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SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION TO COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR SUBMITTING A SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE FOR 'COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.'

DECEMBER 13, 1898.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
 Washington, D. C., December 12, 1898.

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 9th instant, submitting a supplemental estimate for "Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes," amounting to \$123,480, in lieu of the estimate submitted on page 165 of the Book of Estimates for the fiscal year 1900 for the same object.

Respectfully, yours,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
 Washington, December 9, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith amended estimate of acting chairman of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for expenses of said commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900:

For salary of four commissioners, etc.....	\$20,000
Expenses of commissioners, employees, etc	60,000
For salary of employees, including secretary of commission, etc	39,980
Contingent expenses of the commission	3,500

In all..... 123,480

The said estimate also provides that so much of the appropriations as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, shall be immediately available.

The above estimate, it is requested, be substituted for that submitted in the annual estimates for the general Indian service for the fiscal year 1900. The estimates, as above submitted by the commission, meet with my approval, and the same is forwarded through your Department for the appropriate action of Congress.

Very respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
Muscogee, Ind. T., December 6, 1898.

SIR: The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes has the honor herewith to submit estimate of appropriation necessary to the proper and efficient performance of its duties as required by law for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900:

For salaries of four commissioners appointed under acts of Congress approved March 3, 1893, and March 2, 1895, to negotiate with the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory	\$20,000
For expenses of commissioners and necessary expenses of employees, including \$3 per diem for expenses of a clerk detailed as special disbursing agent of said commission by Interior Department, and all other necessary and proper expenses of said commission in carrying into effect the several provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act for the protection of the people of the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved June 28, 1898	60,000
For clerical help, including secretary of the commission, interpreters, surveyors, land office employees, and other necessary assistance	39,980
For contingent expenses of the commission	3,500
In all	123,480

It is provided that so much of said appropriation as may be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, shall be immediately available.

By the rules and regulations of your office of October 7, 1898, governing the selection and renting of prospective allotments of lands of the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, this commission is required—

* * * as a means preparatory to and in aid of the duty of allotment of the lands of said tribes to proceed as early as practicable to establish an office within the territory of each tribe, provided with proper and suitable records, including a copy of the United States survey of the lands of the tribe, for the purpose of registering each and every selection of lands made by any member of the tribe for his allotment.

The commission has made a careful and conservative estimate of the necessary appropriation required for the establishment and support of these offices for the next fiscal year, and with the amounts necessary for the grading, appraising, and allotment of lands to the Seminoles and preparation of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, and Creek citizenship rolls, as required by law, the additional amount of \$80,080 over the

appropriation for the present fiscal year, it is found, will be required for the continuance of the work of the commission for the fiscal year 1900.

Very respectfully,

TAMS BIXBY, *Acting Chairman.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Proposed item to be inserted in the Indian appropriation bill for 1900, to take the place of the item for "Dawes Commission," on page 165 of the Book of Estimates.

For salaries of four commissioners appointed under Acts of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, to negotiate with the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory, twenty thousand dollars; for expenses of commissioners and necessary expenses of employees, including three dollars per diem for expenses of a clerk detailed as special disbursing agent of said commission by Interior Department, and all other necessary and proper expenses of said commission in carrying into effect the several provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act for the protection of the people of the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved June twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, sixty thousand dollars; for clerical help, including secretary of the commission, interpreters, surveyors, land-office employees, and other necessary assistance, thirty-nine thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars; for contingent expenses of the commission, three thousand five hundred dollars; in all, one hundred and twenty-three thousand four hundred and eighty dollars.