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COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING

Estimates of appropriations to supply deficiency in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

FEBRUARY 7, 1868.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., February 7, 1868.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter dated the 6th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with an estimate of appropriation required to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for blank books, stationery, and miscellaneous items for the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, and respectfully invite the attention of Congress to the favorable consideration of the subject.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

O. H. BROWNING, *Secretary.*

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, D. C., February 6, 1868.

SIR: I am in receipt of a letter from J. R. Goodwin, esq., disbursing agent of your department, dated the 22d ultimo, stating that there is at present to the credit of the appropriation for blank books, stationery, &c., for this office, only the sum of \$10 52. This being the case, there will evidently be a deficiency in the appropriation for said objects for the present fiscal year.

There has been an unusual amount expended for miscellaneous items, such as repairing furniture and purchasing new articles, desks, chairs and carpets, which were necessary, and could not, without great inconvenience, be dispensed with.

There has also been an extraordinary quantity of stationery purchased, owing to the presence of the various delegations of Indians in this city; and other reasons, all of which has tended to reduce the amount appropriated for those objects, to the sum stated by Mr. Goodwin.

In order that the stationery and other articles required by this bureau during

the balance of the present fiscal year can be purchased when needed, it will be necessary for Congress to appropriate a sufficient sum—say \$2,000—for the purpose. I have, therefore, caused to be prepared an estimate of appropriation required to supply a deficiency in the appropriation “for blank books, binding, stationery, and miscellaneous items, including two of the daily city newspapers, to be filed, bound, and preserved for the use of the office” of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868; which I enclose herewith, and respectfully request that copies of the same be transmitted to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, with such favorable remarks as may be deemed necessary, and the request that speedy action be taken by Congress in the premises.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

N. G. TAYLOR,
Commissioner.

Hon. O. H. BROWNING,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriations required to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for blank books, stationery, and miscellaneous items for the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs: “for blank books, binding, stationery,” and miscellaneous items, including two of the “daily city newspapers, to be filed, bound, and preserved for the use of the office,” for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868..... \$2,000 06