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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

*A statement of certain purchases of supplies for the Indian Service.*

JANUARY 23, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
 Washington, January 21, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, as required by law, a statement prepared by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs showing open-market purchases of goods and supplies for the Indian Service during the fiscal year 1892 in excess of \$500, and the exigencies of the service that rendered it necessary that these purchases be made in open market.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

GEO. CHANDLER,  
*Acting Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

*Statement showing open-market purchases of Indian goods and supplies in excess of \$500, and under exigencies, authorized by the Secretary of the Interior during the fiscal year 1892 (26 Stats., 1015).*

Date of authority.	Amount authorized.	Agency or school.	Articles purchased.	Exigency under which authority was granted.
1891. July 1	\$3,500.00	Carlisle school....	Erection of office building.	Building required for immediate use. No time to advertise. Building erected much cheaper in open market.
July 6	1,040.00	Devils Lake .....	Pork.....	Indians require immediate assistance until crops are harvested. No time to advertise.
July 13	725.25	Albuquerque school.	Materials for girls' dormitory.	Building in unfinished condition. Necessity for occupancy by September 1. No time to advertise.
July 13	991.62	Pima .....	Materials for employes' quarters.	Crowded condition of employes' quarters. Immediate necessity for new quarters. No time to advertise.

## Statement showing open-market purchases of Indian goods, etc.—Continued.

Date of authority.	Amount authorized.	Agency or school.	Articles purchased.	Exigency under which authority was granted.
1891.				
July 16	\$578.50	Pine Ridge .....	Shingles, doors, and windows.	Bidder refused to accept award. No time to readvertise.
July 18	3,000.00	Albuquerque school.	Materials for assembly building.	Immediate necessity for building, which was erected mostly by labor of pupils. No time to advertise.
July 18	700.00	Carlisle school....	Smeadry-closet system.	Impracticable to advertise, as erection of new building would be much delayed.
July 20	2,578.40	General service...	Satinet pants .....	No award at annual letting. Informal bids obtained in open market.
July 24	3,000.00	Carlisle school....	Steam heating plant....	Plant required to be completed at early date, and much cheaper in open market. No time to advertise.
July 24	1,000.00	...do .....	Addition to hospital building.	Immediate necessity for addition, to relieve crowded condition of hospital. No time to advertise.
July 27	2,400.00	...do .....	Milch cows .....	Cows required for immediate use. Better cows and cheaper rates obtained by open-market purchase.
July 27	560.00	Fort Totten school.	Horses and harness....	Required for immediate use for farm work. No time to advertise.
July 27	3,000.00	Santa Fé school ..	Materials for employes quarters.	Buildings required for use by September 1. No time to advertise.
July 14	1,203.74	Devils Lake.....	Materials for agency buildings.	Informal bids obtained by agent. No time to advertise.
Aug. 1	600.00	Cheyenne and Arapaho.	Purchased building for a hospital.	Building on reservation and already erected. Needed for hospital purposes.
Aug. 4	3,000.00	Devils Lake .....	Harness .....	No award at letting of July 23. Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Aug. 5	2,073.33	Haskell Institute.	Boilers, etc., for hot-water system.	Water system in course of construction by superintendent. No time to advertise.
Aug. 8	2,875.00	Carlisle school....	Materials for steam plant.	Early completion of plant necessary. No time to advertise.
Aug. 12	1,509.50	Shebit Indians....	Horses, harness, plows, etc.	Immediate necessity for these articles. No time to advertise.
Aug. 12	1,132.37	Genoa school .....	Pipe, hydrants, etc....	Impracticable to advertise; plant required at once. No time to advertise.
Aug. 14	3,000.00	For the service ...	Organs .....	It has been found to be impracticable to purchase organs under contract.
Aug. 14	1,640.00	Carlisle school....	Materials for steam plant.	Early completion of plant necessary. No time to advertise.
Aug. 15	1,677.84	Pine Ridge .....	Materials to repair school building.	Repairs required to be completed by September. No time to advertise.
Aug. 17	2,717.96	For the service ...	Dress goods, braid, etc..	No awards at annual letting. Informal bids obtained in open market.
Aug. 18	1,620.00	Medawakanton Sioux.	Land .....	Impracticable to advertise.
Aug. 19	2,087.44	For the service ...	Crockery, tools, etc....	No awards at annual letting. Informal bids obtained in open market.
Sept. 4	3,000.00	Fort Hall school..	Materials for dormitory building.	Bids under advertisement rejected. Much cheaper in open market, and no time to readvertise.
Sept. 9	1,160.00	Flathead.....	Materials for Indian houses.	Indians recently removed to reservation without shelter. No time to advertise.
Sept. 10	940.00	Devils Lake .....	Two separators .....	Required for immediate use; no contract therefor, and no time to advertise.
Sept. 11	524.00	Green Bay .....	Threshing machine....	Required immediately; no contract therefor, and no time to advertise.
Sept. 14	1,977.90	Seminoles in Florida.	Materials for buildings, tools, etc.	Required immediately. No time to advertise.
Sept. 17	3,000.00	Chippewa commission.	Flour, pork, etc.....	Do.

## Statement showing open-market purchases of Indian goods, etc.—Continued.

Date of authority.	Amount authorized.	Agency or school.	Articles-purchased.	Exigency under which authority was granted.
1891. Sept. 25	\$1,600.00	Puyallup Agency	Beef, etc .....	Impracticable to advertise for these supplies so far from markets.
Sept. 26	871.00	Albuquerque school.	Coal .....	Required for immediate use from time to time, as purchased. No time to advertise.
Sept. 29	880.00	Medawakanton Sioux.	Land .....	Impracticable to advertise.
Sept. 29	602.63	Fort Berthold .....	Repairs for agency building.	Repairs needed before cold weather. No time to advertise.
Oct. 1	992.00	.....do .....	Harness .....	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise. Informal bids received.
Oct. 1	977.75	Crow Creek, etc..	Barn, materials for .....	Required for use before cold weather. No time to advertise.
Oct. 17	3,000.00	Flathead .....	Subsistence supplies..	Required for immediate issue to Kootenai Indians, who were in starving condition.
Oct. 9	542.72	Pine Ridge .....	Sewer pipe, etc .....	Required for immediate use before ground freezes. No time to advertise.
Oct. 12	666.19	La Pointe .....	Materials for day school and teachers' residence	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Oct. 17	1,000.00	San Carlos .....	Seed wheat and potatoes.	Impracticable to advertise. Too far from markets.
Oct. 20	1,325.21	Chilocco school..	Materials for cattle shed.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Oct. 23	898.23	Albuquerque school.	Materials for new building.	New building required for use at once. No time to advertise.
Oct. 27	562.50	Moqui school .....	Wagons for Moqui Indians.	Wagons required for immediate use. Informal bids obtained.
Oct. 28	875.00	White Earth .....	Horses, wagons, harness, etc.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Oct. 29	2,600.00	Pine Ridge .....	Laundry building .....	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise. Informal bids obtained.
Oct. 31	711.63	Genoa school .....	Materials for repairs to building.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Nov. 3	1,033.50	Seminoles in Florida.	Planer and matcher .....	Impracticable to advertise, besides being required for immediate use.
Nov. 6	829.63	Cheyenne and Arapaho.	Materials for farmer's house.	No time to advertise; no house for farmer there, and one required immediately.
Nov. 6	896.19	Grand Junction ..	Tools for shoe and harness shop.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Nov. 9	3,000.00	General service..	Garden and field seeds..	Impracticable to advertise for the large variety required.
Nov. 9	1,200.00	Fort Hall school..	Lumber and coal .....	Impracticable to advertise there, owing to combination of coal dealers.
Nov. 12	879.25	Seminoles in Florida.	Tools, agricultural implements, etc.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Nov. 16	855.75	Fort Hall .....	Materials to erect shops	Buildings needed before winter sets in. No time to advertise.
Nov. 21	1,225.00	San Carlos .....	Seed wheat and barley.	Impracticable to advertise; too far from markets.
Dec. 4	541.50	Shebit Indians .....	Clothing .....	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Dec. 4	2,750.00	Cheyenne and Arapaho.	Building materials .....	Materials required in altering school buildings to receive Smead system of heating. Impracticable to advertise, as quantities of material required were not known.
Dec. 5	800.00	Fort Berthold .....	Materials for Indian houses.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Dec. 11	1,000.00	Medawakanton Sioux.	Supplies and clothing ..	Do.
Dec. 19	2,992.00	Chippewa Commission.	Flour, pork, etc .....	Do.
Dec. 23	998.50	Moqui school .....	Materials for Indian houses.	Do.
1892. Jan. 3	2,000.00	Flathead .....	Subsistence and clothing.	Kootenai Indians in destitute condition. No time to advertise.
Jan. 7	908.90	Moqui school .....	Day school and seven teachers' residences.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Jan. 13	552.55	Fort Belknap .....	Cistern, mill, tower, etc.	Do.
Jan. 23	900.00	San Carlos .....	6 mules .....	Impracticable to advertise. Too far from markets.

## SUPPLIES FOR THE INDIAN SERVICE.

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1892. Jan. 21	\$910.00	Green Bay.....	Heating apparatus for hospital.	Informal bids obtained. Better arrangements made in open market.
Jan. 21	3,000.00	Meda wakanton Sioux.	Agricultural implements, etc.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Jan. 20	2,606.40	General service...	Dried apples, etc.....	No award at annual letting, Informal bids on new crop obtained. No time to advertise.
Jan. 25	850.00	Fort Peck.....	2 stallions.....	Informal bids asked. Better terms and animals obtained by open market.
Feb. 13	2,000.00	For general service.	Garden and field seeds..	Impracticable to advertise for large variety required.
Feb. 17	3,000.00	Fort Berthold.....	Wagons, harness, agricultural implements.	Required for immediate issue to Indian farmers. No time to advertise.
Feb. 17	1,035.47	Ponca.....	Materials for physician's house.	House required for immediate use. Informal bids obtained.
Feb. 24	1,856.00	White Earth.....	Articles at Wild Rice school.	Mr. Gilfillan's contract for conducting this school was canceled, and the supplies on hand were appraised and purchased. This school is now conducted by the Government.
Feb. 29	1,984.40	Fort Lewis school.	Materials to repair buildings.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Mar. 3	1,400.00	Fort Peck.....	Engine and sawmill...	Impracticable to advertise. Informal bids in open market obtained.
Mar. 3	1,178.90	Nez Percés.....	Materials for ferryboat..	Immediate necessity for ferryboat. No time to advertise.
Mar. 7	1,250.00	Blackfeet.....	Ten horses.....	Immediate necessity for horses to do farm work. No time to advertise.
Mar. 7	836.30	Albuquerque school.	Tanks, etc., for water supply.	Urgent need of water to run laundry machinery. No specifications for work prepared, and impracticable to invite bids.
Mar. 16	1,620.00	Devils Lake.....	Seed oats and potatoes..	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Mar. 22	701.30	Jicarilla.....	Field seeds.....	Do.
Mar. 22	1,905.48	White Earth.....	Materials at Pine Point school.	Mr. Gilfillan's contract for conducting this school was canceled and the supplies on hand appraised and purchased. This school is now conducted by the Government.
Mar. 26	1,924.47	Cheyenne and Arapaho.	Windmill and pump....	Impracticable to advertise, besides being required immediately.
Mar. 28	927.00	Navajo.....	Boiler for sawmill.....	Do.
Mar. 29	714.50	Pine Ridge.....	Materials for wagon shop.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Mar. 31	983.35	Pipestone school..	Agricultural implements, hay, etc.	Do.
Mar. 31	1,267.66	San Carlos.....	Materials for agency buildings.	Impracticable to advertise so far from markets.
Apr. 4	3,000.00	Blackfeet.....	Agricultural implements, lumber, etc.	Immediate necessity for farm work, etc. No time to advertise.
Apr. 4	3,000.00	Omaha and Winnebago.	Wagons and agricultural implements.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Apr. 4	550.00	Haskell Institute.	Repairs for hospital....	Building damaged by storm. No time to advertise.
Apr. 8	1,108.45	Crow.....	Machine repairs.....	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Apr. 9	2,200.37	General service...	139 sets of harness.....	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise. Informal bids obtained.
Apr. 9	1,025.78	Omaha and Winnebago.	Subsistence supplies, clothing.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Apr. 13	1,100.00	Tomah school.....	Horses, hay, supplies, etc.	Do.
Apr. 14	2,560.00	Phoenix school....	Materials for porches...	Do.
Apr. 14	900.00	Fort Berthold.....	Two stallions.....	Informal bids asked. Better terms and animals obtained by open-market purchase.
Apr. 15	2,100.00	Nez Percés.....	Seed wheat.....	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.

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1892.				
Apr. 15	\$600.00	Chippewa Commission.	Field seeds.....	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
Apr. 18	2,983.00	.....do.....	Pork, flour, etc.....	Do.
Apr. 29	1,000.00	Carson school....	Food and clothing for Washoe Indians.	Indians in destitute condition. No time to advertise.
May 14	998.00	Mackinac.....	Cows, wagons, fence wire, etc.	Required for spring farm work. No time to advertise.
May 16	533.00	Fort Berthold....	Mowers and rakes.....	Required for immediate use. Bought at contract rates for ensuing fiscal year.
May 20	904.75	Pine Ridge.....	Sawmill, engine, and boiler.	No time to advertise. Informal bids obtained.
May 23	1,028.25	.....do.....	Thrasher and vibrator..	Required for use before they could be shipped under contract.
May 24	549.90	Blackfeet.....	Repairs for agricultural implements.	Impracticable to advertise. Also required for immediate use.
May 24	1,500.00	Fort Belknap....	Beef.....	Required for immediate issue. No time to advertise.
May 24	2,625.00	Tongue River.....	.....do.....	Do.
May 24	1,445.00	Carlisle school....	Coal, coal oil, etc.....	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
May 26	1,200.00	Carson school....	Addition to main building.	No time to advertise.
June 1	1,017.97	Grand Junction school.	Materials for laundry buildings.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
June 9	3,000.00	Chippewa Commission.	Lumber and shingles...	Do.
June 16	1,665.00	.....do.....	Materials for Indian houses.	Required for immediate use by "removal" Indians. No time to advertise.
June 25	645.45	Navajo.....	Materials for laundry building.	Required for immediate use. No time to advertise.
June 26	2,000.00	Flandreau school.	160 acres of land.....	Impracticable to advertise.
June 27	595.00	General service...	Blackboards.....	No award at annual letting. Required for immediate use.
June 28	3,000.00	Fort Berthold....	Flour mill.....	Impracticable to advertise. Informal bids obtained in open market.
June 30	1,376.00	Crow Creek, etc..	Beef.....	No contract for 1893 made owing to nonpassage of Indian appropriation bill. No time to advertise.
June 30	1,600.00	Carlisle school....	Materials for blacksmith shop.	Building required for immediate use, and erected much cheaper in open market.