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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Estimate of an appropriation for the relief of the Navajo Indians in New Mexico.

AUGUST 2, 1894.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *August 1, 1894.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, an estimate of appropriation, submitted by the Secretary of the Interior on this date, for the relief of the Navajo Indians in New Mexico, \$25,000.

Respectfully, yours,

J. G. CARLISLE,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, August 1, 1894.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication* from Charles F. Meserve, formerly superintendent of the Indian school at Lawrence, Kans., in which he sets forth the present condition of the Navajo Indians, in New Mexico.

Mr. Meserve states that in May last he made a tour of the Indian reservations, and among them that of the Navajoes, and that in conversation with Mr. Vincent, the superintendent of irrigation, and with Lieut. Plumber, the acting agent of the Navajo Agency, he learned that for the past four summers the weather had been unusually dry, and that the flocks of sheep and goats owned by the Navajoes had been suffering from insufficient pasturage for some time. This condition of affairs, together with the fact that the flocks of the Navajoes have been for the

* Not furnished the Treasury.

deferred the larger will be the appropriation required to reimburse the Treasury for the loss thereon.

It is estimated that the amount asked for (\$300,000) will recoin the uncurrent silver now in the Treasury and that which will come in for redemption during the present fiscal year.

The present indications are that if the Treasury was able to supply the public with coins of the new design a large portion of the fractional silver now in the vaults of the Treasury would gain circulation, as many applicants for the silver request the return of checks offered in payment therefor, if pieces of the new design are not obtainable.

Respectfully, yours,

J. F. MELINE,
Assistant Treasurer United States.

HON. J. G. CARLISLE,
Secretary of the Treasury.

