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PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE OF INDIAN TERRITORY.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING,

FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CONGRESS, A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF JUNE 28, 1898, ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE OF INDIAN TERRITORY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

DECEMBER 16, 1898.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., December 15, 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 14th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation required to carry out the provisions of the act of June 28, 1898, entitled "An act for the protection of the people of the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, \$22,000.

Respectfully, yours,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 14, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to departmental letter addressed to you on the 10th instant, transmitting an estimate of the amount necessary to enable the Department of the Interior to execute the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), during the remainder of the present fiscal year.

I am now in receipt of a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 10th instant, in which reference is made to his communication of the 9th instant, stating the necessity for the several items therein specifically designated. It also appears that an appropriation is necessary for the fiscal year 1900 of just double the amount required for the balance of the present fiscal year, excepting the last three items, viz: (1) Salary and expenses of town-site commissions, \$30,000; (2) locating the ninety-eighth meridian, under the supervision of the Director of the Geological Survey, \$6,300; (3) to begin allotments, \$50,000.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs has also submitted a proposed item for the Indian appropriation bill for the fiscal year 1900, a copy of which is herewith inclosed, for amounts as follows:

Pay of employees, Indian Territory.....	\$8,000
Incidental and traveling expenses.....	3,000
Salary and expenses of revenue inspectors.....	6,000
Salary and expenses of two school supervisors.....	5,000
Total.....	22,000

I have to request that said estimate be reported to Congress for its action, as required by law.

Very respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, December 10, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to invite your attention to office letter of the 9th instant, addressed to the Department, inclosing, for submission to Congress, a proposed joint resolution making immediate provision for carrying out the act of June 28, 1898, known as the "Curtis bill."

The appropriation asked for therein is only what is considered sufficient to carry on the work imposed by that act until June 30, 1899. To continue the work beyond that time will require additional appropriation. An item to be inserted in the Indian appropriation bill for 1900 has therefore been prepared and is herewith submitted.

The necessity for this appropriation is set forth at some length in office letter of the 9th instant, to which reference is respectfully made. The reasons given therein for a special appropriation to last the remainder of the present fiscal year apply with equal force to the appropriation recommended herein.

The estimate forwarded on the 9th instant was based to a certain extent upon a telegram from the United States Indian inspector in the Indian Territory. Since then a letter has been received from him explaining his telegraphic estimate more particularly. A copy of his letter is herewith inclosed.

It will be observed that three items appearing in the proposed joint resolution for an immediate appropriation, already submitted, are not mentioned in the proposed item for the Indian bill for 1900, herewith submitted, viz: Commission for laying out town sites, \$30,000; expense of locating and marking the ninety-eighth meridian, \$6,300, and to enable the Dawes Commission to begin to allot lands in severalty, \$50,000. The reasons therefor are that the first two items are consid-

ered sufficient to accomplish the object in view and that the appropriation to enable the Dawes Commission to go on with the work of allotting will be the subject of another communication and should appear in another place in the bill.

I respectfully recommend that the proposed item, inclosed herewith, be forwarded to Congress for the necessary appropriation, and as it is understood that the Indian bill is to be reported at an early date it is suggested that the matter be made special.

Very respectfully,

W. A. JONES, *Commissioner.*

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

Proposed item for Indian appropriation bill, fiscal year 1900.

To enable the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to carry out an Act 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, namely, for general incidental expenses of the offices of the United States Indian inspector and the United States Indian agent in the Indian Territory, including pay of employees, and traveling expenses of said agent in connection with his duties under said Act, and for salaries and expenses of revenue inspectors, and two supervisors of Indian schools; in all, twenty-two thousand dollars.