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APPROPRIATION FOR INDIAN SERVICE IN DAKOTA.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RECOMMENDING

An appropriation for the Indian service in the Territory of Dakota.

MAY 16, 1864.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., May 16, 1864.

SIR: I transmit herewith a copy of a communication, dated the 13th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, representing the necessity that exists for an appropriation for the Indian service in the Territory of Dakota; and, for the reasons stated by the Commissioner, I have the honor to recommend that the sum of ten thousand dollars be appropriated by Congress for "general incidental expenses, presents of goods," &c., for said service.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. USHER, *Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Office of Indian Affairs, May 13, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to state, that by reference to the estimates for appropriation for the Indian service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1865, it is found that no request was made for an appropriation for the Indian service in the Territory of Dakota, and can only be accounted for from the fact that no estimate for that service was submitted by the governor and *ex-officio* superintendent of Indian Affairs upon which to base an estimate.

In consequence of the many Indians in that Territory who have no permanent home, and who are therefore under the special charge of no agent, together with the fact that many of the tribes are hostile and in arms against the whites, and oftentimes led to commit depredations upon emigrants in consequence of their extreme wants, I think it proper that a small fund should be placed at the disposal of the department for the incidental expenses of that Territory which

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may be applied to the payment of the expenses of the governor, who is *ex-officio* superintendent, as well as to provide for the wants of the destitute and conciliate by small presents the disaffected.

I would, therefore, recommend, with your approval, that an appropriation of \$10,000 for general incidental expenses, presents of goods, &c., be asked of Congress for the object thus indicated.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. P. DOLE, *Commissioner.*

Hon. JOHN P. USHER,
Secretary of the Interior.

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