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INDIAN SERVICE.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN ANSWER TO

Resolution of the House of the 23d ultimo, relative to the moneys on hand applicable to the Indian service.

MAY 7, 1866.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., May 4, 1866.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 23d ultimo, requesting the Secretary of the Interior to furnish a full statement of moneys on hand at that date, and also on the 10th day of July, 1865, applicable to the Indian service, the amount expended between the last date to the 20th ultimo, the objects for which expenditures have been made, and the excess of expenditures over appropriations.

I respectfully transmit a copy of a letter of the 2d instant from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom said resolution was referred, from which it will be seen that it is impracticable for this department to answer fully all the inquiries made by the resolution until certain information shall have been obtained from the Treasury Department. I have forwarded a copy of the resolution to that department, requesting that the desired information should be communicated to me at as early a day as practicable. On its receipt, I will communicate the same, with such additional information as the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is able to submit, answering as fully as practicable the several inquiries contained in said resolution.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. HARLAN, *Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
Washington, D. C., May 2, 1866.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from your department, of a copy of a resolution passed by the House of Representatives on the 23d ultimo, requesting you to furnish the House "with a full statement

of all the moneys on hand on the 10th day of July, 1865, applicable to the support of the various Indian tribes, and for all other purposes connected with the Indian service; also the entire amount which has been expended since that time and up to the 20th day of April, 1866, and the objects for which such expenditures have been made, together with the amount now on hand applicable to said service under the following heads; also the amount which has been expended over and above the appropriations already made, viz:

“Pay of superintendents and agents; pay of sub-agents; pay of temporary clerks to superintendents; pay of interpreters; pay for presents to Indians; pay for provisions for Indians; pay for agency buildings and repairs; for contingent expenses of Indian department; for making treaties with Indian tribes; for transportation of Indian annuity goods; for support of refugee Indians in the southern and middle superintendencies; amount expended for support of refugee and other Indians over and above the amount heretofore appropriated.”

Upon which resolution you direct me to report.

In order that entire accuracy may be attained in making a report in response to this resolution, it will be necessary to have a statement from the Treasury Department showing the amount in the treasury of appropriations for the Indian department on the 10th day of July, 1865, and also the amounts remaining in the treasury on the 20th of April, 1866. I would, therefore, respectfully suggest that you request the honorable Secretary of the Treasury to cause such statement to be furnished this department.

Véry respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. N. COOLEY, *Commissioner.*

Hon. JAMES HARLAN,
Secretary of the Interior.