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LETTER
OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMUNICATING

A report of the disbursements for the maintenance of peace among the various Indian tribes, under act of April 10, 1869.

DECEMBER 13, 1869.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., December 11, 1869.

SIR: The fourth section of the act of Congress approved April 10, 1869, (Pamphlet Laws, 1st session 41st Congress, page 40,) making an appropriation of "two millions of dollars to enable the President to maintain the peace among and with the various tribes, bands, and parties of Indians," &c., requires "a report of all expenditures under this appropriation to be made in detail to Congress in December next." I therefore have the honor to transmit to Congress, herewith, a statement prepared by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, exhibiting in detail the disbursements made out of the appropriation referred to.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. D. COX, Secretary.

Hon. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
President of the Senate.

Statement showing the disbursements made from the appropriation of \$2,000,000, placed at the disposal of the President by act of Congress approved April 10, 1869, to enable him to maintain peace among and with the various tribes and bands of Indians.

For supplies of beef, &c., transportation, services, &c., at various points in Dakota, New Mexico, and Montana Territories, and the Central Superintendency; for all expenses incident to the service at the Whetstone, Cheyenne, Grand River and Crow Creek agencies, in Dakota, and for the purchase of all goods and supplies that have been furnished for the Sioux.....	\$246,404 54
Amount placed at the disposal of Governor Campbell, for the general incidental expenses of the service in Wyoming Territory.....	10,000 00

Amount used by direction of the President in paying indebtedness created by General Harney, in excess of the sum of \$485,784 21, appropriated by act of Congress approved April 10, 1869, to pay expenses incurred by General Harney, for benefit of Indians with whom treaties were made by the Indian peace commission...	\$99,969 98
Total disbursements.....	356,374 52
Balance remaining on hand.....	1,643,625 48
Amount appropriated.....	2,000,000 00

Of the balance on hand, about \$1,500,000 will be required to pay for the subsistence furnished and being furnished by the Commissary Department, for feeding the Sioux, Kiowas, Comanches, Apaches, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, and others; \$10,000 will be needed for the service in Wyoming, and about the same amount in Montana and New Mexico each. The residue, say \$113,000, will be required for the service at the different agencies in Dakota, including pay of employés, completion of buildings, breaking land, planting in the spring, &c., and for the general incidental expenses of the agents at those places; also to meet any emergency that may arise at other agencies.

E. S. PARKER, *Commissioner.*

OFFICE INDIAN AFFAIRS,
December 6, 1869.