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SUBSTATION AND BRIDGE, SHOSHONE AGENCY, WYO.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

An estimate of appropriation for substation and bridge, Shoshone Agency, Wyo.

FEBRUARY 7, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
February 6, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of appropriation for substation and bridge, Shoshone Agency, Wyo., \$10,875, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior on the 3d instant.

Respectfully, yours,

CHARLES FOSTER,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, February 2, 1893.

SIR: On page 150 of the Book of Estimates of Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, will be found the following item: "Substation, Shoshone Agency, Wyoming. For completion of substation at Shoshone Agency, including the erection of farmer's house, \$2,500."

Since the preparation of the estimates for the Indian service for the ensuing fiscal year this office has received an amended estimate from John Fosher, Indian agent at Shoshone Agency, Wyo., of the amount required for the substation referred to, also of the sum required to construct a bridge across Little Wind River to the substation, which

is located on the opposite side of the river from the agency. This estimate is for the sum of \$10,875, and is as follows:

Estimates for a truss bridge complete	\$1, 650. 00
Estimate for additional iron truss, extra	350. 00
Estimate for employé's house for issue station	2, 600. 00
Estimate for 640 rods of fence, at \$2.50 per rod	1, 600. 00
Estimate for setting up cattle scale, complete	200. 00
Estimate for 20 miles telephone line, connecting the agency with the station, Government school, Lander and Fort Washakie	1, 150. 00
Estimate for 5, 000 feet dressed lumber for completing warehouse, blacksmith and carpenter shops, at \$45 per M delivered	225. 00
Estimate for pay of clerk at the issue station for the fiscal year 1894	1, 000. 00
Estimate for reshingling and siding agent's and employé's houses, warehouse, and shops	2, 100. 00
	10, 875. 00

I have the honor to inclose, in duplicate, a copy of the agent's letter submitting the estimate, with the recommendation that the same be referred to Congress for appropriate action. I also inclose an amended item to be inserted in the bill, making appropriations for the Indian service for the next fiscal year.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. J. MORGAN,
Commissioner.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT INTERIOR,
February 3, 1893.

Respectfully forwarded through the honorable Secretary of the Treasury for appropriate action by Congress.

GEO. CHANDLER,
Acting Secretary.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE.

SHOSHONE AGENCY, WYO., *December 26, 1892.*

SIR: I have the honor of calling your attention to further improvements deemed absolutely necessary to be made at this agency, and the Arapahoe issue station, for which Congress should be asked to make appropriation. I submit for consideration estimate of Mr. C. A. Hubbard (who is an experienced builder) for a truss bridge proposed to be thrown across Little Wind River at the station, which is located on the opposite side of the river from the agency. During the season of high water this stream is dangerous and difficult to cross.

The site of the proposed bridge is directly on the mail route from Lander to the St. Stephens Mission (post-office). This will also insure regular mail facilities for the station. Steps are now being taken to have a post-office established at this point. A good wagon road can also be had from this point to the agency; the only work to be done is to remove the sagebrush, and the road will be so located as not to interfere with any of the Indians' ranches, and will shorten the distance as now traveled some 3 or 4 miles. The road as it now runs is through a number of ranches with gates and bars to open and shut at various intervals.

The estimate for the bridge is explained by letter of Mr. Hubbard, herewith submitted, also plan of bridge in blue print. The estimate for employé's house No. 1 is taken from the bid of A. J. Snavely, submitted May 14, 1892. The fence to inclose part of 160 acres, with the necessary cross fences, is sufficient to give the employé's each a garden and pasture for their milk cows. The estimate for the cattle scales complete includes shed with shingle roof to protect them from the weather.

The basis of the estimate for the telephone line complete is taken from my estimate connecting the agency with the Lander and Fort Washakie telephone line, submitted September 5, 1892. The estimate for reshingling the agent's and employé's houses is based on my estimate submitted November 14, 1892, by using the Cortright

metal slate roofing, instead of wooden shingles, to this added the additional item lumber for siding the building, including also the required amount of sheeting paper.

The item salary of clerk for the station is at the same rate per annum as now allowed for the remainder of the fiscal year 1893. United States Senators Carey and Warren, of this State, told me they would assist in securing this appropriation at the present session of Congress, if possible; if this can be done the agency and station can then be put in first-class order.

Very respectfully,

JOHN FOSHER,
United States Indian Agent.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C.

Estimate for proposed improvements at the Shoshone Agency, Wyo.

Estimate for a truss bridge, complete.....	\$1,650.00
With additional iron trams, extra.....	350.00
Estimated cost of—	
Employés' house, No. 1, for issue station.....	2,600.00
640 rods fence, at \$2.50 per rod, complete.....	1,600.00
Setting up cattle scale, complete.....	200.00
23 miles telephone line connecting the agency with the station, Government school, Lander and Fort Washakie, complete.....	1,150.00
5,000 feet dressed lumber for completing warehouse, blacksmith and carpenter shops, at \$45 per M, delivered.....	225.00
Salary of clerk, fiscal year 1893, issue station.....	1,000.00
Reshingling and siding agent's and employés' houses, warehouse, and carpenter shops.....	2,100.00
	10,875.00

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN FOSHER,
United States Indian Agent.

Proposed amendment to the bill making appropriation for the Indian service for the year ending June 30, 1894.

Substation and bridge, Shoshone Agency, Wyoming:

This amount for the construction of a bridge on the Shoshone Reservation, Wyoming, for fencing, construction of telephone line, purchase of lumber, repairing agency buildings, and for pay of issue-station clerk..... \$10,875.00