNING, *Commissioner*.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *January 8, 1895.*

Respectfully forwarded through the honorable Secretary of the Treasury for the favorable consideration of Congress.

HOKE SMITH, *Secretary*.

Proposed amendments to the act making appropriations for current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, and for other purposes.

PAY OF INDIAN AGENTS.

For pay of 57 agents of Indian affairs at the following-named agencies at the rates respectively indicated, viz:

Blackfeet Agency, Mont.....	\$2,000
Cherokee School, North Carolina, additional compensation to superintendent of said school for performing the duties heretofore required of the agent at the Cherokee Agency	200
Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, Okla.....	2,000
Cheyenne River Agency, S. Dak.....	1,800
Colorado River Agency, Ariz.....	1,600
Colville Agency, Wash.....	1,600
Crow Creek and Lower Brule Agency, S. Dak.....	2,000
Crow Agency, Mont.....	2,000
Devils Lake Agency, N. Dak.....	1,500

PAY OF INDIAN AGENTS—continued.

Proposed amendments to the act making appropriations for current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, etc.—Continued.

Flathead Agency, Mont	\$1,600
Fort Belknap Agency, Mont	1,600
Fort Berthold Agency	1,600
Fort Hall Agency, Idaho	1,600
Fort Peck Agency, Mont	2,000
Grand Ronde Agency, Oreg	1,500
Green Bay Agency, Wis	1,800
Hoopa Valley Agency, Cal	1,500
Kiowa Agency, Okla	2,000
Klamath Agency, Oreg	1,500
La Pointe Agency, Wis	2,000
Lemhi Agency, Idaho	1,500
Mescalero Agency, N. Mex	1,800
Mission Agency, Cal	1,600
Navajo Agency, N. Mex	2,000
Neah Bay Agency, Wash	1,200
Nevada Agency, Nev	1,600
New York Agency, N. Y	1,000
Nez Percés Agency, Idaho	1,800
Omaha and Winnebago Agency, Nebr	1,900
Osage Agency, Okla	1,800
Pima Agency, Ariz	1,800
Pine Ridge Agency, S. Dak	2,000
Pottawatomie and Great Nemaha Agency, Kans	1,500
Ponca, Pawnee, Otoe, and Oakland Agency, Okla	1,700
Pueblo and Jicarilla Agency, N. Mex	1,600
Puyallup (consolidated) Agency, Wash	1,500
Rosebud Agency, S. Dak	2,000
Round Valley Agency, Cal	1,600
Sac and Fox Agency, Iowa	1,000
Sac and Fox Agency, Okla	1,500
San Carlos Agency, Ariz	2,000
Santee Agency, Nebr	1,600
Shoshone Agency, Wyo	1,800
Siletz Agency, Oreg	1,500
Sisseton Agency, S. Dak	1,600
Southern Ute Agency, Colo	1,600
Standing Rock Agency, N. Dak	2,000
Tongue River Agency, Mont	1,600
Tulalip Agency, Wash	1,500
Utah and Ouray (consolidated) Agency, Utah	2,000
Umatilla Agency, Oreg	1,500
Union Agency, Ind. T	1,600
Warm Springs Agency, Oreg	1,500
Western Shoshone Agency, Nev	1,600
White Earth Agency, Minn	2,000
Yakima Agency, Wash	1,800
Yankton Agency, S. Dak	1,700
Quapaw Agency, Ind. T	1,600
In all	96,300

Provided, That officers of the United States Army detailed as acting agents in charge of any of the above-named Indian agencies shall be paid one-half of the salary attached to the office of the civil Indian agents, respectively, at such agencies in addition to their pay as officers of the United States Army.