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INDIAN SERVICE—UTAH.

LETTER

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN EXPLANATION OF

Certain items in the estimates of appropriations for the Indian service in Utah Territory.

MARCH 13, 1860.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *March 9, 1860.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, asking for information as to certain items in the estimates of appropriations required for the Indian service in Utah Territory, and to enclose a copy of the report, with accompanying documents, of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom your letter was referred.

An appropriation will be required for 1861, and the estimates therefor are included in those submitted by the Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

Hon. JOHN SHERMAN,

Chairman Com. of Ways and Means, House of Reps.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, March 8, 1860.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from your department, of the letter of the Hon. John Sherman, chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the 28th ultimo, relative to the estimates for appropriations for the Indian service in the Territory of Utah for the years 1858, 1859, and 1861, and asking certain questions with reference thereto, and in reply thereto I have to report in the following manner:

With regard to the first item, for an appropriation for the general incidental expenses, &c., of the Indian service in Utah for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1859, I have to remark that the sum of \$73,500 was estimated for at the time by the superintendent of Indian affairs

for Utah to meet the then prospective demands of the service, and that from an examination of accounts of the disbursing officers in that region rendered to this office for that year, there is found a necessity, in order to a settlement of said accounts, to have the difference between the amount appropriated and the amount so estimated for appropriated at this session, which will be \$18,500.

Relative to this appropriation I have to state, for the information of the committee, that at the time the estimates were cut down in Committee of Ways and Means, the Hon. J. Glancy Jones, then its chairman, promised the acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who was with the committee by invitation, that this difference should be supplied if necessary at the next ensuing Congress.

With regard to the estimates for funds required to supply deficiencies in the Indian service for the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1858, I have to advise that the item \$56,599 31, for the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the Territory of Utah, referred to in the letter of the Hon. Chairman, was asked for at the time to satisfy liabilities already incurred, for which accounts had been rendered to the 30th of September, 1857, and that said accounts have remained unadjusted in consequence of the non-appropriation thereof by Congress.

In this connexion, I have to refer to the remarks made as to the character of the deficiency asked for as above mentioned, and also as to the extent to which the appropriation, if made, was expected to be applied, (see pages 95 and 96, vol. 11, Ex. Doc., 1st session, 35th Congress,) and to state that additional accounts received from Utah show the necessity of providing for an increased amount of \$20,642 69 in this respect, for the fiscal year ending as above stated.

It is proper to remark that, of course, no portions of these sums asked for will be applied in payment of any such liabilities unless it appears that they have been properly incurred for purposes necessary and germane to the Indian service in the Territory.

In answer to the concluding inquiry of the committee, I have to state that an appropriation for the Indian service in Utah will be required for the year 1861, and that estimates therefor would have been made before this but for the want of the proper data upon which to base the same; and the course of such omission at the time of making up the general estimates for the service having been duly noted in letter from this office of the 12th October last, (see printed estimates 1860-'61, page 328,) I have to state in addition that the estimates required from Superintendent Forney were only received on the date at which the letter of the Hon. Chairman is dated. The reception of the superintendent's estimates now enables this office to make up the regular estimates for this service for the year 1861; and in compliance with the request of the committee, estimates therefor are herewith submitted, accompanied by a copy of the letter of the superintendent of the 27th ultimo, giving in detail the sums required for the period stated.

I have also caused to be placed in detail on said estimates the items

required to supply the deficiencies for the service in Utah, above alluded to.

The letter of the Hon. Chairman is herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. B. GREENWOOD,
Commissioner.

Hon. J. THOMPSON,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimates of funds required for the Indian service in the Territory of Utah for the years 1858, 1859, and 1861.

For the general incidental expenses of the Indian service in the Territory of Utah, presents of goods, agricultural implements and other useful articles, including the travelling expenses of the superintendent, agents, clerk hire, &c.....	\$45,000 00
For surveying and mapping four farms and reservations,	1,200 00
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Aggregate amount required for year 1861.....	46,200 00
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Note.—The difference of \$9,050 between the above aggregate and that of the superintendent's estimates arises from leaving out salaries of superintendent, agents, and interpreters, which are embraced in the general estimates heretofore submitted.

For the Indian service in the Territory of Utah for the year 1858, to be placed under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior..... \$77,242 00

Note.—This amount is made up from the sum of \$56,599 31 heretofore asked for but not appropriated, and \$20,642 69 required in addition by returns embracing expenditures subsequent to the 30th of September, 1857.

For the Indian service in the Territory of Utah for the year 1859..... \$18,500 00

Note.—This amount being the difference between appropriation and estimates for that year.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, *March 7, 1860.*

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., *February 27, 1860.*

SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to the following estimate of funds required for the Indian service in Utah Territory for the fiscal year beginning June 30, 1860:

1. *Salaries.*

Salary for the superintendent.....	\$2,000
Salary for clerk to superintendent.....	1,500

Salary for one Indian agent.....	\$1,550	
Salary for one Indian agent.....	1,000	
Salary for one Indian agent.....	1,000	
Salaries for four interpreters and subsistence.....	4,000	
		<u>\$11,050</u>

2. *Incidental expenses.*

Travelling expenses of superintendent, including feed of mules, pay of drivers, and blacksmithing	4,000	
Travelling expenses of agents, office rent, fuel, light, stationery, and blacksmithing.....	4,000	
Office rent for superintendent, fuel, light, stationery, and printing	1,500	
Gunsmithing for Indians not on the farms.....	1,000	
		<u>10,500</u>

3. *Indian farms in operation.*

Implements, stock, farming agents, clothing for working Indians, building, and smithing.....	10,000
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4. *Presents.*

Blankets, clothing, &c.....	10,000	
5. Provisions for Indians not on farms and while visiting superintendent.....	5,000	
		<u>25,000</u>
6. For Carson Valley agency, presents, provisions, and smithing.....	7,500	
7. Surveying and mapping four farms and reservations.....	1,200	
		<u>8,700</u>
		<u><u>55,250</u></u>

The above estimate amounts to fifty-five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, in which is included the funds required for the Carson Valley agency. As mentioned to you in a verbal communication, I would prefer that the funds for said agency should be sent by the department to California for the agent of that district. I will, of course, exercise supervision over said agency, and will, if compatible with other public duties, visit it during the summer.

The amounts under several heads may not be all required, whilst others may not meet the absolute demands. The amounts estimated for the five farms already under operation, if the season for agriculture should be favorable, I am almost confident will not be all consumed.

I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

J. FORNEY,

Superintendent of Indian Affairs, U. T.

Hon. A. B. GREENWOOD,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.